

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

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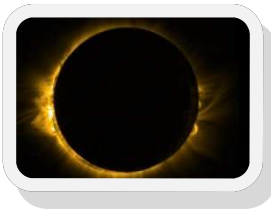
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THE FIRST PAGE

I have been gadding about recently and I write this on a train to London to see a ballet rehearsal at the ROH which is rather exciting. This following a WI day at the Charter Hall in Colchester. I have also recently been to Kew to see the orchids (Christmas present) and the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition (birthday present). Having babysat the grandchildren as well for a few days while the parents were away it is a relief to be back by my fire sitting on a chair! The Murder Mystery Night at the village hall was excellent. We enjoyed during the evening a very good meal and lovely company whilst solving why two people had been murdered. However, we trundled home to our beds at the end of the evening safe in the knowledge that the murderer had been caught by the detective brought in and an eagle eyed lady amongst us.

What a damp squib the eclipse was! Unlike the last eclipse in 1999 the one on Friday was un-seeable round here thanks to the cloud with not a hint of the sun. I don't think I shall be around to see the next UK total eclipse due in 2090. I just hope



the sky is clear on that occasion for my grandchildren to see it as they did this time in the Midlands.

Despite the chilly weather, Spring is coming and this issue should be with you the weekend the clocks change to Summer Time. An hour less in bed! The daffodils are out, the woodpecker is drumming and the pheasants are showing off but, unlike Kate, I have yet to hear the cuckoo. The 'plants not in the right places' in my garden are growing as is the grass but I am hoping to find plants at the Plant Sale in the village hall to replace the ones I have lost under the - now cleared away - brambles. I doubt my garden will be on show in June over the weekend of the Flower Festival but I am thinking about what my scarecrow will look like.

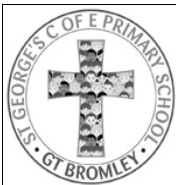
However, first things first and there is Easter to look forward to with Easter egg hunts etc. And keep your eyes open to see the newborn lambs cavorting.

Happy Easter.

Leonie

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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

Cluster Enrichment Quiz

One child from Years 3—6 were selected to take part in a quiz with other schools in the Tendring Cluster. Sonny said: 'We were a little nervous at first as we did not know what to expect. However, after a few questions we soon calmed down. The questions were based on general knowledge and on subjects at school. We had a 'discussion' on what country Frozen was filmed in and finally suggested an answer and we all got it wrong! We were not told the scores as the quiz went along but we thought that we were doing well and that we might come in the top three. We were surprised and jumped for joy when we found out that we had won by 3½ points!'



Book Week

We asked the parents to send in some photos showing their children reading in the most unusual places during the half term holiday. 52 children sent in their photographs and we had a wonderful display in the hall. Photos are available to view on the school website. Children also

enjoyed matching photographs of staff as children to their favourite books.



Mother's Day Lunch

Our annual Mother's Day Lunch is a special time when children are able to spend time with their mummies whilst having a delicious school meal. 72 mums joined their children last week. Very few schools are able to offer this lovely opportunity and we are so thankful for a very supportive staff who work extremely hard to make this happen.



ASSISTING THE BELGIAN REFUGEES OF 1914

Every war involves some incidental destruction of houses, or even of villages, but no European war since the 17th Century has involved the flight of entire populations. The Belgians began to come into Folkestone in the latter days of August 1914, and then to pour in through the autumn and winter. There were wealthy families and many professional men, but the multitude from the working class. Most fled in haste, reaching Folkestone, Tilbury or Hull in every kind of ship, leaving behind a homeland submerged and destroyed by a brutal invasion.

It was the magnitude of this migration which put the goodwill and organisation of English hospitality to the severest test. The first comers were mainly those who paid their own way, then the destitute began to arrive. In one day as many as 11,000 Belgians reached Folkestone harbour. By June 1915 the number of fugitives was 265,000.

