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This evening was to be special. It was our Members' Meeting which we started with Jerusalem, with our President, Jenny, at the piano.

Jenny introduced an extra interest in the form of our local Careline. Mark and Claire were the presenters who started with the line "When life is every day living, when independence can be a risk". How true this can be; first the risks need to be identified and then dealt with. They showed us various types of call response that can be activated and what the person can expect if needed.

Care line is not just for the elderly it is for any member of society that is at risk, such as a young mother / father who has a life threatening illness or who also have young children in the house.



Great Bromley WI's winning competition piece "The Beach" for the Annual Constable Group Meeting this year held at Dovercourt

Independent living means that a push of a button makes this possible with safety. Tending Careline has achieved the gold standard and is well on the way to achieving platinum.

After this very enlightening talk our Members' President for the evening, Beryl, took the chair for the entertainment with her very able committee, and we were very much entertained by an ex- member and past president, Jill, who had brought a quiz about shells. We learned how many eyes a scallop has, which type of shell had been used to feed a baby and lots of things we ought to have known but many of us didn't!

The refreshments were set out in the form of a picnic and the Bring and Buy, with the theme of things to take on holiday, had plenty of items for us to purchase. Well done Beryl and team.

To complete the evening, as it was the anniversary of the Coronation, we finished with the National Anthem.

Joy Rolfe

Women's Institute

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THE FIRST PAGE

I have been in and out of Colchester a lot recently and do enjoy seeing all the giraffes dotted about town although I haven't yet been to Tollgate to see Ossi and pals. I am still hoping to receive a photograph for publication in the Messenger of a Great or Little Bromley person with Ossi. The giraffe I pass most often is near the Essex County Hospital except when he disappears off to the 'vet'!! Where on earth does he really go and why does he disappear? I hadn't realised some of the giraffes had galloped to Chelmsford where our own Great Bromley artist, Valerie Osment, has her Giraff-oovy Baby sited (page 28).

At time of writing I have only seen one scarecrow (at the school). I hope there will be more as, like the giraffes, they are fun to spot and raise a smile. The school has celebrated its 150th anniversary and there is an opportunity on the 17th for anyone who wishes to view their exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia at the school (page 11).

The A120 junction discussions rumble on. ECC will no doubt take ages to finally come to some conclusion, with the two junctions meanwhile remaining dangerous. I try to use them as little as possible and I have no doubt others are doing the same thereby

probably using, instead, the narrow lanes which are not fit for purpose to take more traffic than they already do.

The local papers this week have been reporting on various rural issues that we have all been raising for some while. The problem is that no-one on Tendring Council seems to actually bite the bullet and do anything except send out forms for us to fill in before setting up a working party which only ever seems to produce hot air. We all, in this day and age, want faster broadband as a matter of priority. Many of us do not have mains gas, water or sewerage either and access to only limited public transport. Surely the lack of these amenities, in the long term, will influence the advent of business in the area, especially self-employed businesses run from home, and the price of properties.

July is the month of the Tendring Show and also when the education establishments break up and the summer holiday season starts although I wonder if the sun will ever shine for more than a couple of days at a time. Whatever the weather have a wonderful time wherever you are.

Leonie Henderson

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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I write this following our June meeting which took place on the 12th and the Parish Council were delighted to see in excess of 30 members of the public in attendance for varying reasons. Members of the public are warmly welcomed at our meetings. The public can stay for the whole meeting or part, in addition if anyone has a specific agenda item they wish to hear in most cases the item can be brought forward to suit.

This month many of you attended to object to the planning application at Spring Hill - the Council had also received two letters from the public objecting to the proposals. The Parish Council unanimously decided to object to the proposals - the grounds being that the area is safeguarded local green space, is in contravention of the Local Plan on two counts, is an area identified as at risk of flooding, is harmful to wildlife and the design of the buildings are out of keeping with the village in general. The Parish Council takes the view that to allow these plans sets a dangerous precedent so the opposition will be worded in rather strong terms.

On a more positive note, the Parish Council were pleased to hear from Community groups who submitted ideas as to how the available s.106 grant funds ought to be allocated. The Parish Council were pleased to see the Hare Green Half Pipes at the meeting who came to propose the building of a skate park at the Hare Green recreational site. The Parish Council are supportive of this idea, along with the other idea of the installation of play equipment at Church Meadow. Both require further details and project management so the Parish Council look forward to receiving those. No decisions have been made regards that funding so any further ideas would be happily accepted and considered.

At the time of writing the Highways Agency

have just commenced their traffic survey following the proposal of the A120 gap closures. The Parish Council had the benefit of seeing the survey in its written format - noting a number of grammatical errors! I hope I can update you on the results of the traffic survey in the next Messenger.

Finally - I hope that you have all by now seen the fantastic flower tubs around the village - the Parish Council thanked Councillor Strowbridge for her efforts in organising them and gaining sponsorship, and we would also like to thank the many businesses and individuals who contributed. At our meeting further suggestions were made as to how we could improve the appearance of the village from painting the village sign to rubbing down the benches - so you may see some of the Councillors out and about over the next few weeks tidying up!



The next meeting of Gt Bromley parish council will be held on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Until next month

Laura Austin

MANNINGS GROVE

If anyone is interested in going to the appeal about Mannings Grove in Chelmsford on Tuesday the 20th August, please would you contact Richard Perry who will arrange a coach, if there are enough takers.

PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS by TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL in GREAT BROMLEY

APP REF / DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00329/FUL - Approval full	Park Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US	Change of use of redundant farm buildings for B2 and B8 purposes and the retention of container to be used as an office
12/01182/LUEX - Lawful use certificate refused	Crossways Centre, 17 Frating Road, Great Bromley	Existing Lawful Use certificate for use as a transport depot warehouse and distribution centre, and commercial vehicle repair workshop (Breach of Condition 3 of TEN/1729/81) and breach of condition 07 of TEN/1729.81 (hours of operation)

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED at JUNE MEETING

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	GBPC Review
13/00357/FUL	Southerndown, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Construction of new single storey garage following demolition of existing garage	Objection
13/00575/FUL	Badley Hall Cottage, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UU	Proposed rear two storey extension	No Objection
13/00577/FUL	Land off Springhill Close, Great Bromley CO7 7HU	Erection of 4 no. 3 bedroom properties, 2 car parking spaces per property plus new access road - and ecological enhancement area	Objection
13/00568/FUL	Byeways, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ	Proposed garage/store building	No Objection
13/00572/FUL	1 Alma Cottages, Briar Road, Great Bromley CO7 7XB	Construction of new Edwardian Style conservatory 5m x 3m to side of house	No Objection
13/00509/FUL	Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Erection of replacement detached dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) and alterations to existing vehicular access. Demolition of existing agricultural/domestic buildings and erection of replacement agricultural/ domestic buildings. (Extension of time on previously approved 10/00355/FUL).	No Objection

BRIEF SUMMARY OF HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY FOI REPLY REGARDING A120 JUNCTIONS

The following is a brief summary of the answers to my recent FOI request of the Highways Agency concerning the closure of the gaps on the Harwich Road and Pellens Corner junctions onto the A120 and the impact of average speed cameras.

In the 12 months since the junctions were improved the level of accidents has remained unacceptably high at 10 personal injury accidents, nearly 7 times the statistically expected accident rates. Prior to the junction improvements the accident rate was 6.3 per 12 months or nearly 4.6 times the statistically expected accident rates. These figures indicate that the junctions are significantly dangerous and that the accident rate has got notably worse since the junction improvement were carried out.

Of the 10 accidents which have occurred in the 12 months since the improvements 6 have occurred at the Harwich Road junction with the A120, (to be fair one of these was actually wholly on the Harwich Road prior to reaching the junction caused by mud on the road). Of these 6 accidents 4 cited 'Failed to judge other persons path or speed' as a very likely contributory factor. One of the other accidents cited 'Failed to look properly' and 'Careless/Reckless/In a hurry' however this accident involved not avoiding a vehicle travelling in the Colchester towards Harwich direction when pulling out of the Harwich Road junction, taking into account the short distance from the blind bend to the junction a lower speed on the A120 may have avoided this accident.

From this account by the Highways Agency, drawn from their Revised Road Safety Audit Stage 4 -12-Month Monitoring Report issued May 2013, it is difficult to accept the argument that speed is not a significant factor in the majority of the accidents on the Harwich Road junction.

In this Highways Agency report their conclusions are:-

- Further measures to improve safety at these junctions should be investigated. It is likely the most effective way to treat the problem at this location is to remove the conflict completely and close the central reserve gaps.
- If it is not feasible to close the gaps within a short time-frame, short-term measures to reduce the severity of collisions occurring should be implemented. *This could be achieved through reducing speeds on the A120 by implementing a reduced speed limit and enforcing with speed cameras to ensure compliance.*

Closing the gaps will certainly impact the accident rates, as would closing the road altogether, however this solution is not practical. Their alternative conclusion would be effective if the speed limit were reduced to 40mph between the A133 junction and Pellens Corner.

The Highways Agency have provided statistics on the impact of average speed cameras installed on the A14 at Giron to Fen Ditton where after the first year in operation:-

- Killed or seriously injured casualties reduced by 75%
- Average speeds consistently below speed limit
- 60% reduction in vehicles breaking the speed limit.

It is reasonable to argue that introducing average speed cameras to regulate the speed to 40mph on the A120 will result in the accident rate reducing from 10 to 2.5 per year, which is only slightly above the national average of 1.4 with further reductions to be expected with improved and re-thought out road markings.

Alan Thomas

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting comprised the AGM, Parish Assembly and regular Parish Council meeting. It was extremely well attended and the public are encouraged to continue to attend our meetings at the Haywain. I was introduced as the Village's new Clerk, and as most of you are aware I also Clerk for Great Bromley. I hope that the existence of the same Clerk for both villages will prove to be advantageous in terms of information and resource sharing.

The Parish Council elected Steve Wilcox as Chairman. Two resignations had been received, from Mark Ashmore and Bob Christmas and the Parish Council would like to thank them both for their assistance and commitment to date. An election has been called to fill the vacancies which will take place on the 18th July and each householder in the village will shortly receive polling cards. The more who take up this opportunity, the more democratic the vote so you are all encouraged to vote on the 18th July.

At the meeting the Parish Council heard reports from the Chairman, District Councillor Stock, the Amenities Committee and a representative of the Church. At the Parish Assembly a number of questions were asked by members of the public which were answered by the Parish Council. Please note however that the public will be given an opportunity to speak near the beginning of Parish Council meetings and the Chairman will be advised at the next

meeting to hear contributions from the public during this set time period only.

Likely agenda items at the next meeting will be the war memorial, an autumn fireworks display and the proposed A120 gap closures. Regards



the latter, at the time of writing the Highways Agency are conducting a traffic survey in order to identify the effect of the proposed gap closures. It is not known when the result of those surveys will be known, but doubtless there will be an update at the next meeting.

