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Palm Sunday at St George's with (l to r)
Tanya and Daisy, Laura with Dolly and Jane with the very vocal Edward

THE FIRST PAGE

How lovely it was to see the three donkeys at the Palm Sunday service at St George's church looking very smart and one even wearing panniers. Edward even 'sang' along to the hymn as the procession from the lych gate went in to the church. Thank you Jane, Tanya and Laura for bringing them along.

There are a number of events in the village this month so you will all be busy meeting up and having a chat as well as supporting the plant sales, coffee mornings, talks, quizzes, musical events as well as the monthly meetings of all the village groups. The parish councils are also busy working on your behalf for our safety around our villages - Little Bromley with road traffic speed signs and Great Bromley with the A120 speed cameras. Gt Bromley PC has also been alerted to a new solar farm proposed right on our boundary with Ardleigh. With proposals such as these we lose acres of our agricultural land plus yet more habitat for living creatures. A formal planning application has now been submitted. See Chris Jones' article on page 6 and who to contact should you wish to make your feelings about the proposal known.

Also, sadly, the Mobile Library, which visits Great Bromley fortnightly at The Cross and Church Meadow will be ending their service with effect from July (page 11). I, personally, use this service regularly and meet other regulars who also do. I shall be very sorry to see it go. It is convenient - I can browse the selection in the van or order books/DVDs/ audio books etc to collect, have a chat as well as walking the dog down the road to where the mobile library van is parked. I shall probably now not use the library in the same way if I have to go into town for it. Another loss to our rural life.

I have been hearing of others in the village who have been connecting to faster broadband in our villages. They came out to install an aerial for me but unfortunately I do not receive a strong enough signal from my closest transmitters - one because of a large building blocking the signal and the other due to trees as well as the lie of the land. So ... until I get a 'line of sight' with a decent signal strength from a transmitter somewhere I still live in the Hinterland of Slow Broadband.

Leonie Henderson

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Sausage Strudel Waltz

Serves 4-8 (Makes 8 mini strudels)

Embrace this romantic dish –
just a few simple steps and it's done

INGREDIENTS

8 Chipolata sausages
50g (2oz) Butter
25g (1oz) Breadcrumbs
1 Cooking apple, peeled, cored and
chopped
1 x 2.5mlsp (½tsp) Cinnamon
25g (1oz) Walnuts, roughly chopped
225g (8oz) Filo pastry sheets (about 16
sheets)

Cooking time about 30 minutes

Oven temp Gas Mark 4, 180°C, 350°F

METHOD

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 4, 180°C,
350°F.

Melt the butter in a small frying pan. Mix
together in a small bowl the breadcrumbs,
cooking apple, cinnamon and walnuts. Add
half the melted butter and mix together well.
Take two sheets of filo pastry and place on
a board. At the end nearest to you place
one sausage and a large spoonful of the
mixture onto the edge of the pastry. Using
the remaining melted butter, brush the
edges of the pastry. Roll up – if the pastry
splits just brush with a little more butter.
Take the 'sausage' shape and gently bend
into a crescent, twist over the very ends of
the pastry and place on a baking sheet.
Brush all over with butter. Repeat using
the remaining sausage, pastry, etc.
Place in the oven and cook for about 30
minutes until golden brown.
Serve either hot or cold, as a snack, starter,
for a picnic.

TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

Spring has definitely sprung although still cold sometimes with a frost at night. The clocks going forward have made such a difference to the farms working hours with longer days. The hedgerows are beginning to burst into a vibrant bright green .

A hen harrier was spotted over our field. Of the UK's birds of prey, this is the most intensively persecuted. Once preying free-range fowl, earning its present name, its effect on the number of grouse available to shoot is the cause of modern conflict and threatens its survival in some parts of the UK, particularly on the driven grouse moors of England and Scotland.

While males are a pale grey colour, females and immatures are brown with a white rump and a long, barred tail which give them the name 'ringtail'. They fly with wings held in a shallow 'V', gliding low in search of food, which mainly consists of meadow pipits and voles. The Orkney population is famous for being polygynous, with males sometimes simultaneously mated to multiple females.

Hen Harrier – male

Family: Hawks, vultures and eagles (Accipitridae)



Where to see them - the hen harrier lives in open areas with low vegetation. In the breeding season UK

birds are to be found on the upland heather moorlands of Wales, Northern England, N Ireland and Scotland (as well as the Isle of Man). In winter they move to lowland farmland, heathland, coastal marshes,

fenland and river valleys. Those found in eastern and south-east England are probably mostly visitors from mainland Europe.

When to see them

They arrive back on upland breeding areas from late March and stay there until August and September. Away from breeding areas birds can be seen from October to March and Continental birds will join residents in October and November.

We have regular visitors of geese and ducks in the field now beginning to match up in pairs, certainly a lovely sight especially in the morning. There have been some really lovely sunrises over the church with these misty mornings and I keep trying to capture them in a photo but they don't seem to do them justice.

The shop is now really busy with always a fantastic display of fresh meat. We have been looking at different advertising methods recently trying out radio adverts with competition prizes on offer. Also new to us are the cricket club advertising boards, all ways for us to try to increase our community profile and advertise at the same time.

This month's recipes (opposite) has been taken from a British Sausage Week recipe book when the Personality was Craig Revel-Horwood, hence the dance theme!!!.

Karen Moss



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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Our next meeting on May 14th is an annual event, the **Parish Meeting, Parish Council AGM and then the Parish Council Meeting**, as there are three meetings we will be starting a little earlier at 7pm in the village hall. Why not come along and let us know what you think about what we have been doing on your behalf over the last year; it really is a bargain three meetings instead of one. I do hope to be able to welcome you to these meetings and will be very interested to hear your opinions.