Registration was made compulsory for all Belgians; this supplied statistics for use by the Local Government Board to assist in finding employment for the refugees. Also the Belgian Government could enforce military service on the unmarried men between 18-25 years and assist refugees searching for missing friends or relatives.

The first public appeal from the War Refugees Committee appeared in the newspapers of August 24 asking for hospitality, for money, for clothes, food and personal service.

Edited from The Times History of the War Chapter LXXVIII

Great Bromley Parish Council meeting minutes of 19 October 1914 (*Rev J W Wardle chairman*)

A notice from the Tendring War Distress Committee in reference to the Belgium Refugees was received requesting some provision in the parish for one or two families who are homeless and destitute. It was brought before a public meeting when Mr Doe offered the use of a cottage for any Belgium refugees who may come to the village.

Mr G. H. Jaggard be appointed Hon Sec (carried), Mr T. Doe be appointed Hon Treasurer (carried).

The following ladies and gentlemen be appointed a committee for the purpose of carrying out the necessary arrangements: All members of the parish council, Mrs Wardle, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Wenden, Mrs Hayward and Mrs Doe together with Rev Wardle, Mr Hirst, Mr Stephenson, Mr Fatham and Mr Gillingwater.

It was proposed by Mr J Ware and seconded by Mr W Taylor that every working family be asked to contribute at least one penny per week if a family of refugees should be taken into the parish. In the case of a family not being allowed to be taken into the parish, subscriptions should be collected throughout the parish and forwarded to the central fund for the Belgium Refugees.

By February 1915 the amount collected in the parish for the above fund was £16-13s-10d which was forwarded to the treasurer of the Belgium Refugee fund.

Gill Thomas



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Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL

Telephone: 01206 231073

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Please ask for details at the counter.

KITCHEN CORNER



One of the pleasures of Spring is new pink rhubarb! There are many ways to use it, but you might like to try this recipe I came across recently

Rhubarb Posset

A lightly set dessert

Makes 6 pots.
500g trimmed rhubarb
3 tbs caster sugar
200ml water.

Slice the rhubarb into pieces about 3-4cm. Place in a single layer in a shallow pan and sprinkle with sugar and add the water.

Bring to the boil, lower the heat and cook gently about 10 minutes till tender Watch as it may not need so long!

Take off the heat and reserve 6 pieces for decoration, then drain the cooking juices into a jug or bowl. It should be pink and

syrupey.
If not then reduce a little.
You will need 125ml.

For the posset:
200g caster sugar
650ml double cream
juice of half a lemon
125ml cooking juice.

Pour cream into a pan, add the sugar then bring to the boil. Immediately lower the heat and simmer 3 minutes stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice and 125 ml of the reserved juice.

Pour into 6 small pots or glasses and refrigerate for 4 hours To serve place a piece of the rhubarb on each and a small amount of the reserved syrup.

Jill Frostick



St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice
Registered Charity Number 280919

ST HELENA HOSPICE

St Helena Hospice Midnight Walk: Make like a princess

Once upon a time hundreds of wannabe princesses, dressed in trainers and tiaras, gathered together to walk through the night in aid of their favourite local charity...

Places are still available for the much anticipated female-only St Helena Hospice Midnight Walk, and the entry fee is just £15. Now in its seventh year, the sponsored event will take place as usual on 23rd May, and encourages ladies to take up the dress code of trainers and tiaras to walk approximately seven miles starting and finishing at Colchester United's Weston Homes stadium.

Marking the hospice's 30th anniversary, Midnight Walk 2015 is bigger and better than ever with some significant changes

following a survey of participants in 2014. Many mothers

walking in aid of the charity wanted to involve their daughters, so the minimum age has been reduced to 11 years (from 14 years) and the new start time of 10.30pm makes it more manageable for younger people as well as allowing those ladies that wish to carry on their night out to do so! Registration can be made online at www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/midnightwalk15 or by phoning the St Helena Hospice Fundraising Office on 01206 931468. Registration forms will be available at any hospice shop or on site in Colchester and Clacton. Final registration closes at noon on Friday 22nd May or when 1,000 walkers have registered, whichever comes first.



