

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

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LITTLE BROMLEY AMENITIES GROUP

entered a team in the Colchester Race for Life on Sunday 21st July.

It was a great day followed by a barbeque at the Haywain. Thank you very much to everyone who supported us, The Amenities Group raised £647 and an extra £132 from the friends group, totalling £779 for Cancer Research.

THE FIRST PAGE

As a member of the public I went along with others to the Recycling presentation at the last parish council meeting which was interesting and a number of questions as to why they do/do not recycle certain items were answered.

As you will see on page 17 PCSO Rachel Oscroft is temporarily unavailable for operational duties with effect from 27th August as a result of which PCSO Les Barnes is coming back to us. I will publish his full range of contact details as soon as I know them.

Back to school, back to further education, back to work, back to normality. The summer is drawing to a close after finally coming up trumps (actually a bit too hot for me!) with some glorious weather and life has to return with a bump to every-dayness. The whole of my garden is parched and I have one or two large shrubs that have suddenly given up and died which is a shame but I have been busy clearing some parts of nettles and brambles that threaten to engulf everything. I have the scratches to prove it!



Hugh's article of memories of harvest time on page 27 brought to mind some of my childhood memories of harvest in the 1950s with a threshing machine that blew chaff all over us when the wind was in the 'wrong' direction and my mother hastily closing all the windows to stop it coming into the house, playing in amongst the stooks before they were collected, climbing on haystacks (which we got into trouble for lest we had fallen), as well as making strawhouses plus - something unthinkable now - standing in the trailer when the corn was pouring into it. What fun we had.

Leonie Henderson



Julian Smith

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Friday 13th September 2013

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE



I must confess to actually enjoying September. All the hard work of the year in the vegetable garden is hopefully coming to fruition, and the flowers are still flowering their socks off - if you remember to keep deadheading them. The annuals, despite having no water at all except at planting, have flowered beautifully this year despite really quite trying conditions.

The vegetables have been another matter, and seem to need cossetting, some have done well and others have not. Runner beans were not good, but dwarf French ones surprisingly so. Some lettuces are excellent, and others look like stewed cabbage. The courgettes are average, but the winter squashes are coming on very well and look like providing a good crop. On the principle of growing what is expensive to buy, I have tried plum tomatoes. They are growing well, but it will be a toss up to see if they can ripen before the end of the season. Other greenhouse crops are having mixed success. Cucumbers and aubergines are doing well, but the chilli plants are half their normal size, and have half the number of fruit. This year I will definitely not have enough to keep me going all year! As predicted several months ago, the apple crop looks excellent as does the damson and medlar, but no quinces!

September, and harvest time begins. Main crop carrots and potatoes need to be lifted, and sweetcorn picked. Salad vegetables continue to be harvested and blackberries picked from the hedgerows are combined with windfall apples for crumbles. Having cleared a space in the vegetable garden, incorporate last year's compost into the beds, and onion sets can be planted for early harvesting next year. Fast growing crops such as beetroot, french beans, radishes, winter salad and turnips can be sown, and if you still have bare earth, try sowing some green manure to improve the soil's fertility. Brussel sprouts and broccoli need to be staked to secure them against the winter

winds.

I have had an explosion of butterflies in my garden this year, predominantly cabbage whites, but many others too. Red Admirals, Painted Ladies, Small Blues, Orange Tips, and those were the ones I could identify. Many more shot past in a blur of colour. They seem to love not only the buddleia, but also the lavender, meaning that this year I have not cut it, so no lavender bags for Christmas. No doubt my family will be relieved, and the local moth population will be cheering.

Several people have stopped me in the last month and told me that they have seen either no ladybirds or only one or two, and then Leonie sent me an article from the newspaper which explained that it was all to do with the cold wet summer last year. Historically, it means that next year we will have an explosion of ladybirds. You have been warned!!

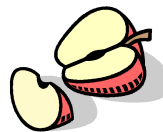
Kate Strowbridge

KITCHEN CORNER

Vera's Apple and Sultana Chutney

This recipe was given to me by the late Vera Biddis. It is fail safe and delicious!

2 lbs Apples peeled and cored
5 oz sugar
Salt
Cayenne pepper or curry powder
¾ pt vinegar
1 lb sultanas or dates,
1 large onion chopped
Ginger (optional)



Boil onion in a little vinegar till soft. Add the apples and more vinegar and cook to a soft pulp. Add rest of ingredients and simmer till thick then pot into warm jars

NB I use about ½ teasp of salt and pepper or curry powder. Some apples need less vinegar.

THANKS

CHRIS SMITH would like to thank all of the people who gave their assistance and support during his campaign to be elected as a Parish Councillor for Little Bromley.