Finally, I would like to make a note regards communication. At the last Parish Council a resolution was passed requiring me to ensure that the draft minutes of each meeting are made available to the public within two weeks of the meeting. This should be the practice following the next meeting. A notice board has also now been erected in the Haywain for Parish Council and Amenities Committee notices. The Parish Council are most grateful to Andy and Dawn for allowing the space for this, and Cllr. Stock and his wife for donating the notice board. The notice board at the Lawford end of the village in the car park remains. It is appreciated that not everybody wants to use the Internet so please keep an eye on these boards and I will ensure that spare agendas and minutes are available at each meeting. Our next Parish Council meeting was due to take place on 18th July, but as this is the Election Day, it will be arranged for an alternative date which will be communicated on the notice boards and on the Internet.

The next meeting of Lt Bromley Parish Council will be held on 18th July at 7.30pm in The Haywain.

Please do contact me if you feel I can be of any assistance at any time, I am pleased to hear from you.

Laura Austin



ST. GEORGE'S (C OF E) SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara
Telephone: 01206 230305

150th Anniversary

The children and staff enjoyed a fabulous 150th anniversary week, it gave us all a huge insight into the history of our village school. Please see below for an account of just one of our many activities. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to 150th anniversary working party for all their dedicated help and support during the preparations. As previously notified, we have now arranged a date and to invite all members of the local community, past pupils or any one connected to the school to come and view artefacts and memorabilia displaying the history of St George' and look at our excellent school facilities and grounds. This will take place on Wednesday 17 July from 5 – 8 pm. We do hope you will be able to come and join us.

Victorian Day

On Monday we had a Victorian Day. We dressed up in Victorian clothes. The girls wore dresses and aprons with mop hats and the boys wore trousers, waistcoats and caps. We had our photograph taken outside the school. In the afternoon we had a special visitor called Mr Wallace. He told us what it was like to live in a Victorian house. He was the butler. We learnt that the girls did some of the cooking, washing up, housework and laundry in the house



and it was hard work. The boys did jobs like scrubbing floors, lighting fires and being the chef. They cleaned the carpets with a carpet beater. Mr Wallace was very funny and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Phoebe Barford, Olivia Harden, Torri-Sorcha MacRae and Ethan Omar – Class 1

Farewell to Ruth Lawson

After 14 years teaching Class 1 at St George's, Mrs Lawson is leaving us to take a new position at Holmwood House School. She is a highly valued and dedicated teacher and living in Great Bromley has ensured that the school is very much part of the local community. We have all benefited greatly from the hard work and commitment she has given to our school and obviously she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and parents.

We know that there will be past pupils, parents and members of the village who would like to opportunity to say a personal farewell to her. We are therefore, going to hold an 'open' school on Friday 19 July from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm where you will be very welcome to drop in and see her. This will be an informal occasion – tea and cake will be provided!!

The children will have the opportunity to say farewell and thank you at an assembly on the last day of term. If you would like to make a contribution towards a leaving present for Mrs Lawson please send it to school before 10 July. We wish her every success and much happiness in her future career.

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Gemma Harris as the teacher for Class 1. She is currently teaching Early Years at Kirby and is very much looking forward to joining our school in September.



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Finally the weather has turned and the last few games of cricket have been played in glorious sunshine. Kwik Cricket is now running every Friday night and new players are always welcome. The sessions are run with 2 level 2 coaches and also a couple of level 1 coaches so fun and quality coaching is guaranteed. The bar is open on a Friday night and the smell of bacon butties and burgers seem to be a regular occurrence so please feel free to walk down, and enjoy a pleasant summers evening watching cricket. The Kwik Cricket tournament is being held on Friday 14 June and starts at 6.00pm and again spectators are welcome.

Adult cricket can be watched every Saturday through June, July and August and also the 7th and 14th September as either the 1XII or 2XII are at home. The first team are working hard for a promotion winning season and have won 5 of their 7 games to date. Some superb cricket already has been played and there is still much to come. The 2XII is all about blooding in the future cricketers for the Club and we really do have some excellent talent coming through, watched over by some of the senior members they are learning all aspects of the game, but most of all growing in confidence to play adult cricket.

The Sunday Team that won promotion to the Piri Piri Premier League have put in some fighting displays, earning points along the way but are still awaiting that elusive win. It is only a matter of time and perhaps a full strength side required. Home games are being played on 30 June, 7th 21st and 28th July, 25th August and Sunday 8th September

The Club is holding its Cricket week starting on 12 August with a T20 match against Elmstead Grasshoppers starting at 6.00pm, Followed on the 13th by a 40 over game starting at 2.00pm and Chairman's Day on Friday 14th Starting at 11 am, the game is against Springfield who always provide a very tough and exciting match. As always

spectators are welcome.

I hope that you have noticed the new picket fence that has been erected and our thanks to the local parish council for helping to provide funds for this. The Club are selling advertising boards to be displayed on the picket fences at a cost of £150.00 for the first year and £75.00 for the following year and we are looking for local business who may wish to support the Club to come forward. Should you wish to know more details please contact Tracey Wareing on 01206 251434 who will be more than happy to provide you with all the information.

Tracey Wareing

100 Club Winners for May

- 1st. Mr. Henry Fairley
- 2nd. Mr. Barry Hitchcock
- 3rd. Mrs. Pam Wright



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If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967 466876, or 101 ex 487603 (free phone) or email me rachael.oscroft@essex.pnn.police.uk. Please note if you leave a message I will try to reply to your call the day I am next on duty.