St Helena Hospice
Midnight Walk
2015



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

WATCH THE BIRDY!

Great Bromley's very own 15-year-old county cricketer, Jessica Bird, made a stunning start to a Middle East tournament representing the Essex Ladies Under 19 team.

As previously reported in the Bromley Messenger, Jessica was selected to play for the Essex U19s ladies' team in the ARCH Trophy tournament in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) capital of

days later, Essex romped home to victory over the UAE national side by eight wickets. After bowling out UAE for 149 in 33.2 overs, Essex raced to 150-2 off 29 overs. Jessica again featured at number four with an unbeaten knock of 12.

Back to the Zayed Stadium on February 19 and Essex lost to the powerful Loughborough University side, containing several England squad players.

Loughborough rattled up 192-6 off their 40 overs before dismissing Essex for 84. Jessica top-scored for Essex with 17, including a mighty six, which was the only one of the tournament!

Essex then won the third place play-off on February 21 with a resounding 120-run win over the UAE at the Zayed Stadium.

Jessica has been selected this season for the Essex Ladies U17 Team with further success for the Bromley Cricket Club as Beth Dodd has been selected for the Essex Ladies U15 Team. Both are a credit to the club and testament to the time and energy put in by all the coaches and volunteers at our relatively small cricket club, which continues to produce big hitters.

Paul Bird

100 Club Winners

for February

- 1st. Mrs. Vicky Griffiths
- 2nd. Mrs. Pam Wright
- 3rd. Mr. Mark Lamb (Snr.)

Lynda Allam



Abu Dhabi.

Middle-order batsman and leg spinner Jessica was promoted to number four in the order for the tournament opener against Wales at the Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi on February 15.

She responded with an unbeaten knock of 58 to top score in the match, but Essex were edged out by just one run off the very last ball. Chasing a Wales' total of 159, Essex reached 158 at the end of their 40 overs.

Switching to the Sharjah Stadium two

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



BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS- PLACES AVAILABLE

Tel: 07857 503103

Both the breakfast and after school clubs are doing well and growing in numbers- there are still places available, if you require further information please call the number above or pop in to see us.

Fundraising

LADIES PAMPER AND SHOPPING EVENING

Friday 15th May Great Bromley Village Hall
Entry by ticket: £3.00 in advance or £3.50 on the night

Treatments can be pre-booked

Raffle on the night

Call Debbie or Michelle for more info

07920 772082/ 07572 614451

We hope you can join us.

During the half term holiday our new conservatory was fitted with a carpet and our old carpet in the main play area was replaced with new vinyl flooring. With the additional space we were able to re-organise the play area; we think it looks great and have had some very positive feedback from children and parents alike. The children love their new area and have named it 'window world'. Visit our website for the latest photos.

This would not be possible without all the hard work and support that goes into our fundraising events so once again thank you.

We would also like to say a big thank you to 'Esposito McLean Architectural Consultants' for donating £125.00. It is much appreciated.

To celebrate 'World Book Day' on the 5th March, staff and children dressed up as characters from their favourite books and enjoyed lots of book related activities.

Mums and Dads were invited to join our sessions and take part in some of the activities for 'Mum's Week' and 'Dad's Week' in March. We hope they enjoyed their time with us, the children and staff certainly enjoyed having them.

Fundraising

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Vouchers, so please tell friends and family and help us to collect.

We have also registered with Terracycle and we are currently collecting biscuit wrappers and plastic bottle trigger heads and caps from washing up bottles.

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.

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Having a party for Pre-School children?

We can offer 4 perfectly sized tables & 20 chairs.