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE DAY

Very many thanks to Sheena, Kate, Mel, Owen & Mick who all worked like Trojans on our maintenance day on 9 August. Thanks to their industry and dedication, all Gt Bromley Rights of Way are now accessible and walkable. There are some areas that need more work to a greater or lesser degree but I need to get the appropriate authority to do their bit! Again, thanks to the 'gang' for their work - it was very much appreciated.

Brenda Perry (PRoW warden)

MACMILLAN NURSE DAY

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event at Tethers End on 13 August. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £345 - a wonderful sum - and Richard and I would like to say how much we appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness, whether you were a cake-maker, a tea lady, a 'raffler', a stallholder, a 'swisher' or a customer. We had a really lovely day and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did (whilst we were relieving you of your money!) - looking forward to seeing you all again next year. Kind regards,

Brenda & Richard Perry

A HUGE THANK YOU

I just wanted to say an enormous thank you to all of the parents, both past and present, children and friends who came to the cricket club on the evening of Friday July 12th. It was the most amazing, emotional and perfect evening and one I will never forget. A very special thank you to all who organised it, especially Lisa and Michelle, Jacky for the bunting, the cricket club, Brian for the barbecue, those who were rushed off their feet at the bar and Pat for her kind words. I can never truly express how much the messages and cards meant, not only to me but to my wonderful and supportive family. The gift of the painting of the school was inspired and will always have pride of place in my home. I have loved my time teaching at St George's School and that has been down to the children, parents and colleagues that I have had the privilege of teaching and working with. Thank you all.

With very best wishes, Ruth Lawson

FRIENDS OF LT BROMLEY CHURCH ART EXHIBITION



We held an Art Exhibition and sale at St Mary's Church, Little Bromley over the weekend of the 20th/21st July which was well supported. Thank you to everyone who displayed their paintings - we ended up filling all the display areas in the pews with watercolours, oil paintings, decoupage, photographs, screen prints, cards and embroidery, we also had a local potter selling his wares and some very pretty handmade brooches. For our first attempt at holding an art exhibition and sale we managed to sell 10 paintings as well as a few of the brooches and cards so were very pleased with that. We had cream teas for sale both days - thanks to everyone who donated the scones etc. We had a lot of help setting this up so thanks to all the helpers over the weekend and to Dawn Newton for making the display shelves - which will come in handy for next year - we will definitely be holding this event again. We raised £166.90 for the Churches Conservation Trust

Friends of Little Bromley Church
Photograph courtesy of Brian Conner



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

August is the time for holidays so things are a bit quiet but we are

slowly but steadily building up some new regular Hall users to keep things moving ahead.

Mary and Jackie have had to cancel the Summer Ball with the live music and hot food on August 31st. Ticket sales have been disappointing so it was decided not to run the risk. A pity because it was going to be a great night and especially after all the hard work put in by Jackie and Mary. Thank you both.

An event that I have not seen at the Hall is happening on October 19th which is a "Blngo Night". Details to follow. This is to replace the traveling theatre which has not received funding from the County Council. Mind, Body and Soul is the new event for the Village Hall is booked for Saturday November 9th. Doors open at 10am and we expect to finish at 2pm.

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 de-clutter. 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 cover of The Bromley Messenger.

What you can expect to see are Aromatherapy, massage, beauty, facials, pedicure, organic food, charms, perfume, candles, raiki, zumba, jazzercise, keep fit, personal trainer, tarot, dance, boxing and weight management. Should be a great day. The Christmas Fayre is happening on Saturday December 7th and we will be running a competition for the children in conjunction with the event. This year the Fayre is run with the Church. December 31st is the New Year's Eve event and is looking as though it is sold out already! Saturday February 1st 2014 at 7:30 pm sees the Hall staging a Charles Dickens Magic Night, full of mirth and marvels and mysteries. We are holding a quiz in mid February. The Whist Drive is planned for the end of February. The long awaited Murder Mystery Night is mid March and is entitled 'Murder at St Cakes' and is set in a school Founders Day celebration.

The Film night plans are moving with committee member doing a bit of research on how other Halls in our area run their events. It's a hard life having to eat the popcorn while watching a film in a nearby village but someone has to do it!

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 10th September at the earlier time of **7:30pm..** As always all welcome.

David Beech

Instead of our usual meeting we were to try something very different this month. We met in lovely Constable Country at Flatford, home of many famous paintings. Except this time we had arranged to meet one of the R.S.P.B. staff who was to give us a guided tour around the wild life garden they have created near to the River Stour.