Rachael Oscroft PCSO 72834

Incidents for Gt Bromley for May 2013

Theft - Hall Road

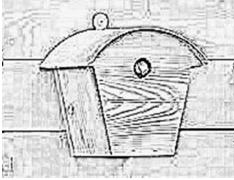
Nuisance Neighbour - Back Lane East

Fire - Frating Road

Suspicious Circumstances - Parsons Hill

Criminal Damage - St Georges Car Park - car scratched with a key

PCSO 72834 Rachael Oscroft



IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

By the time this goes to print our blue tit family should have fledged. A very good

friend gave me a lovely bird box two years ago, which is obviously the perfect design for the upwardly mobile and modern blue tit couple. It has rarely been out of use during the breeding season, and we have been watching the latest residents as mum and dad wear themselves to a mere shadow of their former selves trying to keep up with their always hungry brood.

The number of green caterpillars that have been consumed is staggering. Our latest worry is keeping our elderly Springer from spotting them when they first venture out and sitting, mouth open, under the box! The weeds continue to grow at alarming speed - I really must try nettle soup. However the good news is that the plants, on the whole, appear to be thriving too. We have had, despite the very hot sun and strong northerly winds, a spectacular display of clematis around the garden and things look good for excellent roses.

Last weekend, I went to the Little Bentley Hall Garden Show, and spent a lovely, if chilly, hour or so walking around. Seeing these beautifully presented gardens is a great way of getting inspiration for one's own plot, but it does make you feel a bit despondent as well - carefully forgetting the fact that the wonderful presentation is almost certainly helped by a small army of gardeners, and not, as in my case, just me!

Every garden book you read tells you that in July, as far as flowers are concerned, dead heading is the key, and every morning you should be out, armed with scissors, snipping merrily. That is always assuming you have time in between getting the children ready for school and going to work, which I doubt, but undoubtedly, it does make a difference when you do have time, and you do end up with more flowers and a longer show.

The other job is successional sowing of

lettuce, radish and spinach in order to prolong the season. The best bit starts now though, sampling the fruits of your labours and picking those courgettes, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, potatoes and soft fruit that are ready. It may be by then that the plants have caught up with themselves, but they may be a little later than usual. We are still eating asparagus at the moment as it was so late to start this year.

The other important job (though I say it very quietly) is watering. Clearly the greenhouses and tubs need water whatever is falling out the sky, but personally, after last year, I have got out of the habit of watering the vegetable garden. Regular feeding is important too.

Talking of feeding, I got a useful tip at the Bentley Show - chopped up banana skins on your roses (and apparently tomatoes) provides potassium and improves their flowers and fruit. I will be trying this but just hope it doesn't bring rats too.

Enjoy your garden!

Kate Stowbridge

St George's School Exhibition

A fascinating exhibition of photos, artefacts and historical detail through the ages has been assembled to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Gt Bromley School. All past pupils, teachers, helpers and other friends are invited to visit the school to view the display on 17th July, between 5pm to 8pm.

Hugh Frostick is also organising a reunion drink from 8.15pm at The Cross Inn.

We are planning to produce a booklet of this school history and are still looking for contributions of your photos and memories.

If you can help please contact Hugh or Martin on 01206 250263 or email web@greatbromley.org.uk

Perfectly Pointless!

They have been doing it for years, putting their enthusiasm for motor bike trialling to good use on our behalf, and the other Sunday morning we joined Mick Brown and his pals of the Eastern Fourstroke Association at their annual event, held in the village, as a fund-raiser for Seven Rivers..

Mick goes back a long way with Seven Rivers - he used to be in charge of Maintenance way back in the 1990's before he retired in 2003.

Mick has been a bike enthusiast all his life and has been a member of the Fourstroke Association for many years. The Association has always been keen to put their activities to good use by raising funds for charity and, in 2002, Mick and his pals adopted Seven Rivers as their main charity and have held events for us almost every year since.



Mick, right, with a small "Thank you!" from us all at Seven Rivers

As Mick told me:

"In 2002 I looked around the grounds of the Home and thought that we could 'invent' a 10-section trial course and so the first Charity Trial was born..

In that inaugural year we raised £305 without any sponsorship at all - the next year, with sponsors, it was £1800! The money has been spent on such projects as the redecoration of the dining room and a revamp for the patio. Last year's project was the rebuilding of the summerhouse, which the club have used as the Trial HQ in the past.

We have now raised approx. £18,250 since 2002, the best year being 2007 with £3,050. My hope is that we can top £20,000 before he finally hang up my boots and my begging bowl after this event."

What an amazing achievement this is - not just for Mick but for all of his fellow-enthusiasts, too. Whilst there has been some commercial sponsorship, most of it has come from the Association's donations of entry fees received for their events, and from the individual riders who have gone out to find people to sponsor their entries in the competition on our behalf.

So, on your retirement, Mick, we say "Well done, and many thanks to you!", - and not just to you but to all your members for your brilliant efforts on our behalf over so many years.

Colin File. Volunteer Newsletter Editor

2013 EVENTS

JULY

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Poppy Appeal Dinner, Venture Centre, Lawford
- 9 Village Hall committee meeting, Village Hall, 8.00pm
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Tendring Show
- 17 150th Anniversary Exhibition, St George's School, 5.00pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 20-21 Art Show Weekend, Lt Bromley church
- 26 Messy Church, Ardleigh Village Hall, 10.00am
- 27 Rock & Roll Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm

AUGUST

- 17 Folk/Music Day, Lt Bromley church
- 31 End of Summer Ball, Village Hall, Village Hall, 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Julian Smith from "Britain's Got Talent", St George's church, 7.30pm
- 22 Harvest Festival and Lunch, St George's church
- 28 Bingo Night, Lt Bromley Amenities Group, The Haywain, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- 1 Badminton, Village Hall, 5.00pm
- 6 Harvest service, Lt Bromley church
- 19 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- 7 Christmas Fayre Village Hall (To be confirmed)
- 21 Carol service, Lt Bromley church, 3.00pm



Brantham Leisure Centre

A new Sewing group called Sewing Bee Quilting will be hosted at Brantham Leisure Centre on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month as from the **3rd September 2013**

Come and join a new friendly informal Sewing Bee group. Pauline (the Tutor) will be holding small workshops introducing the wonderful art of Patchwork & Quilting for beginners.