Deposit only £10 Tables only £5.00 each

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Collection Only - Contact us: Tel: 07857

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Dates for Diary:

Monday 13th April - Start of Summer Term

May Day Bank Holiday - Mon 4th May

May Half Term

- Finish Thurs 21st May

- Return Mon 1st June

Summer Break - Finish Wed 22nd July

NEWS FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No 2

In my last jottings I mentioned that I would update you on the Local Plan. Unfortunately I am not able to do this as discussion on the Local Plan has been put off until after the May elections. All I can say is discussions between officers in relation to allocation of land on the Colchester fringe will continue. The Leader of the council has issued an open letter to all councillors and the press stating there has been a lot of scaremongering concerning the district having to have over 12,000 houses in the new Local Plan. He reminded everybody that TDC has to be seen to provide land for 12,000 houses for the next 16 years. This does not mean they will all be built, if a developer/builder is unable to sell what they build it is obvious they will not build. The current rate of building new homes is about 400 a year.

The question of street lights on or off has been subject of many comments. By the time you read this a decision should have been made at full council on 24th March. All residents have had the opportunity of airing their views as have the parish councils.

At the planning committee meeting on 3rd March, there were three applications to build new homes in Elmstead Market. Two applications were for 20 houses and one application for 40 houses. Rosemary & I agreed that 80 houses for Elmstead Market are too many. One of the applications had agreed to provide for a controlled crossing on Colchester Road. Essex County Council Highways would not agree and insisted that a refuge crossing is the only crossing suitable. I was successful in getting the planning committee to agree that although the development was given approval,



planning officers would make arrangements for a meeting to be held with Rosemary, myself, Carlo (our County Councillor), Elmstead Parish councillors and officers from ECC Highways to discuss further the controlled crossing. Our member of parliament, Bernard Jenkin, has also offered to attend the meeting. One of the other applications located off Church Road was also approved but discussions are to be ongoing with a view to having a mini roundabout on Clacton Road at the junction with Church Road. The developer at this site has agreed to provide a new community centre, open space, allotments and a footpath along Church Road to the agreed location. The third application was to build 50 houses on the Charity Field off School Road. This was deferred for further discussions between the developer and Parish Councillors. Whilst mentioning Elmstead Market I am pleased to say that with my assistance it looks highly likely the old post office in the centre of the village is at last to have work carried out on it. It is anticipated that a planning application to demolish will be with Tendring District Council planners in the foreseeable future. I have also fully backed Elmstead Cricket Club's grant application for money to improve facilities at the club.

A Community Exhibition was held at Great Bromley Village Hall on 21st February and was a great success. A total of 24 voluntary organisations were present and were delighted to see so many people. A further exhibition is at the planning stage and could be held at Lawford. I was instrumental in obtaining some road planings to ensure the car park area at Great Bromley Village Hall was improved. I also helped Great Bromley Cricket Club obtain a further small grant to enable work on the extended pavilion to be completed.

Essex County Council officers are in the process of carrying out feasibility studies on the footpath for Tenpenny Hill in Thorrington and also for making Chapel Road "One Way". Once ECC have completed their work the results will be forwarded to the Local Highways Panel for them to make a decision. Essex County Council is the authority that deals with road flooding in this area. Rosemary and I have made representation to ECC regarding the ongoing surface water flooding in Frating and outside the Courthouse in Great Bromley.

There are a number of road signs within our ward that have been damaged, I have been present at a meeting with neighbourhood police officers and parish councillors when this problem has been discussed. There have been extra police patrols in the area and the problem appeared to stop, however

it seems that recently it has started again. Essex County Council are the responsible authority for replacing/repairing road signs.

Turning to Civic Events I have recently attended Maldon Town Council Chairman's Civic Dinner. (All Civic Dinners/Lunches are not free and Jenny and I are required to pay). It was very well attended and gives the opportunity to speak to other people from districts to see what they are doing. I have also attended a flag raising ceremony in aid of Commonwealth Day at Clacton Town Hall.