Alan Thomas,
Chairman Great Bromley Parish Council

Several members of the public were welcomed to our April meeting and who wished to draw attention to the proposed Solar Farm at Ardleigh. For any who are not aware, the Parish Council at Ardleigh recently received a presentation from the prospective company and whilst it is understood that the proposed site is in Ardleigh, it runs very close to the border of Great Bromley. At the time of writing a formal planning application has not been made however it was agreed that a request should be made to TDC for the Parish Council to be formally consulted once the application is submitted.

The A120 was discussed again at our meeting. The speed cameras have still not been installed at the time of writing and there is no firm date as to when this might take place. Our local MP Bernard Jenkin continues to liaise with Highways Agency, as do we, but as it is a private company contracted to undertake the work it is difficult to know the likely timescale.

Onto brighter news. The proposed playground at Church Meadow has received a number of different comments, so thank you to everybody who has provided feedback. There will be further discussion with regards to the height and scope of the

playground, so watch this space.

Lastly, the Parish Council would like to thank every person/organisation who has donated most generously to the village tubs. Cllr. Strowbridge's efforts have paid off, ensuring that the tubs will look fantastic for another year.

Our next meeting starts slightly earlier at 7pm and includes a Parish Meeting which gives all villagers an opportunity to come and speak with us about what we have been doing. Come along, as always you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Laura Austin

THANKS

Thanks to all those who helped with the recent litter pick. Thanks to James and Heather at The Cross for the use of their car park and for coffee afterwards and to the pickers: Mick and Mal, Lesley and Jim, Mark, Nick and Kate, Sheena, Richard and special thanks to Alfie, who found a £10 note! This was deposited in the Multiple Sclerosis charity box at The Cross.

Many thanks, *Owen Blowers*

THANKS

Thank you to Judy and Andrew Owen, Anne Wilde, Sylvia Embling and Pippa Hardy for the donation of plants for the borders at the Village Hall.

Kate Strowbridge

ARDLEIGH SOLAR FARM



As reported in the April edition of the Ardleigh Advertiser, the issue of a solar farm at Burnt Heath has not gone away as many Ardleigh residents had hoped. At the March Ardleigh Parish Council meeting Solafield submitted a revised proposal which drops the smaller site (which probably always was the intention), and proceeds with the main site. This is an area of almost 50 acres on the flat land surrounded by properties on Park Road, Ardleigh Road and Colchester Road - between Ardleigh and Great Bromley.

This land was used for apple production until the farmer took advantage of an EU subsidy in the mid 90s to grub the apple trees out, being paid not to grow any there for the next 15 years. They now want to cover the same land with glass panels for the next 30+ years.

The solar panels are 3 metres high (9 feet, 9 inches), and will be end to end; although tilted there will be very little light coming through. Photos of other sites are misleading - in some cases including grazing sheep. With this spacing used there will be little grass or wild flowers.

There are no other existing solar farms so close to so many properties and the proposed site will ruin part of our countryside when there are so many other brown field sites, factory roofs, car parks etc etc that should be exhausted first.

With regards to green energy produced by Tendring, the wind farm 3 miles off the Clacton coast already provides electricity in excess of what we use, so any additional solar sites will just be feeding the national grid for others' consumption. If this site is approved it will be hard for planning approval to be rejected with subsequent sites in the parish and in the wider area. **Is this really what we want?**

Anyone who would like object to this and be kept updated on the current status should register their interest in an email to Ardleigh

Parish Council, Great Bromley Parish Council or the writer. It

would also be helpful if you say in which parish you live.

Addresses are as follows:

ardleighpc@gmail.com

greatbromleyparishcouncil@gbpc.org.net

burntheath@btinternet.com

As of 15th April formal application submitted

Since this article was written planning application for this solar farm has been submitted with effect from 5pm 14th April 2014. This has clearly been done to take advantage of the Easter break and holidays that residents are taking at this time of year. There is a limited period for residents to respond so please contact the burntheath@btinternet.com email address for advice on how to respond.

Christopher Jones

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Speaker for March was Clare Dawson who gave a talk on the brilliance of flowers. We saw many slides of wild flowers taken by Clare who had received her BA in this subject as a mature student. Samples of her work in the form of cards and books were on display for members to study.

During the Meeting one of our members, Rose, was presented with the rose "Faithful Friend" to mark her retirement from the Committee after many years. We are sure she will enjoy watching it flourish in her garden for many years.

The Speaker for May will be the Reverend Lovell and the competition, a book mark.

Sylvia Ward

PLANNING

Decisions

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00064/FUL - refusal, full	Land South of Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Proposal to erect stable block and construct new barn. Retention of gravel surfacing.
14/00050/FUL - approval, full	Land between Fieldside and Eltone, Rating Road, Great Bromley	Erection of 4 no. new 3 bedroom detached chalet style dwellings with detached garages/carports served by new shared private drive off Frating Road.
14/00036/FUL - approval, full	Land at Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Erection of 1 no. five bedroom dwelling with detached garage

Applications

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00400/FUL	Badley Hall Cottage, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley	Variation of condition 2 of 13.00575/FUL to substitute drawings 1261-09, 1261-08 and 1261-07 (April 2013) with drawings 1261-06 and 1261-07 (March 2014) showing a revised lounge and bedroom layout.
14/00373/LUEX	Coppice View, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley	Erection of a boundary wall, use of utility block and extensions as a self-contained dwelling house. Construction of a permanent structure as ancillary accommodation.
14/00361/FUL	Meadow Lane, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Erection of commemorative stand and flag pole

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.littlebromley.org.uk/little-bromley-parish-council

As this month's Messenger is coming out the Daffodils in Little Bromley have now gone over - and what a lovely display they were - thanks to the Amenities members for planting them again this year. Little Bromley, alongside Gt Bromley, will be remembering the men of WW1 who gave their lives. Our thanks to Hugh Frostick for organising and publishing details throughout the coming months. The Parish Council will be organising a special Remembrance Sunday this year alongside St Mary's Church and if there are any people in the Village or surroundings who

are able and willing to play the last post on a bugle or trumpet then can they please email the Council as offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

The Council are getting together a list of people who would be willing to help out in emergencies. We are compiling a list of names of people and if you think you would be able to help then please email over your details. We are looking for people who could offer such things as chainsaws in the event of trees coming down, generators in case of power cuts and offers of help with

water and electricity if we were to suffer another power cut as we did last winter where half the village was cut off for 5 days. We have already had an offer of the use of a forklift should we need large items moving. The Haywain has been nominated as a place of safety if the worst were to happen.