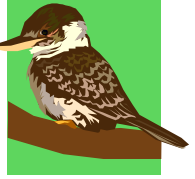
She explained they had been gifted this lovely tranquil piece of land by two sisters who had run a cafe on the site for many years. It was their wish to create a haven for wild life and flowers in particular. The sisters were known to be a little eccentric as one lived in a railway carriage and one lived in an old gypsy caravan. Ipswich Museum wanted the railway carriage and they negotiated bungalow plans in exchange. The gypsy caravan still exists and waits to be renovated. The sisters would have been very proud today to see

their dreams come to fruition. It must be everything they dreamed of.

Native plants and trees intermingle with wild plants, butterflies in profusion and birds galore. It's a bit up and down for those who may have a little difficulty in walking, but all of our members managed, there are plenty of seats to rest and contemplate. With a damp area to the back (this belongs to The National Trust) between the Stour and the garden they are hoping that more wild life and plants will colonise. The garden is well worth a visit, and is open nine months of the year.

Needless to say we finished the visit with coffee, cake scones and lunch. A lovely day out for all who came.

Joy Rolfe



FRIENDSHIP CLUB



At the July meeting our member Gill brought along part of his large collection of fossils and crystals which members were able to examine. Gill has been collecting for over ten years and his collection is by now very valuable.

A minute's silence was held for Jackie Woodhouse who had been a member of the club since moving to the village some time ago.

Beryl thanked Barbara for her splendid flower arrangement for the recent Flower Festival at the church. Her theme was Rupert Bear.

The September meeting will be entertainment by Beryl Cowan and Friends, and the competition a paperweight.

An outing has been booked for September 10th, and the coach will leave the Village Hall at 10am.

Sylvia Ward



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For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

OUTSTANDING OFSTED INSPECTED JUNE 2013 - **OUTSTANDING**

We hope you have enjoyed the holidays and we look forward to seeing you in the new term. Autumn Term begins on Monday 9th September.

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:

Preschool reopens after Summer Holiday
Monday 9th September

SUMMER FUN AT MESSY CHURCH

On Thursday 25th July we held our Summer Fun session of Messy Church at Ardleigh Village Hall. It was a hot day, perfect for our nature hunt and our picnic on the Millennium Green.

We had 58 children in attendance along with their families. We started off with a talk about holidays and the Good Samaritan. The children then rushed off to take part in the craft activities.

Barbara was kept very busy with the sandwich making, ham and cheese disappeared quickly which left the jam and chocolate spread. Decorated picnic bags were filled with edible treats to enjoy later.

Targets to throw balls at, people to blow over, hands to decorate and paper Jesus's were just a few of the things to do. The playdough and toys filled in any gaps and the time disappeared. We all got together for a sing along and Olivia showed the children a new action prayer.

Yvonne then led the children outside and

armed with their picnic bags they travelled from Jerusalem to Jericho behind the Messy Church banner.

Our other helpers Mal, Chris, Ruth, Diane, Lily and James kept everything running smoothly and we were also able to welcome new helper Sue. We would like to thank them for their help. We would also like to thank all the children and adults who came and joined in our Summer Fun.

Our next Messy Church event will be on Thursday 31st October at 10am at Great Bromley Village Hall.

Carol Cordwell

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

At our August meeting members of the public attended in order to hear Councillor Nick Turner from Tendring DC speak regards recycling matters. He started by informing those present that in 1999 the EU issued a Landfill Directive requiring member states to reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill, enforced by a heavy landfill levy. This has presented a nationwide challenge, Tendring being no different. Recycling is driven by financial considerations - Cllr. Turner stating that not all recyclable items result in a profit and can actually become a cost to the council, this being the explanation of why Tendring does not recycle many of plastics. Following pressure from the public and Parish Councillors, Cllr. Turner agreed to investigate what may be done to improve the recycling rate, many people present believing that other councils would simply not recycle as much as they do if it wasn't cost-effective. On a positive note, Tendring are considering collecting compost for recycling, a decision will be made next year.

That aside I think many of us appreciate the benefits of recycling - the Parish Council were shocked to hear that the cost of landfill to Essex over the next 25 years will be 3.9 billion pounds!, paid by us, the taxpayers.

Of course glass and paper can be recycled through the Church Meadow bring point, this generates funds for the Parish Council to spend in the village, so please bring all of your glass to our own recycling point in the Church Meadow car park.

If your recycling boxes need replacements, or perhaps just some more lids, Councillor Nicholls has kindly agreed to collect some from the Council offices at Weeley. Please contact me by e-mail or alternatively leave a message on my answer machine.

The Parish Council were most saddened to hear of the passing of Ken Bromfield, my predecessor, who served the Council

tirelessly for 10 years. Martin Frostick wrote a fantastic piece on Ken's life in the last Messenger. Ken is a great loss to the community and our thoughts are with his wife Marion and their family at this time.

Councillors have been out and about again in the fine weather, tidying up. Cllr. Perry has re-painted the Village Sign and Councillors and members of the public met to clear many of the overgrown footpaths in the village.