Rosemary and I continue to attend Parish Council meetings in our ward and are supportive whenever possible of our Parish Councils.

Fred Nicholls

PLANNING

Planning Decisions

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/01767/FUL - approval, full	Anthrath, Harwich Road, Gt Bromley	Storage barn for hay and straw to replace existing - 20m x 8m x 3.3m to ends 4.1m ridge height

Cllr. Nicholls confirmed that Field House had been refused, the remaining planning application was not opposed.

Planning Applications

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
15/00098/FUL	Marks Farm, Frating Road, Great Bromley, CO7 7JN	Single storey side extension to form bedroom/en suite bath & W.C. - modification of design approved under 12/00539/FUL
14/01291/FUL	Field House, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JF	Change of Use of stable building in D2 use to B8 storage use for the storage of boilers and related materials together with the erection of perimeter security fencing.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF LT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Thinking of the year ahead and beyond I feel that it is necessary for the Parish Council to have a particular focus. I would therefore welcome the views of how the people living in the village see the village changing over the next 10 or 20 years. What do villagers want from the village that is not here now? I intend to have this as an agenda item at a meeting later in the year

but would encourage residents to put forward suggestions so it would become an interesting discussion. Please speak to any of our Councillors or e mail the Clerk."

*Roly Knott, Chairman
Little Bromley Parish Council*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Parish Council has received a response from Councillor Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Infrastructure and Waste, regarding the Superfast Essex Broadband programme. It is acknowledged that Little Bromley was not included in the first phase of work. Phase 2 is currently being planned and ECC are hoping to capture as many areas as possible – investigation has confirmed that Little Bromley still requires further investment to improve broadband connectivity. At this stage there is no confirmation as to which areas will be included in phase 2 but plans are expected to be available for publication in the spring. Updates are available on the website - www.superfast.org. Residents are encouraged to complete the "Make the Connection" Survey on the website to register your demand for superfast broadband.

We receive planning applications from time to time and it is Council policy to actively consider each application. We have a strict 21 day deadline in which to respond to Tendring District Council indicating whether the Parish Council support, oppose or are neutral to the application and we may also make comments on the proposal. Because of the strict deadline, often we cannot wait until the next full Parish Council meeting and in those circumstances the Chairman

will call an extraordinary meeting with the required 3 days' notice. Details of the meetings are published on the village and pub notice boards and website and the public are invited to attend. If residents are unable to attend you can make your own comments on the TDC website. Any comments made by the Parish Council or residents to an application may be taken into account by TDC in determining the matter but they make the ultimate decision.

A National Plant Monitoring Scheme was launched at the weekend. The scheme is the first of its kind and asks for volunteers across the United Kingdom to visit a kilometre square local to them and record the plants they find there in several different plots. The scheme will enable exploration of how plants in different habitats are responding to changes in the environment. Volunteers are required to do this government backed scheme which is being delivered by a partnership comprising Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; Centre for Ecology; Joint Nature Conservation Committee and Plantlife. All volunteers registering for a square on www.npms.org.uk will receive a survey pack (survey guidance; species list; species guidebook); access to telephone and email support provided by the volunteer coordinator and access to free training courses.

A big thank you to Martin Frostick for the donation of trees which were planted on land owned by Natalie and Chris Smith at Little Bromley Hall by Volunteers from the Amenities Group overseen by the Tree Warden. Several species of trees were planted which will give pleasure for years to come as scenery across the fields.

Karen Tarling, Clerk to Little Bromley Parish Council



LITTLE BROMLEY AMENITIES GROUP

Little Bromley Amenities Group Bingo Night

It was eyes down for a full house again on **Saturday, 21st February**. The hall was full with happy faces waiting in anticipation of calling **BINGO!** A big thank you to everyone who supplied food for the wonderful buffet and raffle prizes. We raised **£220** on the night, half of which will be going towards the refurbishment of the Little Bromley Church fence. **Our next** Bingo Night is scheduled for Saturday 13th June.