Don't forget the Village has its own bottle bank located in the car park at The Haywain - a good excuse to have a quick pint after getting rid of all the empties!

We have sent in the paperwork for the Speed Activated Sign in our Village and Highways are looking at this now - so hopefully we will be able to report soon that we have a visual reminder to speeders in our Village. We are also at the moment asking for signatures in support of the speed reduction to 30 mph along Bentley Road - these forms are at The Haywain bar so please add your name to the list and hopefully Highways will look at this again

when they see the weight of local support. The Council, in partnership with the Amenities Group and The Haywain are supporting the nationwide Fish and Chip supper, on Friday 16th May, on behalf of the Spinal Injuries Association. Please see the Haywain's website for details of this if you would like to have great fish and chips and donate profits to this worthy cause.

The next meeting of the Council on the 15th May will include the Parish Assembly so if anyone from the Village would like to come along and take part or report on something then please let the Council know and we will add it to the Agenda.

Acting Clerk, Lt Bromley PC



Letter received by
Great Bromley Parish

Clerk from **Ann Offord**, Group Library
Manager

Mobile Library Service to Bromley Cross/Cross Inn, Great Bromley

Further to our recent review of the mobile library service in Essex, which came into effect on the 4th July 2013, we are now proposing some amendments to the routes and timetables in light of our experience so far and the feedback from yourselves and other local stakeholders. As you will appreciate, usage of the mobile library service does fluctuate and I need to make sure that our current stopping pattern reflects demand in communities across Essex.

The Bromley Cross/Cross Inn, Great Bromley stop (currently week 2 Wednesdays at 11.35-11.50) will cease

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

from the 30th June 2014. Please note that in the unfortunate circumstance where a stop has had to be discontinued due to low usage, it is despite our promotional activity over the past three months, in accordance with our published service criteria. A stop can be restored or replaced if circumstances change, as part of our annual route reviews.

If you have any comments to make on these proposals or on our mobile library services generally, please contact me by Friday, 12th April 2014. We would like to publish the revised timetables towards the end of May 2014, and will of course send you a complete set of these at this time. The new timetables will be implemented on the 1st July 2014.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the library service.



PC Nicholls with his mini-van
Photo courtesy of Fred Nicholls

THE VILLAGE BOBBY

Mr & Mrs West bought a plot of land off Jock Pirie to build their retirement home, "Fryerning", between the Cheshire Home and Church. Ten years later Mr & Mrs Nicholls moved into the new Ransom Court upon his retirement, where they too stayed very involved in village life. Nick and Stan were both stalwarts of the pantomime and were to be seen attending most village events. Fred himself joined the Essex police. One day when Fred was stationed in Clacton, he was talking to his father on the phone and described a stolen lorry full of tyres, and was surprised when Nick said "I think I may know where that is!" - and indeed he did, he'd happened to spot it in Little Bentley when out on his rounds, so arrests were made!

When the Essex Constabulary was first formed in 1840 the entire Tendring Division (based on the Tendring Hundred) was policed by a Superintendent and five Constables. Three of these were based with the Superintendent at Thorpe and the other two at St Osyth. There has been a local policeman stationed in Great Bromley since 1851. The names of the officers known to be serving here up to 1984 are:

Thomas Layzell (started 1851, collar number #138); Albert Say (1880 #42); Charles Barham (sometime between 1882-1912, #104); Henry Smith (1888 #207); Walter Digby (1895 #7); John Robinson (1898 #376); Thomas Hammond (1901 #187); Willie Gurton (1907 #308); Frank Tredgett (1921 #252); Reginald Cobbold (1929 #378); Norman Postans (1934 #278); Arthur Cole (1936 #327); Charles "Stirrer" Storrar (1949 #326); Stanley West (1950 #670); Gerald "Nick" Nicholls (1959 #827); Don Woolnough (1977).

The police house in Back Lane was built in 1960 when Stan West was here. Up to that time the village constable lived in a local house either rented by the constabulary or they had a rent allowance. In the West's case they were in the newer Council Houses on Hare Green. They only stayed about a year in the police house before Stan moved to Colchester on promotion to sergeant. Mr & Mrs West continued their strong connection to the village, including attending Church here and being involved in village activities.

Gerald "Nick" Nicholls was the next to be stationed here. Although Jennifer West now lived in Colchester she regularly attended Bromley functions, including the cricket club where she met Nick's son Fred, a bowler. So that was how two children of successive village bobbies came to get married!

In those days police pay was not great but supplemented by allowances. They were given uniform (made at Bernards in Harwich) which even in the 1960s included shirts with separate collars and studs! The winter great coats were incredibly heavy so capes were preferred. The only equipment needed back then was a torch, whistle, truncheon, handcuffs and pocket book. They had bicycles which they owned themselves, funded by a bicycle allowance. They also received a boot allowance and lamp allowance (batteries for the torch).

Before the days of carrying radio, the constable used to make a set round. They would visit the red GPO telephone boxes at "points" - if they were required for anything, they answered the telephone call at the specified time on the round. They also had to regularly meet up with their Sergeant or Inspector who would examine the pocket book and check all was in order.

Nick started with a bicycle then he used a Velocette Noddy Bike* and later a Mini-van, pictured here. He covered quite a wide area over three villages so motorisation saved both the legs and time!