Have you seen an increase in cluster flies in the village? This has been reported to us and both ECC and TDC have been contacted for assistance. The advice being given is to contact your own pest control company to remove them.

The meeting also discussed the A120 survey. At the time of writing the results of the survey have not been published, but once the results are made known this will be discussed at a future meeting so "watch this space".

Do you have a party or an event to organise? The village hall is in real need of your support. The hall has fantastic catering facilities and can accommodate a large number of people, so do consider it if you have an event on the horizon.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Laura Austin, Clerk

The Great Bromley Parish

Council meets in the village hall at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday each month and would really welcome you to attend as a member of the public. You can make a statement or ask a question during the public participation section. During the meeting the councillors will discuss topical subjects which affect our village including planning applications, which we have a statutory right to be consulted on and to advise Tendring District Council the views of the village.

If there are things that you think the Parish Council should or should not be doing

please come along to a meeting and tell us. If you can't get to a meeting but would like to tell us something then do please drop me, the chairman, a line or better still an email to chairman@gbpc.org.uk

We think that we are doing a reasonable job representing you at Parish Council level but we also know that we can do a better job with more interaction with you. Please do get in touch and tell us if you think we could be doing things differently to improve the community of Great Bromley

Alan Thomas

Chairman Great Bromley Parish Council

PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS

APP REF /DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00678/HHPNOT - prior approval is given	2 Firtree Cottages, Stone Road, Great Bromley Colchester CO7 7TX	Conservatory 3.3m wide 2.5m high
13/00575/FUL - approval full	Badley Hall Cottage, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley Colchester CO7 7UU	Rear two-storey extension
13/00568/FUL - application withdrawn	Byeways, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley CO7 7TZ	Proposed garage/store building
13/00509/FUL - approval full	Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley, Colchester CO7 YTR	Erection of replacement detached dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access
13/00577/FUL - refusal full	Land off Springhill Close, Great Bromley CO7 7HU	Erection of 4 no. 3 bedroom properties, Great Bromley CO7 7HU

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED at JULY MEETING

There were no objections to the following save for 13/00745/OUT, the reasons for which will feature within the minutes

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00786/FUL	Westward House, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley	Conversion and alteration of redundant building to form a single family dwelling, erection of garage/garden store and change of use of land to garden
13/00745/out	Land South West of Horsley Cross Roundabout	Development of site to provide a new industrial site
13/00841/DISCON	Little Paddocks, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Permission 11/01207/FUL 03 - Materials 06 - Car park entrance and 07 - vehicular access
13/00852/LBC	Spread Eage, Brook Street, Great Bromley CO7 7HX	Proposed replacement of tile hanging with render on front dormers and replacement of front doors

2013 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Village Hall Trustees meeting, Village Hall,, 7.30pm
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 13 Julian Smith from "Britain's Got Talent", St George's church,7.30pm
- 17 Lt Bromley Amenities Group AGM, The Haywain, 7.00pm
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
WEA Autumn Term - Greatest Greek Myths, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm - p21
- 22 Harvest Festival and Lunch, St George's church, 1.00pm
- 28 Bingo Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- 1 Badminton, Village Hall, 5.00pm
- 2 WI meeting
- 6 Harvest service, Lt Bromley church
- 9 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 19 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall
- 26 Daffodil painting in Lt Bromley. Refreshments afterwards in The Haywain
- 31 Messy Church, Village Hall, 10.00am

NOVEMBER

- 2 Little Bromley Fireworks Extravaganza
- 6 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Mind, Body & Soul event, Village Hall, 10.00am. See p.7 for details
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Remembrance Sunday
- 14 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 16 Quiz Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

DECEMBER

- 7 Christmas Fayre Village Hall
Lt Bromley Children's Christmas Party
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Carol service, Lt Bromley church
- 31 New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall

JANUARY 2014

- 16 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 25 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall

FEBRUARY

- 1 Charles Dickens Magic Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- tba Quiz Night, Village Hall. Watch this space
- tba Whist Night, Village Hall, Watch this space

MARCH

- 13 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm



Harvest lunch

in the Village Hall
on September 22nd at 1pm.
This year we have chosen to
support charity in Lesotho,
South Africa in memory of Ken Bromfield.



Tickets are only £6 for adults and £3 for children for a superb lunch (bring your own glasses and drinks).



Messy Church

Thursday 31st October
at 10.00am
in Great Bromley Village Hall.

Friends of Little Bromley Church

Coming Events

6 October Harvest service
21 December Carol Service 3.00pm

St George's church
Friday, 13th September

Julian Smith Star of Britain's Got Talent

7.30pm
See page 2 for all details

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.