If you think that you would enjoy spending a few hours on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month, making new friends and learning a new wonderful skill, please contact Pauline for further information on either 07921 682057 or 01206 392588

Dig out your glad rags!

We are holding " A Village Wedding" event in Great Bentley on 31st August in a marquee on the village green.

The event is for brides (get that dress out from the loft), grooms, bridesmaids, best men, mothers and fathers of the bride etc .

There will be a disco, food and a bar.

More details to follow, but we would love to see a sea of white and lots of lovely hats and suits.

Fiona Wood

St George's church
Friday, 13th September

Julian Smith
Star of Britain's Got Talent
7.30pm



Tickets £12. Families
- £30 (2+2)
available from 01206
230688, 01206
250229, 01206

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Refreshments available on the night

Summer Fun

at Messy Church

Come and have some family time, some messy fun and a picnic on Thursday 25th July 10.00am-12.30pm at Ardleigh Village Hall

Donations of £1 per child (accompanying adults free)

All welcome

For more information please contact Carol Cordwell on 01206 395103



Rock and Roll Night



Saturday 27th July
7.30 pm
at The Haywain, Little Bromley

An evening with Foxy Rock - learn how to Rock n

Roll and Jive - hot food on the night included - £8 in advance and £10 on the door

Email : amenitiesgroup@gmail.com or phone 01206 390004 to order tickets (ticket numbers limited)

17th July

150th Anniversary Exhibition

St George's School
5pm - 8pm



All past pupils and friends welcome,

Friends of Little Bromley Church

Coming Events

20/21 July Art Show Weekend

17 August Folk/Music Day

6 October Harvest service

21 December Carol Service 3.00pm

END OF SUMMER BALL

Fundraising event for the upkeep and improvement of our Village Hall
31st August 730pm-Midnight
Great Bromley Village Hall

Dress to Impress

Hot autumn supper included - Fish & Chips, Chicken & chips, Sausage & chips, Veggie roll & chips, buttered roll (Bring your own condiments)

Order when booking or by 27th JULY
Bring Your Own Drink and Summer

Dessert

Raffle Prizes

and a Prize for the Best

Dessert

Tickets £20

Available from

07957 962788 07704 841272

01206 252332/233473

OR email

gbromleyvillagehall@gmail.com

£5 deposit to reserve ticket



Badminton

will start on 1st October

5-7 pm in Village Hall

Cost probably around £1.50 each, but depends on how many people.

Please bring racquets, and wear non marking shoes.

Kitchen will not be available, so please bring drinks if required.





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Children 2-5 years. Monday – Friday 9am- 3.30pm (extended session available until 4.00pm)

Breakfast club for preschool age 8.00am -9.00am

Breakfast club for St George's children 8.00am-8.45am (and a walking bus to school)

After school club for St George's children 3.00pm – 5.30pm

For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

The children were busy last month creating some lovely artwork for Father's Day and this month we will be preparing for our display at the Tendring Hundred Show, come and visit us in the Education Tent. We continue to water and watch as our vegetables grow, our spinach is nearly ready and we hope to be enjoying that at snack time soon.

The children also enjoy looking after and feeding our 'giant land snails' - thankfully they are kept in a tank otherwise they would be enjoying the vegetables too!



We have recently introduced a 'word for the week' to encourage development of language skills - this is proving popular as the children endeavour to use the word as often as they can. This also links with our 'Weekly Parent Activity' which is designed to support parent partnership and to help and extend learning and development at home.

'After School Club'

Opening times Mon- Fri 3.00pm-5.30pm.

Aged 2-11 years

A flexible collection service from St.

Georges School will be available from 3pm.

This will include the collection of children

from any after school activity that takes place after 3pm.

Fee: £2.20 per 30 mins

Breakfast Club (see times above)

Children can choose from a range of healthy foods, including fresh fruit, yoghurts, cereal, toast and fresh juices. From £3.90.

We take children from the age of two years and 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:

Last day of Summer term Friday 19th July

KITCHEN CORNER

This is BBQ weather, right? I have spent several years in New Zealand where almost every BBQ runs on gas; there are two cooking sections over 3 or 4 burners, one with hot bricks under a grill, and the other a hot plate. That gives a lot of versatility – but as another ex-pat friend said “This is not a barbecue, it is cooking outside!” He has a point, but I for one do not miss the charred offerings that charcoal can frequently offer.

I want to share two BBQ recipes. As in all my cooking, quantities are by eye and common sense, depending on number of guests!

BBQ Steak bites

Take 0.5kg rump steak (or better cut), trim out all fat and cut remaining meat into two-bite pieces (i.e. 3cm squares). They will be irregular shapes but that does not matter. Finely grate one clove of garlic and similar size piece of ginger. (I keep my ginger in the freezer and grate from frozen, by the way.) Stir with juice of one lemon into the meat. Add 100ml of Kikkoman Teriyaki Marinade, or similar. Finally add 1 tablespoon of good oil (Olive, rapeseed) and stir well a few times during 2 hours standing.

For hot plate: get it very hot, cook the meat 2-3 minutes each side, turning just once after the meat juices are running from the top side.