With sincere thanks to Mick Barry at the Essex Police Museum and Fred & Jenny Nicholls. As usual, any memories or additional information gratefully received!
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* A Noddy Bike was the highly reliable Velocette LE ("Little Engine") MkII 200cc motorcycle, the first widely used by British Police. Police Officers on foot patrol were required to salute sergeants and inspectors, but this became dangerous when riding a motorcycle, so a smart nod was allowed to show respect - hence "Noddy Bikes". However some believe the term has a connection with Enid Blyton's Noddy who had frequent run-ins with Mr. Plod, the Policeman!

MUM'S THE WORD AT MESSY CHURCH

On Saturday 22nd March at 10am at Great Bromley Village Hall, we held our Mum's the Word morning. We welcomed everyone with drinks and biscuits before settling down for our talk. It was good to see some new faces among our regular children.

We spoke about all the people who care for us, especially our mums. We thought about what made them special and mentioned some of the mums in the bible. We tried to think about what we might do that would make the people who care for us happy or sad. We then looked at the crafts that we would be making.

As children went from table to table, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Helpers and parents watched and sometimes helped to create bookmarks, badges, do colourings and fill

in flowers. The children also made promises to be carried out for their special adult.

Around 20 children then gathered with their parents to talk about their flowers and promises. They then took part in action prayers and did some lovely singing. Returning to the hall, they all played some action games before sitting down to share a light lunch.

We would like to thank all those who came and joined in the fun.

And to all our helpers who are so important, thank you!

Look out for our next Messy Church called "Earth, Wind and Fire" on Friday 30th May at Arleigh Village Hall.

Carol Cordwell

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A Turkish Shirley Valentine

Jenny's tale of rural life in Turkey was full of humour and packed with unusual and surprising stories of a country so different from our own. Embarking on her new life at the age of 50, meeting the man of her dreams, Jenny's talk traced her arrival in Turkey in 1994 through to the present day.

The title of Jenny Gibb's talk was entitled "A Turkish Shirley Valentine". Great Bromley W.I were in for a treat, transported to another place and culture just for the evening. Wearing the traditional costume of the women in her village Jenny began her story recounting the experiences of a cruise on a sailing boat in the Aegean Sea. It was during this cruise that Jenny made a life changing decision to relocate to Turkey.

Jenny with her new man, Mustafa, lives during winter in Turkey and the summer

here in the U.K.

This year she has been booked for 80 talks around East Anglia and beyond.

Jenny complimented her talk by selling a huge variety of beautiful silk and cotton pashminas and tablecloths many of them manufactured and woven in her local area in Turkey.

A truly memorable evening and we hope she will visit us again.



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES



The sun's out and the grass is growing, Spring is definitely

here. Things are a bit quieter at the Hall as far as events are concerned. We had quite a flurry of events at the beginning of the year but now it's running a bit slower. The great event that I have really been looking forward to is delayed again I am afraid - that's the Murder Mystery Night. The Whist Drive is off completely due to a lack of interest. It's not all bad, however, as we are still looking at Film Nights, we are thinking of a Barn Dance with a caller during the summer and another Quiz Night in October.

A quick up-date on money raised or received since our last entry in the Messenger. The Charles Dickens night raised £486 and the great Quiz Night raised £412. The Hall applied for, and received, a £500 grant towards the heating cost from the Parish Council.

We passed our Fire Testing as carried out by our local Fire Brigade in February. The local elections are coming up in May and the election booths will be in the Millennium Room this time as the main hall is booked for a wedding. Entry will be via the side door rather than the usual front door.

If anybody has any spare flowers we are looking to replant some small gardens around the Hall. Perennials preferred.

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.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall. Let's use it, not lose it!

Next meeting Tuesday May 13th is a **triple** meeting including the AGM at the earlier time of **7:00pm**. As always all welcome.

David Beech



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2014 EVENTS

MAY

- 7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 10 Plant & Garage Sale, Ilex Farm, 10.00am
 'A Bit of Me Time' Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00am
 11 Mega Messy Church, Venture Centre, 3.00pm
 13 Village Hall Trustees meeting AGM, Village Hall, 7pm
 14 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, PC AGM, Village Hall, **7.00pm**
 15 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting & Parish Assembly, The Haywain, 7.30pm
 16 Let Food Be Your Medicine, Talk, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7pm
 Fish & Chip Supper, the Haywain
 17 St Helena Hospice Summer Fete, 11.am
 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Charity Quiz Night, Haywain, 7.30pm
 24 Car Boot Sale, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 8am
 Tea & Music, St Mary's church, Lt Bromley, 3.30pm
 30 Earth, Wind & Fire at Messy Church, Ardleigh Village Hall, 10am

JUNE

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 7 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Bingo Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm
 Mind, Body & Spirit, Village Hall
 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 19 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
 21 Midsummer Tea Party, St Mary's church, Lt Bromley, 3.00pm
 27 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Ladies Pamper Night, Little Bromley

Little Bromley Amenities Group

Quiz Night 17th May
 at the Haywain, Little Bromley
 commencing at 7:30pm



Teams of 4. £5 pp including buffet

Tel: 01206 390004 to book a table
 Proceeds to Wildlives Rescue
 Centre, Frating



Another **Big Breakfast**

will take place on
 Sunday May 18th
 from 9am-11.30 am
 at the Village Hall.

Tickets for a full English Breakfast are
 £7.50 a head. If you would like to attend, it
 would be helpful if you could phone Kate
 on 07592735600 so we have an idea of
 numbers, but if you decide to come at the
 last minute, do just turn up.

Suggested Donation of
 £1.00 per child
 (Accompanying adults free)

Find out about



**Earth,
 Wind**



And Fire



At
Messy Church

Come and have some family time,
 some messy fun and a light lunch

on
Friday 30th May
 10.00am – 12.30pm,
At Ardleigh Village Hall.



All Welcome!

For more information please contact:

Carol Cordwell: 01206 395103

United Benefice of Ardleigh and the Bromley's

"A bit of me time" Coffee Morning

Great Bromley Village Hall
10th May from 10am to 2pm

All profits to help Becky and Jodie to join in an educational trip to South Africa: to observe and take part in animal conservation in April 2015. They need to fund raise 80% of the cost to go. Please support young people in the village.