END OF SUMMER BALL

Regrettably due to unforeseen circumstances the Village Hall Trustees have had to cancel the End of Summer Ball. We hope to reschedule as soon as possible. So many of you have expressed disappointment, the band is so popular people were even travelling some distance and staying at local hotels. Our sincere apologies to everyone who had requested tickets and had put so much work into making this a success - Jackie, Mary and especially The Midnight Ramblers.
From the Village Hall Trustees

Little Bromley Amenities Group AGM

will be held on Tuesday 17th September commencing at 7pm at The Haywain. All members of the Amenities Group are welcome to come along and celebrate our first year. There will be a representative from Guide Dogs for the Blind who will be giving a talk and bringing along one of their guide dogs. This will be followed by a glass of wine and canapes and the AGM will follow on afterwards.

Little Bromley Amenities Group

will be holding a
"Bingo Night"
on Saturday 28th
September at the Haywain
commencing at 7:30pm.



A light buffet will be provided.

For further information
email amenitiesgroup@gmail.com

Future Events

Litter Pick - 19th October - If you would like to help tidy our Village meet in the Village car park at 10am Refreshments back at the Haywain afterwards

Little Bromley Fireworks - Saturday, 2nd November. Come along to our fireworks event. No entry fee but donations on the night please. Sparklers and glowing necklaces for sale - burgers, hot dogs and hot drinks.

Come along and join in this great Village event.

Quiz Night - 16th November, The Haywain, 7.30pm - to support the Amenities Group and the Fireworks night. Tickets £5 per person to include buffet on the Night. There will be a Raffle on the Night. Please ring 01206 390004 to book a table beforehand as limited tables.

The following précis was received from one of the members of the public who attended the Recycling presentation given by District Cllr Nick Turner at the Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting:

At the meeting of the Great Bromley Parish Council on Wednesday 14th August, 2013, we were visited by District Councillor Nick Turner who has responsibilities for refuse collection matters (which are principally the responsibility of Essex County Council), and the subject of an Inter-Authority Agreement, and Tim Clark who is a Tendring District Council Officer also dealing with this matter. The Government in turn is bound by E.U. regulations which aim to re-cycle as much waste as practicable and reduce the amount of material buried in 'land-fill' sites. Waste is measured by weight, not volume. Mr Turner said that since local authorities had got to grips with the problem of waste control during the last few years there has been a big reduction in waste going to land-fill in the east of England. Regarding this matter, TDC are working closely with Veolia and he thought the company was working well. He admitted that TDC had made mistakes in early days, which they regret, but was confident that they are now on the right track. Communication with the public is important and he would be able to arrange for a representative of TDC to attend fetes and other public meetings, and schools, to promote good practice in this subject. If ECC do not comply with the EEC Directive, they (we) have to pay a fine.

A resident attending referred to the fact that Hyndburn DC near Blackburn, in Lancashire, collect plastics in a wide range of categories, and Mr Clark agreed to investigate to find out what is going on there.

Essex plastics are processed at Rainham and although re-cycling is not always possible, TDC are now re-cycling 29.8 % of rubbish. Home composting of vegetable matter etc. is helpful to the process and is to be encouraged. Glass collection is being

considered by TDC although this is currently collected by a private contractor and this provides a revenue to the local community. Cllr. Turner explained that TDC has to present waste to ECC in the form they require, and this has to be understood. There are four re-cycling centres in TDC, a higher density than elsewhere. The Chairman thanked Messrs Turner and Clark for attending and for the information they provided.

PS



ESSEX POLICE

W.e.f. 27th August PCSO Les Barnes is resuming duties with our community. If you need to talk to him for any Police Community problems, you can contact him on 07967 466876

Incidents for Gt Bromley - July 2013

Theft - Hall Lane x2

Criminal Damage

- Colchester Road - scarecrow damaged

- Brook Street - car keyed

Suspicious Circumstances

- Back Lane East

- Briar Road - 4 males seen climbing fence

Road Related

- Colchester Road - unlit skip in road

PCSO 72834 Rachael Oscroft

Thorpe Le Soken

Police Community Support Officer

GREATEST GREEK MYTHS

Tutor: Dominique Nightingale
 Autumn Term commencing Thursday 19th
 September 2013 for 10 weeks with a half
 term on 31st October 2013
 at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road,
 Ardleigh
 Thursday Afternoons from 2.30 to 4.00

Dominique writes about her course as follows:
 "A woman turning men into pigs, a soldier prince
 sulking in his tent, an adulterous affair that
 started a war – these thrillers packed with all too
 human drama provide uncanny insights into
 ourselves. Starting with the dysfunctional family
 of the Olympian gods through the bloody battles
 of Troy, the wanderings of Ulysses, the
 heartbreak of Ariadne and the pranks of Hermes,
 each week the course will explore the long-
 lasting influence which these 2,000-year- old
 tales have exercised on artists, writers,
 philosophers, composers and filmmakers. Above
 all, we will discover what we can all learn from
 Greek myths today."