For grill: seal first side for 10 seconds, turn and cook for 2 minutes, turn again for 2 minutes. Times depend on how you like your steak. With hot plate cooking, our family likes this well done with crispy

marinade juices left on it - yum! You can of course do the same thing indoors using a hot skillet.

A simple, moist but filling salad:

Mix these in a bowl:

4 peeled and finely grated carrots.

A heaped tablespoon of shredded coconut (if it is not very fresh, lightly toast in a pan first)

A sprig of finely chopped parsley leaves

A dessertspoon of pinenuts.

Hugh Frostick



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Speaker for July will be Gill Marshall whose subject will be Rocks Fossils and Crystals, samples of which he will bring along to the Meeting.

The Competition will be an unusual stone.

The August Meeting will be an open meeting with an Auction to raise funds so please start putting to one side those items you no longer have a use for but which may be just what someone else is looking for!

Sylvia Ward



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- A dry cleaning service is also available.

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VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

On Saturday June 8th the new committee ran their

first event at the Village Hall and for those who were not there you missed a great great night out. We had about 35 trying to beat the bookie and to come out ahead. There was much yelling and cheering as we cheered our horses on but I don't think they heard us. I am pleased to report that everyone who came did leave with their shirt. Joking aside it was a very friendly evening, lots of smiley faces and a good time had by all, no great distance to travel with free car parking too. A big well done to Filipe who was the organiser and to all our race sponsors and horse owners who contributed to make the evening a good one. The Hall also did well with £340 being raised for Hall funds.



Mary and Jackie are organising a Summer Ball with live music, hot food on August 31st. "Dress to Impress" tickets are on sale now for £20 per person and are available from Jackie (Treasurer) and Mary (Bookings). (See front cover of Messenger for contact details). The Murder Mystery Night is still being investigated which I am looking forward to. Film Nights have taken a forward step with the help of a non for profit scheme that other Village Halls use. Watch this space for further details. The first of the Visiting Plays is booked for October 19th. The Christmas Fayre is happening on the first Saturday in December.

Thinking about holding a special event? Thought of hiring the Village Hall? Our prices are very competitive with a Village resident being able to hire the main hall for as little as £14.00 per hour.

The full prices per hour are:- Village users, Main Hall £14, Millennium Hall £8, Committee Room £6, Small Hall £5, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £5, Main and Millennium Hall £20

Non Village resident Main Hall £16.50, Millennium Hall £9.50, Committee Room £7,

Small Hall £6, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £6, Main and Millennium Hall £23.

Over the last few years it has been upgraded to one of the better halls in the area with the exterior painting, new kitchen, new toilets, interior painting, floors sealed, new cleaning regime, new heating controls and a large declutter. Details of the Hall are on the web site or if you have not been down to the hall recently why not take a look and see if we can help you. Mary Fawcett is in charge of our booking and her details are on the inside page of The Bromley Messenger.

We are looking to finish all the good work that we have started in our Hall and will be applying for a Grant so that we can sort out the Billiard room floor. I will keep you all posted as to the progress.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall in 2013

Next meeting Tuesday 9th July at 8:00pm.. As always all welcome

David Beech

LT BROMLEY AMENITIES COMMITTEE



Some of the Amenities Group members who helped as Tea Ladies at the Little Bentley Garden Show.

FAIRY DAY

Lots of little girls celebrated a fairy day organised by the Great Bromley Cricket Fundraising Committee. A lovely day was had by all, the sun shone, fairy dust was sprinkled and wishes granted. The day consisted of magical crafts, wands, fairy jars, peg fairies, face painting, storytelling and a fairy lunch. It was a great success, with children and parents eager for another 'Celebrate The Magic Day.' In the meantime remember, 'A rustle in the wind reminds us a fairy is near.'

Annie Sands



LITTLE BROMLEY HALL ... OR NOT?

Did you know that "Little Bromley Hall" in fact isn't? The current building now named the Hall was originally a pair of farm cottages - albeit rather enhanced since those days! The original Hall burned down on 5th November (somewhat ironically) of 1926.

The site of the hall was the walled paddock behind St Mary's Church which still had the brick chimney stacks standing there for quite some years after.

My mother Jill remembers when she used to ride her pony around the lanes of Great and Little Bromley alongside her mother, Dorothy Gunter, who had moved to Great Bromley just a few months before the fire. One of their hacks took them down Spratt's Lane to the ruins. Dorothy told Jill that some curtains caught alight from a candle. A maid saw the fire and panicked. Instead of pulling down the curtains she opened the window, hence fanning the flames and the house was lost. My grandmother went on to drum home the lesson that "you don't feed oxygen to a fire that you don't want!"

I had heard a similar account of the causes from two other local sources, but the Essex Chronicle's report at the time differs. They reported:

Little Bromley Hall, an ancient building, quite 800 years old, was destroyed by fire. The owner was Mr J. Dunnett of Dedham, and the occupants were Mr. Franklin, a rubber merchant, his wife and family. Only Mrs. Franklin and a maid were in residence at the time of the outbreak which occurred in the drawing room, where an oil lamp was the illuminant. It is stated that the lamp began to smoke, and to clear the room Mrs. Franklin opened a window and then went to another portion of the

house. In her absence the curtain is believed to have been blown by the strong wind over the oil lamp, and this was the cause of the fire. Upon returning to the drawing room Mrs. Franklin was startled to find the place afire. She at once telephoned for the Colchester Fire Brigade. A prompt turn-out was made under Captain J. Cocker, but the flames had spread with such rapidity that the whole building was soon involved. A tremendous amount of woodwork was encountered by the firemen, including huge oak beams a foot or more square. It was impossible to save the residence, which was gutted, and the furniture, antiques, silver etc were lost. Some of the outbuildings and the corn stacks were saved. The damage is estimated at some thousands of pounds.