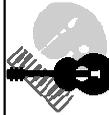


Refreshments and various stalls

Please come along for a relaxed social morning. Some "me" time!

The Friends of St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley

Would like to invite everybody to an afternoon of **TEA and MUSIC** on **Saturday 24th May**
Enjoy Tea and Music at 3pm
Followed by a History talk and brief AGM at 3.30pm
Then have more tea and music at 4pm.



Also look out for details of our **MIDSUMMER TEA PARTY** on **SATURDAY 21ST JUNE AT 3pm.**
The postcode is **CO11 2PP**

Plant and Garage Sale

at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh
on Saturday 10 May
10 am - 1 pm.

Proceeds to Cancer Research and St Michael's Church, Thorpe-le-Soken.



Donations of plants or anything for the garage sale apart from books, clothes and small bric-a-brac would be greatly appreciated on or before Friday 9 May.

Tel: 01206 230679.

SEVEN RIVERS
CHESHIRE HOME
Hall Road,
Great Bromley

CAR BOOT SALE



Saturday 24th May

**Opens 8am
£10 per car**

Refreshments Available.

Please contact Pauline Melton
on 01206 230345
to book your pitch
or just come on the day.



Registered Charity No. 218186



Make the batter matter
Hold a Great British Fish and Chip Supper to help raise money to support our outreach services.
At The Haywain
Lt Bromley - Friday 16 May
£9.95 pp - profit to SIA

You Are What You Eat

Eating good quality, local food will help you build a strong immune system to fight off disease

LET FOOD BE YOUR MEDICINE ...

The importance of Diet and Nutrition for good health

A talk given by Suzanne Abbott
Friday 16th May

at Great Bromley Village Hall
7.00pm prompt - 9.00pm

FREE ADMISSION

For further details contact Suzanne on
07944 674978

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

What a difference a year makes. Last year, we were experiencing the coldest wettest spring for years, and this year- it's gorgeous. The garden looks stunning with daffodils, primroses, hyacinths, fruit tree blossom and magnolias flowering their socks off.

The only downside is that it is very tempting to put out tender plants, but it really is much too soon. Like many others, I am sure, my greenhouse is bursting with seedlings, and I have even had to put my tomatoes in their growbags in the greenhouse as they were getting so big. Looking at what I wrote last year, I was bemoaning the fact that my seeds in the propagator were barely growing, this year I am inundated with chillies and aubergines!

I was weeding and generally clearing up in the garden today when I had an unexpected windfall. There, in my shady garden, underneath some daffodils were 22 guinea fowl eggs! The birds belong to my neighbour, and they frequently come into my garden, but this is the first time they have left a gift. The hen was not sitting on the eggs, so the bird's owner said I could keep them. I tried the water test, and they seem to be alright, so we will be having eggs for breakfast.

The birds are all very active at the moment, including my robin who sticks very close whenever I start weeding. Having a springer spaniel who moults constantly, there is always plenty of dog hair about, and the birds all seem to line their nests with it,- certainly when we clean the boxes out, there is always a nice soft mattress. My husband was given a camera nest box for Christmas, so we have been watching a Blue Tit build a nest.

By the middle of May, it should be suitable to plant out tender annuals, but personally I always have some horticultural fleece handy to throw over them if late frosts are forecast.

Greenhouses need to be opened in the daytime, and if hot and sunny, shading should be applied to the glass. It may also be appropriate to dampen them down. Tender plants can come outside during the day, but will need to be hardened off, and a cold frame, if available, is invaluable.

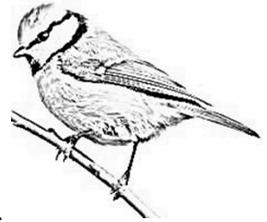
Dare I say, you may need to water tubs and newly planted plants; certainly, most tubs will need regular watering even if it does rain. I try and remember to incorporate water retaining gel into the compost when preparing the tubs and it really seemed to help last year.

Squashes, pumpkins and courgettes can be planted under cover ready to go out at the end of the month. Many plants will be growing strongly by now, so some sort of support may improve the look of your borders. Every year I forget to put in supports, and then have the tricky task of putting them in without knocking over other plants in the border.

The local nurseries have lots of wonderful bedding plants available now, but don't forget the plant sale at Ilex farm on May 10th at 10am. There will be, as usual, lots of lovely plants for sale, very reasonable prices, with the added bonus that they are all grown locally, so should do well in your garden.

Happy Gardening!

Kate Strowbridge



Bruce Root- Local Birding Trips for 2014

Date	Venue	Target Bird (s)	Distance to travel from Colchester:
Sat 24 th May	Cavenham Suffolk	Stone Curlew, Tree Pipit, Stonechat, Grey Wagtail	49.7 miles
Tue 27 th May	Hollesey Common Suffolk	NightJars'	33.7 miles
Sat 7 th June	Lakenheath Fen	Target Birds, Golden Oriole & birds of interest	46.8 miles
Sat 5 th July	Old Hall Marshes	Birds of interest	11.5 miles
Sat 11 th October	Holland Haven Country Park	Birds of interest	17.3 miles
Sat 9 th Nov	Minsmere , Suffolk	Birds of interest	49.9 miles RSPB non-members £5
Sat 8 th Dec	Lynford Arboretum Thetford	Hawfinch & Birds of interest	50.5 miles

For more information contact:

Bruce - 07527040401 brucethebirdman@mail.com

Pat - 01206 852612 patthenurse@hotmail.com



Seven Rivers

Residential Care Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley

Grand Summer Fete

**Sunday 13th July
from 1pm**



***There's fun and games at the Fete
Just be sure that you are there!***

Registered Charity No. 218186

Little Bromley Amenities Group
Bingo Night 7th June at 7.30pm

Ladies Pamper Night

27th June
7.00pm-9.00pm

The evening will start with a 20 min talk from a consultant from Colour Me Beautiful on useful advice for all age group, lifestyles and style requirements. You will take away valuable information on how to make the best of your assets!