From classical scholars to computer games, why
 do Greek myths have such a lasting and
 universal appeal? We shall find the answer in
 some of the myths themselves".

As usual please come along to the first week and
 see if it is the course for you, if it is, payment,

which I believe will be around £44.50 has to be
 paid on the second week's attendance.

There will be books to borrow on the subject and
 we have a tea break about half way through the
 proceedings. The course will include slides,
 music and discussion.

For anyone attending our previous course and
 voting for the subject we would have liked next,
 you will realise this subject was not even
 mentioned. Soon after our last meeting we were
 told that we had John Parker who was our first
 choice for the September Term, unfortunately, at
 very late notice he has found a full time
 occupation and is no longer available to come in
 September. This left the WEA trying to fill about
 10 courses that John had said he would take.
 Dominique has very kindly agreed to take on the
 Ardleigh course. Having met her last week and
 discussed the course with her I am sure that it
 will be most enjoyable and informative. She
 intends to relate the myths to the modern day
 and some of the thoughts she presented to us
 were really interesting

If you are interested please turn up on the
 19th September or if you require further
 information please contact myself,
 John Terry (Chairman) on 01206 230490 or
 email me on john@terrys.org.uk or Jill
 Frostick (Secretary) on 01206 250263.



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The Hospice needs you!

In collaboration with the North East Essex
 Clinical Commissioning Group, St Helena
 Hospice will be extending their
 bereavement service to offer support to all
 newly bereaved families or individuals
 within North East Essex. With the launch
 scheduled for autumn 2013, the Hospice is
 looking for 27 volunteer Bereavement
 Visitors to make the service possible.

Visitors will provide bereavement support
 by telephone contact and/or visiting at
 home (or at a mutually agreed location) to
 relatives and friends of those
 deceased. Full training will be given to all
 those in post.

For more information or for an application
 form please visit volunteer vacancies at
www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/get-involved
 or call Phyllis Howell, St Helena Hospice
 Bereavement Co-ordinator, on 01255
 221222.

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

Influenza vaccinations

It is influenza clinic time again !

The Department of Health recommends patients should have vaccination against influenza if they are aged over 65 or at particular risk if they have one of the following medical conditions; heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease including asthma, renal disease or who are immunocompromised and pregnant women.

Children aged two and three are also invited this year to be vaccinated to lower the transmission of influenza in the community from younger children.

Flu clinics will be held on Tuesday or Friday

afternoons weekly at Ardleigh Surgery starting on 4th October and ending on 1st November. Clinics will also be held at the Dedham Branch Surgery.

Please telephone the surgery to book into one of those clinics. We encourage patients to attend these clinics rather than use valuable normal appointment slots unless you are attending the doctor or nurse for some other reason.

New GP Trainees

A new trainee Dr Miriam John will be joining the practice in August. Dr Mukthar Ahmad will continue with us for a few months and Dr Amudha Sachithanandam will be with us until February.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

Gt Bentley Surgery

Dr Hunt has asked me to thank everyone via "Surgery News" for their kindness and generosity, which have really touched him and says that he is going to miss all of you just as much as you say you will miss him. What he won't miss is the daily hassle and stress created by an NHS which seems to have completely lost its way in the face of constant changes of direction, interference and sniping by the government.

As Dr Hunt leaves, we have a new GP partner starting on 3rd September. She is Dr Karen Chumbley, who will be joining us from a surgery in Colchester.

August has brought, as often happens, a change of GP Registrar – the young doctors who come to us for part of their training as general practitioners before being released on the public at large. Dr Anumnu, who has been a real asset and source of some fun over the last six months, has left us to continue his training at the Creffield Medical Centre in Colchester. We wish him well and will miss him.

The "new boy" is Dr George Pontikis who is

set to be with us for the next year after which he will be fully-fledged GP. He is, of course, already an experienced doctor, having qualified from Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London back in 2008. Since then he has worked mainly in hospitals in a variety of specialities, but having done preliminary training at Ardleigh Surgery he is now convinced that his future is as a GP.