I rather wonder if Mrs. Franklin perhaps covered up for the maid, otherwise why would our local story differ? Or maybe the maid was blamed later! I wonder what was her name.

I do not know why the hall was not rebuilt, nor how the farm cottages came to be the new Hall after some alterations. Chris and Natalie Smith have further extended and improved the building in the last few years, of course.

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GIRAFF-OOVY BABY



Spurred on by June's cover feature of St. George's (C of E) school's Stand Tall giraffe 'Ossi' that they have created so wonderfully for Colchester Zoo's 50th anniversary event, (and I urge all to go along to Sainsbury's Tollgate to see him in the

'flesh' for full effect), I thought readers might like to see my Stand Tall giraffe 'Giraff-oovy Baby!' too.

I was lucky enough to be one of the first 14 artists to have their design selected from 150 submissions! 'Giraff-oovy Baby!' took me over 260 painting hours across 18 days between April 10th and 5th May to complete - a very tight deadline indeed for such an intricate design on a 2.5m stature but such a great project to be given the privilege to work on.

About Giraff-oovy Baby!

Colchester Zoo originated in the flower-power 1960's as did Austin Powers! Colchester knows how to enjoy itself and this giraffe, straight out of the flower-power era with its psychedelic swirling rainbow patterning, stylistic flowers, Austin Poweresque glasses and ruffled lace cravat with leg cuffs is ready to come to the Zoo's 50th celebratory party!

See him at:

His Colchester Stand Tall Parade Trail spot in



Chelmsford High Street until 26th August 2013 (trail maps available to download from Colchester Zoo's website & at various locations in Colchester)

- At Colchester Zoo for the Stand Tall Farewell Tour, Saturday 31st August to Sunday 8th September
- In London on the banks of the Thames at More London, 9th September to 16th September
- At Firstsite, Colchester for the Grand Charity Auction for Action for the Wild, 19th September

About myself

Valerie is a Professional Visual Artist who studied art and design at Colchester School of Art before undertaking a graphic design and illustration degree at the University of the Creative Arts, Kent. With illustration at its core, she draws upon multiple media to create art that is site and purpose specific in 2D or 3D form. Valerie's practice also involves social and community engagement work as a freelance Arts Educator. She originates and runs art based workshops and public art projects with the community and for educational establishments such as schools, colleges, galleries and museums. Living in Great Bromley with her arts practice based in Colchester, she works across the region on public art commissions; residencies, education projects, gallery workshops and project work for a wide variety of clients.

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THE FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Our AGM

On the afternoon of Saturday 18th May we held our AGM. Before it began we enjoyed tea and cakes whilst listening to Julie Harmer and Peter Clayton who played beautiful music for us to enjoy.

We then had a very short AGM, at which time Gregory Frostick ran through the events that had taken place over the past year. He mentioned all the bulbs that had been planted in the churchyard. He thanked the flower arrangers and cake makers for their contributions and spoke about the need to raise money for the Churches Conservation Trust. Gregory then told us about some forthcoming events.

We would like to thank the 41 people who attended our meeting and all those who helped. We finished the afternoon with a lovely recital from Julie on the flute and Peter on the harpsichord.

Social Morning

On Saturday 8th June at 10.30am we held a Social Morning in St. Mary's Church. Among the pretty flower displays we held a book sale for visitors to browse through. Refreshments were available throughout to enjoy.

Stephen Cheek had a display of his pottery for sale and this was very popular. He also played the organ for a while before we were entertained with some guitar music.

We had visitors throughout the morning and managed to raise £220 for the Churches Conservation Trust.

We would like to thank all those who donated books, cakes or made flower arrangements. We would also like to thank all those who came to enjoy the morning with us.

Our next event is an Art Festival over the weekend of 20th / 21st July. Please look out for details.
Carol Cordwell

TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM



fantastic chef who is going to cook some lovely pork recipes and share them. He is trying out his latest recipes. Please come and join us sitting outside tasting the samples. This has been very popular the last 2 years.

Colchester Young Farmers Show was a great show at Roxwell, near

Fantastic open day on Saturday 25th May!!! The sun shone after a very wet and windy Friday. We kept believing in Met Check and on Saturday we woke to a lovely bright sunny day. Thank you to everyone who helped, came and supported including local organisations, the Pre-school, lots of face painting and toys and the WI with lots of knitting from the Knit and Knatter. Many farmers' market stalls came and supported us, and also friends with individual stalls, one with the cutest of ducks and baby ducklings. Little Bromley lambs came as well as Great Bromley ferrets and Tree surgeons. Tendring Senior school came with their catering students and cooked some lovely pork in a bap and sausages and completely sold out!!!, Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves in the really lovely sunshine with a free cup of tea or coffee as well as plenty of cakes to choose from. Son David was a great success again making sausages with the hand sausage machine, showing and letting everyone having a go making the next day's breakfast. At lunch time we had some horses join us giving rides in the meadow. Pete Norfolk and his Educational Animal Roadshow was so entertaining again this year keeping all ages spell bound with the animals, especially snakes, rats and ferrets. The cars kept coming in and the day was just happy, relaxing (bit busy for us!!!) and thoroughly enjoyable. We already have some ideas for next year.