You will be able to book a 10 min personal consultation (places will be limited) following the talk. We will also have a manicurist from Divine Beauty in Manningtree in attendance. Further details will be published in the June Messenger.



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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

Cluster Music Festival

On Tuesday 25th of March, our school hosted the Cluster Music Festival where nine other schools joined us and we performed together and to each other.



Year 4 children

greeted each school and acted as their host for the morning. When coats and snacks had been deposited in the classroom, we gathered in the hall and welcomed each other. We sang together songs that all the schools had learnt, including 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' to mark the centenary of World War One. Then each school performed a song they had prepared for the festival - there was a wide selection and a variety of styles. At break, we handed around drinks and biscuits to the children and played with them in the playground. It was a wonderful morning, many thanks to Mrs Bridle for organising the festival.

Class 3

Class 4's Trip to the Science Museum

On Wednesday 19th March, Class 4 participated in an extraordinary trip to the Science Museum in London. We left school at 8.15 am. We all knew this would be a trip to remember. Once we were in London we saw some fascinating things such as: Big Ben, Gherkin (not a vegetable) and many more amazing sights. Then we got inside the Science Museum. It was amazing especially the Space area which had many facts and instruments to look at and touch. Then we found out we were going to a show called the Glorious



Blood Show. The host of the show was exceedingly funny. He told us about platelets, white and red blood cells and plasma. Then the host asked if we thought our teacher was an alien and we said Mrs Bishop was one. After that, we went to the Launch Pad. There we did many amazing experiments including listening to music through your teeth and computer programming. We were all having so much fun when Mrs Bishop broke the news that we had to go, we responded - NOOO! On



the coach we were talking about what happened and before we knew it we were back at school. It was 5.30 pm. What an amazing day.

Charles Godsell



Mind Body and Spirit
at the Village Hall, Great
Bromley
June 7th

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Great Bentley Surgery

Spring had finally sprung! However with spring comes the time of year which many dread, including me. The runny noses, watery eyes and tickly cough may all start to become problematic for sufferers of hayfever at this time of year. If you are a sufferer like me, you might want to ensure that you have enough antihistamines in your cupboard and start taking them before the condition takes hold. Fortunately we can get these very cheaply these days by avoiding the brand names and buying generic versions instead. The ingredients are exactly the same as the famous brands and are just as effective, just much, much cheaper. So don't waste your money on the big brands, just ask for the generic version at your pharmacy. I bought 3 months worth online including delivery for under a fiver! I do love a bargain.

On a completely different subject, if you sometimes use Clacton Hospital to have a blood sample taken, this service will no longer be available from 21st May 2014. With many services going out to tender and being won by private companies I'm glad to say that in this case it was different. A new company owned by 41 GP practices in this area won this particular contract, so blood samples can continue to be done in our own surgery as well as many more around the local area. This is extremely good news for patients who want to keep services local and will give you more choice.

Our staff are excellent charity fundraisers and receptionist Debbie Brumpton is no exception. She will be taking part in the "Moonwalk" on 10th May for breast cancer. If you would like to support her and make a donation, please visit <http://goo.gl/QZIR7B> where you can contribute securely. This is a shortened Google link which takes you to the charity's full web page.

Lastly, this month's Patient Participation Group meeting will be at 6.30pm on

Thursday 15th May at the village hall – I hope to see you there!

Richard P Miller – Practice Manager



It is 15 years since this Practice became a training practice and around seven years since I became the lead for training. I am pleased to announce that Dr Chumbley is currently

finishing her Post Graduate Certificate in medical education and will shortly be joining me in training future GPs.

We feel trainee GPs bring a lot to the Practice with youthful enthusiasm and challenging attitude towards us. They keep us on our toes and drive the Practice forward and I hope patients enjoy seeing them. We particularly enjoy seeing how they progress through the time they spend with us until they finish their exams and are allowed to practice as independent general practitioners.

GP training has changed since I was young. Training now involves six years at medical school, two years in hospital and then three years on a GP vocational training scheme. This involves 18 months in the hospital doing various jobs and 18 months in general practice. This also involves numerous exams looking at knowledge, but also communication skills. The training is shortly going to be extended to four years. Recently we have also linked up with St Bart's Medical School and are now having two medical students joining us for a week four times yearly. We will be asking some patients to act as guinea pigs to have questions asked and to be examined by the students.

We feel this is another exciting development in the Practice and look forward to this continuing.

Dr O'Reilly – GP Partner



Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR
Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

OUTSTANDING OFSTED INSPECTED

Towards the end of last term the children enjoyed more outdoor play as the weather improved. They had an Easter egg hunt around the gardens and it was lovely to see the older children helping our younger ones find the eggs. They also had fun making some lovely Easter cards, baskets, chocolate nests and thank you to Amanda for visiting preschool and telling us the story of Easter.

On the last day of term St Georges school held their annual Easter Fayre, thank you to everyone that helped with our table there.

Once again we have been busy during the break and would like to thank parents, staff and friends for maintenance and cleaning work carried out over the Easter holiday. We are in the process of creating a sensory garden at preschool and would like to say a very big thank you to 'Thorogoods Timber Merchants' of Ardleigh who have kindly donated a quantity of 'green oak'. This will be used to make some raised flower beds and children's seating. Another big thank you goes to 'Silverton Garden and Landscape Centre' at Clacton for donating two tons of topsoil to fill the raised beds. Your generosity is much appreciated. We now look forward to the Summer term and planting up our new beds!

Party Table and Chair Hire

Having a party for Pre-School children?

We can offer 4 perfectly sized tables & 20 chairs.

Deposit only £10

Tables only £5.00 each

Chairs Only £1.00 each

Collection Only - Contact us: Tel: 07857

503103 Email:

littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

Just a reminder that we are collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers so please tell family and friends.