Also leaving is Nurse Practitioner, Sue Webb who has been enticed away from us by the offer of a similar job at Caradoc surgery in Frinton. As well as looking after our diabetic patients she has, due to her extensive experience and advanced training, also been able to prescribe in her own right and run Minor Ailment clinics for us, seeing and treating people who, a few years ago, would have had to take up an urgent GP appointment. She was really effective at taking pressure off the doctors by keeping down the number of "extras" they needed to see at the end of their normal surgery sessions. We are going to miss her badly and recruiting her replacement will be a difficult priority job.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

We are at the moment waiting for this batch of heavy showers to pass and the wheat to dry before combining. This year we are going to try a piece of kit out that we brought locally it is a 1968 Claas Combine harvester, no cab, outside seat, no smooth mechanics but it works, have charged up the battery and going to give it a chance to harvest the wheat. We have the straw from the local farmers' fields so waiting for the go-ahead to start carting. It is usually all hands to the deck and making sure the straw gets undercover as soon as possible. How we rely on the very sophisticated weather forecasting either Metcheck or BBC Essex weather which gives us an hour by hour weather prediction. Everywhere is so dusty at the moment but we have had to put in a drainage system across the field to drain the pond which is a true reflection of the water table because of the excess water in the winter and spring.

In the farm shop we have found a supplier of organic vegetables locally from Thorrington so we have an abundance of courgettes, carrots, onions, beetroot and, hopefully, French and runner beans, being sold from the trailer. The butcher's shop is now busy with Summer BBQ meat; the favourite sausages are still Best traditional and Pork and Leek. We have many different marinades that are going on the BBQ steaks of pork.



The Colchester Young Farmers represented Essex in the National tug of war competition recently and came a respectable 4th out of original 288 teams so not bad. They travelled to near Birmingham and have to starve themselves before the weigh in as the team have to reach a below target weight to qualify to compete. They eat a very big breakfast afterwards !!!!.

BBQ recipe for this month

Butterflied Lemon, Garlic and dill pork shoulder Chunks.

Serves 4-8

Cooking time about 75 minutes

Temperature Using Kettle or covered BBQ or Gas mark 4 180 degrees Centigrade or 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

900 g (2lb) Pork shoulder Joint

2, Lemons rind and juice.

2 x15mls (2tbsp) Fresh dill chopped.

3 Cloves garlic peeled and squashed

2 x 15 mls (2tbsp) Olive Oil

At side uppermost on a board (remove strings if its strung) and open out. Carefully score the rind deeply turn over the joint and cut into 4 equal sized chunks. Use 2 metal skewers per chunk and skewer through at an angle. Place in a dish fat side uppermost.

Add all the remaining ingredients and move the chunks around in the mixture place in the fridge for 3-4 hours to allow flavours to absorb.

Mean while heat the BBQ if it starts to rain then pre heat the oven .

Cook for about 75 minutes until rind crispy and golden and the meat juicy but cooked through if need be cover with foil. Allow to rest before serving cutting into chunky slices. Serve with crushed new potatoes topped with lemon rind crushed garlic chopped fresh dill and a couple of spoonfuls of Mayonnaise.

Karen Moss

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for July



- 1st Miss Julie Herring
- 2nd Mr. John Taylor
- 3rd Mrs. Vicky Griffiths

HARVEST TIME



When treated to a ride inside Andrew Fairley's New Holland Combine I was impressed by the speed that two long rows of barley were cut, whilst all the flashing lights and readouts of moisture, remaining capacity and so on kept me entertained. Machines we now think of as very old technology were equally impressive in their day. This was particularly true for forces personnel, brought up in towns but stationed in our villages during the war. George Austin, a tractor driver for Herbert Hayward, well remembers harvesting wheat at Great Bromley Lodge. "There was a stack near the gatehouse where we were using a noisy threshing machine, belt-driven by my W30 International. Some soldiers stationed nearby came along to see what was going on, and they just couldn't work out how we were getting all the corn out of the straw!"

The farm at Morehams Hall falls in three parishes - Great Bromley and Frating (the parish boundary goes right through the current house - you can walk from room to room and change parishes!) and also Elmstead. Crawford Stewart and his father

Abram farmed it since arriving from Scotland in 1926. Mr Stewart remembers a terrible day: "Just before the war I was cutting hay with a mower and a pair of horses in Barn Field. My father came out to take over from me for coffee. When I came back I saw a group gathered half way up the field where there had been an accident. A boy had been hiding in the thick hay and had his feet chopped by the mower. My father said 'Thank goodness it was me and not you, because I wouldn't have believed that you didn't see him!'"

The previous owners were the Pertwee family who also farmed Frating Lodge. This harvest photo dates from about 1924, showing Frank and Ada Pertwee (my mother's Auntie Bea) with children including Molly, Beatrice and Norman. Some workers were Bill Weir, "Tim" (Walter) Gooch, Bert Austin and Victor Adams.

Photo courtesy of Mr & Mrs Stewart. I would be grateful for more information about this picture. Correction from last month - Elizabeth Clachan was helping judge sheep, not show them, at the THS.

LAWFORD VENTURE CENTRE

1st Lawford Scouts are holding a fund raising dance in aid of Urology Cancer

Support Group in Colchester
on Saturday 7th September 2013,
7.30 - 11.30pm

at the Venture Centre Lawford.