Our next Primrose Pork event is in August the 24th, where we again are pleased to have back from Switzerland Nick Rose, a



Chelmsford. So many talents of the young farmers from across the region from planning and organising the whole show to lawn mower racing! The Colchester boys won the hugely competitive Tug of War Trophy and are going to the East of England Show as Essex representatives. Lots of training now needed.

The water table in the pond is now dropping but the wildlife is now abundant with tadpoles, newts and some resident ducks.

Karen Moss

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HELPING OUT WITH OUR CADETS

Firstly please allow me to introduce myself. I am Gus Fidgett, a retired member of the RAF and now the Chairman of the Civilian Committee which supports the activities of 1334 (Manningtree) Squadron, Air Training Corps. Our part on the committee is very much in support of the cadets and staff of the squadron who are led by Flight Lieutenant Janet Brown. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated commanding officer in Janet and she in turn is supported by a number of enthusiastic and committed adult officers and civilian instructors.

The main purpose of this note is to expose a number of points that are occupying the minds of the civilian committee. Firstly, in order to support the cadets and therefore the squadron, we need a robust and innovative forum but we are short in number. We could do with some help which really entails about 4 evenings a year to give opinions, act as a counter-weight to established thinking and generally being positive about youth

activities. Ideally we would wish to attract committee members from as diverse a field as possible. We do not get directly involved with the cadets but we do like to think that we are the facilitators who enable staff and cadets to get on with their activities. Have a look at the 1334 Squadron website www.1334aircadets.org and I think you will be impressed with what goes on.

The core activities of the cadets are provided for by the RAF namely, flying, gliding, shooting, sport and summer camps. However there are often requirements to help the cadets on their way such as providing transport costs and updating our band and expedition equipment. To get these funds we rely on good money raising ideas, charitable organisation gifts and usually the cadets put their hands in their own or their parents' pockets! We try to keep these pocket expenses to a minimum.

Finally, we as a committee are thinking of other ideas on how we raise the profile of the squadron and attract more interest from potential cadets and committee members. There will be no pressure on volunteers as we want people who want to help even if it is only 4 evenings, or about 8 hours, a year. If you are interested in helping these inspiring cadets then please get in touch with me.

I look forward to hearing from you.



MONEY FOR SOS MEDIC IN COLCHESTER



Money for SOS bus medic in Colchester

North East Essex CCG has agreed to invest £46,000 this year to support the SOS Bus in Colchester. Pilot project work last year showed that the main demand is in Colchester town centre, because of the number of young people enjoying the nightlife on Friday and Saturday and because a tiny minority unfortunately cannot control their drinking.

The service is managed by "Open Road" and works closely with the Street Pastors to help people who are in distress or danger of harm at night in the town centre. This new money is to employ medical staff on

the bus, an investment that is projected to help provide better care immediately to those who are in difficulties in town, and to reduce ambulance call-outs and admissions to the A+E department at Colchester Hospital.

Dr Shane Gordon, Clinical Chief Officer at the CCG said: "I am pleased we can make this investment with good evidence of when and where the need is, not only to save money for the NHS, but above all to help these mainly young people when they get into problems. However, the real answer is for everyone who goes out to enjoy the excellent entertainment in Colchester of an evening to drink responsibly, stay with your friends and not get into difficulties."

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH JOTTINGS

Although we have no Rector life here in the church certainly continues to be busy with church services as usual.

Our visiting priests have without exception been excellent, very supportive and understanding, many of them having enjoyed our church so much have booked to return later in the year.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all priests who have helped us so far.

Since the last Church jottings much has happened. We enjoyed the service to celebrate the 150 years Anniversary at the school – the children's poems, songs and prayers were particularly moving. Thank you to Julie O'Mara and her staff for sharing the celebration with the church.

If you happened to see a coach in Church Meadow earlier this month it was bringing 48 Friends of Essex Churches from Southend to view our fabulous church building.

June and Peter provided refreshments after a short talk was given enabling our very appreciative visitors an insight into the wealth of History we have here in the Cathedral of the Tending Hundred.

This month a complete electrical survey was been undertaken, it is an expensive but very necessary requirement of Ecclesiastical Insurance to have this survey every five years. Fortunately we have passed the test and there are no major problems to address.

This morning as I write, Simon Marks our architect is undertaking our "Quinquennial Inspection" A five year survey of the fabric of the building – we await the report with interest although we are fairly certain that repairs to the south porch will feature pretty high on the list –I'm sure there will be much more.

Early in June a meeting was held to discuss the progress of the infamous "loo"

project. We are now at the stage of evaluating the four quotes which we have received from different building firms who are interested in completing the project for us.

On June 13th the wardens and P.C.C. of Ardleigh and the Bromleys were invited to attend a meeting with Canon Peter Mann, our Rural Dean. With Peter's guidance we were able to debate and discuss the way forward for our parish.

Each member was invited to take part and Peter was interested in all points of view. The meeting was inconclusive and I guess further meetings will take place in the future before we reach a decision. You may have your own views on the future of our parishes, do please let us know we are always interested and willing to listen But in the meantime if you need a friend, need a priest or just someone to talk to please phone Ann or Jenny.

Finally we are looking forward to our Flower Festival and Tower Tours. May we take this opportunity to thank all who have helped in any way, we have been encouraged by the members and organisations of our village who have pledged their support. We hope the sun will shine on this joyous occasion which will culminate in our Community Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6pm. Laura Garnham will lead the service, wine and refreshments will be served afterwards for all to share – why not join us?

Jenny Nicholls



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh.



Church of England Services July

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Trinity 6	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 14th	8.00am	Trinity 7	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Trinity 8	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
		Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 28th	8.00am	Trinity 9	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 4th August	8.00am	Trinity 10	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.00pm	Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>

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