Little Bromley Amenities Group Litter Pick

Our Spring Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 28th March. If you would like to join in, we will be meeting in the Village Car Park at 10am. Don't forget to bring gloves and hi-viz jackets if you have them. Refreshment will be provided at the Haywain at 12 noon for all participants.

2015 EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Little Bromley Amenities Group Easter Egg Hunt, the Haywain, 2pm
- 16 Friendship meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 25 Spring Get Together & AGM. Lt Bromley church, 3.00pm

MAY

- 9 Plant & Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 15 Ladies Pamper & Shopping Evening, Village Hall
- 16 Little Bromley Amenities Group Quiz Night, the Haywain, 7:30pm
Flute & Harpsicord concert, Lt Bentley church, 7.00pm
- 18 Little Bromley Amenities Group Meeting, at the Haywain, 7:15pm
- 24/25 Garden Open, The Hall, Tendring
- 30 Primrose Pork Open Day
Little Bentley Hall Garden Show

JUNE

- 13 Little Bromley Amenities Group Bingo Night, the Haywain, 7:30pm
- 26/27/28 Flower Festival, St George's church
- 28 Open Gardens, Great Bromley



DEDHAM TENNIS CLUB

Open Wednesdays –
Wednesday evening summer
sessions (6pm Wednesday BST
only) will now be open to non-members. A fee
of £4 is payable for **non-members**. Please do
come down and join us.

Junior & Adult Coaching sessions are now
set up. Please see our website for full
programme of events at
www.dedhamtennis.org.uk or contact our
coaches James and Matt at
coaching@dedhamtennis.org.uk for further

Music for Flute & Harpsichord

Saturday 16th May at 7pm
St Marys Church, Little Bentley CO7 8SE.

The Wollaston Consort

Julie Hamer - Flute

Peter Clayton -Harpsichord

A presentation of Baroque music for Flute and
Harpsichord, including sonatas and
popular tunes by J S Bach, Handel,
Quantz, Rameau and Pachelbel.



Refreshments will be served in the
Interval.

Tickets £5 each Available on the Door or call
01206 250622 to Book.

W I meeting - April 1st at
7.30 pm in Gt Bromley Village hall
Brilliant Speaker this month -
Pop in and join us !

**Norman Jacobs "Pie and Mash &
Pre Fabs"**

The Friends of St. Mary's Church,
Lt Bromley
would like to invite you to our
SPRING GET TOGETHER with AGM
on Saturday 25th April 2015 at 3pm
Join us for tea and cake while music plays
gently in the background,
Attend our short AGM and then listen to
our musicians as they entertain you.
Everyone welcome.



Primrose Pork **Open Day**
30th May

Watch this space!

Lt Bromley Amenities Group
Bingo Night
is scheduled for Saturday 13th June
The Haywain at 7.30pm

St George's Church

Flower Festival

26th, 27th 28th June

"Brolly Folly"



It's time to start thinking about

The Bromley's

'Scarecrow festival'

Our theme for this year will be
"BROLLY FOLLY"



How could a scarecrow have
an umbrella?

This event will coincide with
the Great Bromley Flower
Festival

at the end of June 2015

- More details next month -

Plant Sale & Table Top Sale

9th May 2015

(formerly at Ilex Farm)

Great Bromley Village Hall

10.00-1.00pm

Locally grown plants for sale
in aid of Village Hall funds.

Stock up your garden this
spring with excellent value
plants.