Live music & DJ, Massive Raffle, Bar & Buffet.

Tickets on sale now @£6.00 per adult & children under 12 Free

For further information or tickets phone
01206 395581 or 07761475515

Babyballet pirouettes into Lawford!

The babyballet Song and Dance Academy is a wonderfully exciting educational "movement to music programme" for pre-school boys and girls from 6 months to 5 years. Designed to encourage babies and young children to enjoy the benefits and joys of song and dance, babyballet is magical and has built up a fantastic reputation for providing children with the opportunity to express themselves within a fun, safe and caring environment.

Essentially, Babyballet provides quality movement to music classes for babies and pre-school children, which promote a happier and healthier lifestyle. The classes

provide a fantastic mix of education and enjoyment.

Classes starting shortly at Venture Centre 2000, Lawford

To register your interest, please telephone:
01255 821325 or

Email: colchester@babyballet.co.uk
www.babyballet.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to the wonderful world of babyballet!

"Exercise in Disguise"

Zumba Fitness at 7.15pm
on Monday evenings

at the Venture Centre, Lawford,
recommencing 9th September.

A Zumba class creates a party-like atmosphere that provides a non-intimidating opportunity for non-dancers, new exercisers and those who have previously hesitated, to join in a group class, whilst dancers and veteran exercisers thoroughly enjoy the change of pace. Dancers and non-dancers alike can immediately and easily master a Zumba class because previous dance experience is not necessary. Classes are £4.50

BRANTHAM LEISURE CENTRE

Youth Club

We are now opening up the age limit for the youth club for young people from 9+ to come along and join in the fun and try some sport activities in the Leisure Centre or just meet up with your friends and hang out to have a chat and play some computer games.

The Youth Club is supported by Brantham Parish Council and run by Babergh District Council Youth Worker Phil Francis and his team

Sessions cost £1.00 per a visit

You will have the opportunity to sign up and talk to the Youth Club Leader about your ideas for a successful youth club in your village.

For further info contact Phil Francis on
07770748011

Sessions will be on the 5th Sept, 19th Sept and there after every other week

CHURCH JOTTINGS

Another busy month in the life of St George's – no time to stand and stare.

The Wardens and the P.C.C. are delighted to tell you that the work has begun on the infamous "Loo" Fr Robert, Ann and I made a promise 2 years ago that we would do our utmost to complete a project that began 13 years ago !! Rose, a local building firm have been appointed to undertake the construction of the "Loo" and they promise completion in thirty days (if all goes well!).



Stuart Harris, a local craftsman, has been employed to remove and alter the pews and screen which will be resituated under the tower once the "Loo" is completed.

Great care should be taken when walking or using the churchyard whilst building works are operational as many of the foot paths may be dug up or disturbed.

Plans of our new "Loo" may be viewed on the display board inside the church

Preparation for this work has involved much work for the team in the church – removing and storing artefacts, ensuring that nothing is damaged whilst work is in progress.

Thanks to Ann and Henry, June and Peter who worked so hard whilst I was away on holiday. Thanks also to Steven and Dawn Walker who have masterminded the project for us.

Looking ahead we have a very exciting concert planned for Friday September 13th at 7.30pm. Julian Smith a very popular saxophonist and musician is performing for us. Tickets are £12 each, a family (2+2) is £30. A plate of tasty food with wine can be purchased for £3 or 2 for £5. This is a new venture for us, so, come and join us.

Please get your tickets early for the Harvest lunch in the Village Hall on September 22nd at 1pm. This year we have chosen to support charity in Lesotho, South Africa in memory of Ken Bromfield.

Tickets are only £6 for adults and £3 for children for a superb lunch (bring your own glasses and drinks).

Advance information regarding the Annual Service of Remembrance on November 10th 2013: We shall meet at the War Memorial at 10.45am. This will be followed by a shorter non-Eucharist service for all ages in the church afterwards.

As always if you need a friend to talk to, or a priest please contact Ann or Jenny.

Jenny Nicholls

Joke from the Internet

Had a ham toastie on Sunday,
Cheese toastie Monday,
Tuna sweetcorn toastie last night.
Good job I'm not a rabbit as I think I'd have mixing my toasties now.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROM-



Church of England Services September

Sunday 1st	8.00am	Trinity 14	
	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 8th	8.00am	Trinity 15	
	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 15th	8.00am	Trinity 16	
	10.30am	Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 22nd	8.00am	St George's Harvest Thanksgiving	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	1.00pm	Harvest Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	<i>Harvest Lunch</i> Evensong	<i>Great Bromley Village Hall</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 29th	8.00am	St Michael and All Angels - Back to Church Sunday	
	10.30am	Eucharist The Parish Eucharist <i>No Evensong</i>	<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.