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 Diary

Monday 26th May Half term holiday

Monday 2nd June Preschool reopens



ESSEX POLICE

If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967466876, or 101 Ext 487603 (free phone) or email me leslie.barnes@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.

Incidents in Gt Bromley for March

Animal - Back Lane East - (Male bitten by a dog)

Suspicious Circumstances - Church Corner - (Marks in grass across lawn in rear garden)

Request Police - Harwich Road

Criminal Damage - Church Car Park - (Parked vehicle scratched)

Burglary Dwelling - Carrington Road

RTC - Ardleigh Road

PCSO Barnes 71909

Website: http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx Thorpe le Soken Police Station, Landermere Road, Thorpe le Soken, CO16 0LQ

PUBLIC INTEREST



ECDP NEW VOLUNTEERS urgently NEEDED.

ecdP, with the support of our volunteers, encourage disabled people to become less isolated and become more involved in their local communities.

Many disabled people, with volunteer support, have grown in confidence and made new friends.

Harry was socially isolated. With the support of a volunteer gradually his confidence returned and he accessed adult education, training courses and voluntary work which has led on to paid work.

Harry is now much happier and confident in all areas of his life.

We greatly appreciate all the time and skills our trained volunteers give to the scheme. We would not be able to operate without our team of dedicated and committed volunteers.

If you would like to find out more about **ecdP**, or our initial training course for new volunteers on June 12th, contact Cheryl, Laura or Cindy on 01245 392 310 or email insight@ecdP.org.uk

All travel expenses paid and lunch is provided on the training course.



St Helena Hospice
your time... your hospice
Registered Charity Number 289919

St Helena Hospice Summer Fete

St Helena Hospice will be holding its annual Summer Fete on Saturday 17th May from 11.00am – 3.00pm. The Fete will again take place in the beautiful Hospice grounds at Barncroft Close, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9JU.

The Fete will be open to all, and there will be something for everyone, including stalls selling gift items, cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, toys, cosmetics, jewellery, and much more. There will be activities for children, as well as plenty of refreshments including a BBQ, making it a fun day out for all the family.

The Fete will also feature a special Rainbow of Ribbons archway, where you can make a donation and dedicate a ribbon and a message to somebody that has brought colour into your life, which will be hung on the archway. If you



Child First Fostering Agency

Children First want to increase awareness around what fostering is about and, in addition, dispel many of the myths that surround fostering:

Telling you that you don't need to own your own home and you don't need to be married. Saying that, yes you can be gay, can be single, and can be divorced to foster.

Take the time to ask, and to find out that YOU could honestly and truly make an amazing difference to a young person's passage towards adulthood.

Did you know there are over 92,000 looked after children in the United Kingdom of whom some 67,000 children and young people live with loving foster families in every City, Borough, County and Shire? This means that somewhere NEAR YOU, someone is making a real difference to a child or young person's life.

"Take the first on a journey that will set you on a path to help a youngster back onto theirs."

We are a local fostering agency who believe that all sorts of families of different shapes and sizes are able to foster, supported by quality staff, ongoing and professional training you can make the difference.

We offer regular 'open events' at our Basildon office and if you have a community group or just want someone to talk to group of friends at home Children First will be happy to make the time to come and provide all the information you need.

Please visit our website www.cffa.co.uk, call Kim 01268 567330 or e mail kim@cffa.co.uk, we would love to hear from you.

would like to make your dedication before the day, please visit www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/rainbow14

Admission to the Fete is free, although a donation to St Helena Hospice will be requested on the gates. All proceeds of the Fete will go towards making a difference to patients and their families across the local community.

For further information on the Summer Fete, please call the Community team at the Fundraising Office, on 01206 791740 or email cvenables@sthelenahospice.org.uk

New, improved self-management scheme launched for cancer survivors

The NHS in North East Essex, in partnership with Macmillan cancer charity, is launching a pioneering new service on the 1st April to better support survivors of cancer. It has been designed with the active involvement of patients from the cancer service user-groups.

This new scheme is designed to take some of the national ideas and build a new local service to better support people to manage their own medical and wider recovery process.

The scheme is specifically for those who have survived breast or colorectal cancers and who are now judged as at lower-risk of relapse, with the intention to learn from this to potentially expand the service to survivors of certain other cancers. Higher-risk patients, such as those who have suffered from aggressive forms of the disease, will continue to need and get a different, more medically intensive follow-up programme.

Many people, once their treatment is successfully concluded for these cancers, can find themselves without effective follow-up support. There are about 200 new lower-risk patients each year in NE Essex for each of these cancers. Under the new scheme, they and their families will be invited to attend a workshop specific to their type of cancer, which will help them understand and prepare for problems they may face, for instance certain physical side-effects that may follow. Patients will then be discharged from routine outpatient appointments; they will be assigned a Macmillan "buddy", a trained volunteer with experience and interest in this type of cancer.

There will be a clear, rapid procedure to get

the patient back under consultant care if needed and patients will still be able to contact their clinical nurse specialist (CNS) for advice on medical problems.

Clinically proven effective follow-up medical investigations, such as regular colonoscopy and mammography will still be carried out, as at present, to ensure that any problems are found and dealt with quickly.

The volunteer buddies are initially funded and trained by Macmillan offering patients their wide experience, good information and non-medical advice. Perhaps crucially they will offer support for the patient, if needed, with re-building life routines, such as finding a job and other services. Patients will know they have continuing support and quick, easy access to further help as needed. Each patient will get the support they need as an individual, rather than the current system of routine out-patient appointments at hospital for everyone.

A lot of work has been done in the NHS nationally to understand why so many people who have been successfully treated for cancer, don't feel they get effective follow-up support. There is good evidence too that the current routine follow-up appointments are not the most effective way of picking up any symptoms of recurrence of the disease, but patients do need help with any side-effects of treatment and sometimes with re-building their lives after treatment.