Also table top and car boot sale

Car pitch £5 Table (in Hall) £10

Refreshments available



Open Gardens

June 28th

A number of people have indicated their willingness to open their gardens on the afternoon of Sunday, June 28th, which is the weekend of the church Flower Festival. If anyone else is interested in taking part it's not too late to sign up. We're not looking for 'perfect' gardens so don't be put off because you're worried that yours isn't 'good enough'. We'd just like a variety of gardens - large, small, mature or still in early stages of planning and planting. A meeting will be held in April to organise the event in more detail, so if you'd like to come to this or to find out more about what's involved, please contact Kate Strowbridge (tel 230211) or Marion Bromfield (230089).

Little Dragons Playschool LADIES PAMPER & SHOPPING EVENING

Friday 15th May

Great Bromley Village Hall

Entry by ticket: £3.00 in advance or £3.50
on the night

Treatments can be pre-booked

Raffle on the night

Call Debbie or Michelle for more info

07920 772082/ 07572 614451

Little Bromley Amenities Group

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Eggs have been seen again in the
woods at the back of The Haywain!

Come and find them on Friday 3rd April
(Good Friday) 2pm at The Haywain - Cost

£2.50 per child

Starting at 2pm at The
Haywain - finishing at
4pm

Includes colouring
masks etc and
refreshments. Face

painting available on the day (small extra
charge for this

Phone 01206 390004 to book or email:

amenitiesgroup@gmail.com



RNLI & TENDRING CHURCH

The Hall, Tendring

GARDEN OPEN

Sun 24th & Mon 25th May 2pm – 5pm

Any local business wishing to have a free
stall, please contact:-

David Cosby 01255 830295
dcosby@talk21.com

David Grayston 01255 676161
dfg@talktalk.net

Also - Exhibition of Painting & Artistic
Photography with flowers in church

Artists wishing to exhibit,
please contact:- Sally 01255 830292 or
Jane 01255 861687

THANKS

A Big Thank You

I would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to making my 60th birthday bash such a great evening.

From Julie and the boys in the band, to my family who decorated the hall, but special thanks must go to Team Dinah, who put on an absolutely amazing buffet.

Thanks Jane, Jo, Lesley and Tracey

with special thank yous going to my coordinators, Dinah and Linda.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all my guests for making the event such a fun evening, and for your generosity donating to my charity fund. There should be close on £600 at the final count to be split between RNLI and MacMillan nurses.

Many thanks once again.

Bill Kempster



TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

With the weather warming up and

Easter now here we have been busy preparing BBQ meats and joints for family roasts: order yours to avoid disappointment. We have weekly promotions in the shop so make sure you pop in to see what's on, or follow us on our Facebook page to see the latest news. On 17th and 18th April we are having a two day freezer sale offering 50% off frozen products.

Every week we get a delivery of locally grown vegetables, perfect with your Sunday lunch or even your mid week meals. We also supply fresh bread and eggs every week too. Alex's butchery skills are coming on very well - he is currently learning how to butcher lambs and a forequarter of beef with the guidance of Becky and Peter.

We are now offering private kill and butchery to all those with their own livestock. Pop in and see Becky in the shop for more information about this

great service.

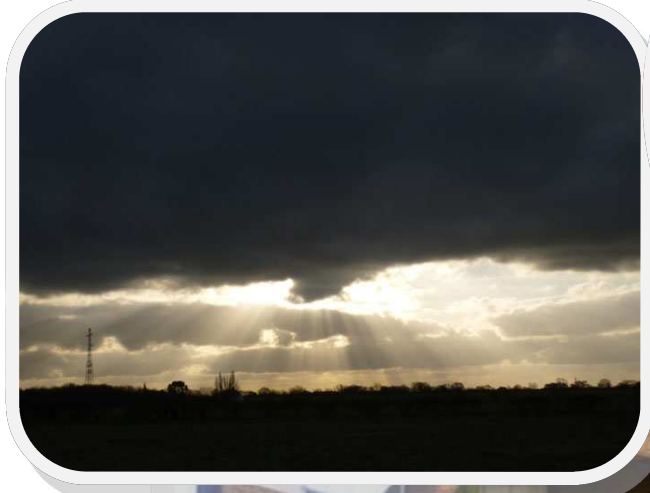
Our Open day for 2015 is **May 30th**. Save the date in your diary. We are now beginning to plan this very popular event so if there are any businesses, charities or local organisations that want to come and have a stall to sell or promote your products please contact us at the shop. We are looking to do 'make your own sausage', horse rides, meet the pigs and much more.