There will be an ongoing series of general cancer workshops, run and funded by Macmillan, on topics such as finance, diet and exercise and sexual health, which will be available to all cancer patients. Pilot workshops will be held and then evaluated, with the patient groups defining the feedback questionnaire which will be used.



Miniature Home Invading Armies

While ants may only be the tiniest of creatures, they can be a major pest; entering homes to seek out

sweet stuff which, once found, can attract hundreds more ants in one place.

What are the characteristics of ants?

There are more than 12,000 species of ants and they can be black, yellow, brown or red in colour. They are around 1mm upwards in length, although some of the tropical species are up to 25 mm long. Like other insects, their body is divided into three sections: the head, the chest area (otherwise known as the thorax) and the stomach, although unlike other insects they can carry up to 50 times their body-weight. There are thought to be around 1.5 million ants on the planet per human; they live in colonies, and one colony can house anything from 500 to several thousand ants.

Why are ants a problem in homes?

If you have an ant colony near you and have spilled something sweet in your kitchen, you can soon get an ant infestation in your home. If sugar is found by foraging ants, they will leave a trail of pheromones (special scents) to guide other ants in their colony to the food source. These ants will follow the path, adding yet more scent to the trail. This means very quickly you may have hundreds, or even thousands, of ants converging on the food source in your home and this can become a major problem if it is not dealt with quickly enough. Ants can climb walls, windows, doors and bins and are attracted to sweet things, such as sugary food and jam, as well as proteins, including dog food.

Why are they a problem in gardens?

Ants are more of a nuisance than a pest in gardens, as they rarely eat plants. Large colonies of ants can prevent you sitting out and enjoying your garden, while tunnels of ants in pot plants can cause the plants to wilt. They can also cause a problem on lawns as there will be earth left outside the nest entrance which can prevent your mowed lawn looking neat and tidy. In addition to this, ants

can destabilise paving slabs if they remove the sand.

When is the ant season?

Female ants usually emerge in spring to lay eggs and the larvae are fed by the queen for about four weeks until they pupate. This generally happens in April/June time and is the stage when the larva changes into its adult form. Winged ants emerge by the end of the summer and mate between August and September. They go back to the soil in the winter and the process begins again.

Ants have a fairly lengthy lifespan as queens can live up to 15 years, and worker ants can live as long as seven years. If you don't tackle the problem ants are not only a nuisance for the season, they can return year after year.

Can you tackle an ant problem yourself?

It is possible to buy over-the-counter ant control solutions, including pellets and sprays. There are also various DIY methods which involve putting adhesive on window sills, using lemon juice, cinnamon or chalk to deter ants. None of these compare with professional pest control. What is a good deterrent, however, is making sure surfaces are always thoroughly cleaned after use so that ants are not attracted to your premises.

How is an ant infestation problem tackled by the experts?

Garden ants can be treated using baits or insecticide. However, the Pharaohs Ants, which are the species that can infest food industries, need to be more thoroughly tackled or they will multiply. These yellow to light brown, almost transparent ants, nest in buildings and can spread disease, so it is essential to call in the pest control experts to eliminate the problem as soon as you spot the first signs of infestation.

There is lots more information about problem wasps on our website www.eandspestsolutions.co.uk or if you prefer to speak to a human, please feel free to contact us for further advice or assistance on 01473 328092 or 07979 301334.

By: Mandie Collinson - Essex & Suffolk Pest Solutions Ltd

CHURCH JOTTINGS

Flag Pole

The Bromleys P.C.C. are very pleased to announce the (long awaited) arrival of the new flag pole. Thank you for a very generous donation towards the



replacement of a very rotten and totally unsafe wooden flag pole. The new fibre glass pole is slightly shorter and will require very

little if any maintenance. We very much look forward to flying our new flag over the coming Easter Tide and St. George's Day. Thank you all who have supported this project.

Plaster Works – South Wall

Bakers of Danbury have begun the replacement of the plaster on the South Wall. The crumbling damp plaster was removed eighteen months ago and the wall has been in the process of drying out after years of being suffocated by totally unsuitable 50s plaster and cement.

Ian the plasterer is making a magnificent job of replacing the plaster using traditional skills and materials. Several coats of lime based and hair plaster have been applied and left to dry before a final skim.

Decorating with a lime wash will take place in the autumn. Grants have been awarded to us for this specialist work.

Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden

St. George's Churchyard

The churchyard surrounding St George's Church is a very special place and is an amenity available to all members of our village.

Maintenance of our churchyard is a very expensive business and this year the Parish Council have reduced the grant that they give us by nearly 70%.

We have always been very grateful to the Parish Council for all their help and support but this year the P.C.C. find financially they are going to struggle to find the money required to employ a contractor.

We have to make some very heart searching decisions, fortunately the first cut has been made by the Community Pay Back team and we are very grateful to District Councillor Fred Nicholls arranging this.

Some of you are very generous and annually donate money towards the upkeep of the churchyard, it would be brilliant if those of you who have loved

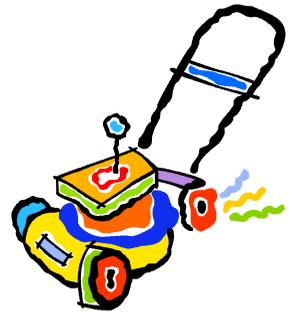
ones in the churchyard could donate an annual sum to help us with the grass cutting.

The churchyard may require 5 or 6 cuts depending on the weather and the total cost this year will be approximately £1050.

The alternative sadly is that the churchyard will become very overgrown and very difficult to manage.

Thank you for your understanding.

Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services - May

Sunday 4th

8.00am
10.30am
6.30pm

3rd Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist
Evensong

St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr

Sunday 11th

8.00am
10.30am
4.00pm

4th Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Easter Parish Eucharist
Evensong

St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 18th

8.00am
10.30am

5th Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist

St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 25th

8.00am
10.30am
3.00pm

6th Sunday of Easter

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist
Holy Baptism

Rogation Sunday

St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin

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