Excitement on the farm as the 6,000 daffodil bulbs that Robert planted, with lots of different help, last autumn have nearly flowered. For us they really are a sign of spring and positivity for what has been a very long winter.

We think a Tawny owl seen flying at dusk is nesting in the owl box in the wood .

Karen Moss

IN AND AROUND GREAT BROMLEY

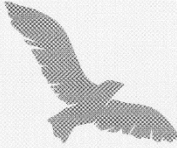




BIRD WATCHING GUIDE

BRUCE ROOT

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Bird watching guide
Powerpoint Presentation Available



THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Great Bentley Surgery

With spring just around the corner everyone except hay fever sufferers are looking forward to some nicer weather. 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. Don't waste 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. This is particularly important this year, as over the counter hayfever medication can no longer be obtained on prescription. Other things you can do to help manage your hayfever include: drying clothes indoors, keeping house and car going indoors from being outside, washing your hands, face and hair as well as changing clothes. Using petroleum jelly inside your nose is particularly helpful too as this can catch the pollen! I do all of these things.

Lastly, this month's Patient Participation Group meeting will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th April at the village hall – I hope to see you there!

Richard P Miller – Practice Manager

Domestic Abuse – A hidden problem



Clinicians working within a Doctors surgery often see victims of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is something that people often try to hide from others and it can have devastating effects upon the

general mental and physical health of individuals. Domestic abuse can affect both men and women, although men are more likely to keep the problem secretive. Domestic abuse does not always involve a

physical attack. Emotional and financial abuse can be just as devastating to a victim. A victim will often feel that they are “walking on eggshells” and can live with a constant feeling of stress and anxiety. This can be exhausting and have grave effects on their quality of life. Unfortunately perpetrators of domestic abuse often groom the victim. They may make the victim feel that the abuser is the only person that cares about them. Victims are often made to feel that they are to blame in some way for the abuse.

It is important, however, for the victim to understand that they are in no way responsible for the abuse and that there is never any excuse for it. Help can be given to perpetrators of abuse but this will only succeed if the abuser understands that this is their problem. It is not something that a victim can achieve for the abuser. When an abuser does seek help they may need to appreciate it could be too late to rectify the damage within their current relationship. However, they can be helped to ensure more successful relationships in the future. Victims of abuse can also be assisted. The situation will often result in low self-esteem and insecurity. They may also be giving out the wrong signals which (if not addressed) may make them vulnerable to being groomed again in the future. Domestic abuse is something that is rarely discussed but if reading this article has encouraged you to seek help then please speak to Tracy (nurse practitioner at Great Bentley surgery). She will be happy to assist you. If you are a victim or an abuser and you would like to get help, you can call the following helplines:

For Female victims

- Women's Aid 0808 2000 247

For Male victims

- Men's Advice Line 0808 801 0327

For Abusers

- Respect Phone line 0808 8024040

Tracy Mooney – Nurse Practitioner



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

The village hall trustees had a management meeting

on 10th March. This was their penultimate meeting before the village hall AGM which this year will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 12th May commencing at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend the AGM which reports on the past year and looks forward to the next. This is your opportunity to provide feedback in person on the facilities in our village hall and the way it is organised and managed. It is also your opportunity to volunteer to assist with the management of the village hall, either as an elected trustee, co-opted trustee or as a 'friend' of the hall. More on this in the magazine next month – but please ensure the AGM date is in your diaries now!

It is good to be able to report that usage of the village hall has increased slightly in the last year and it is reassuring to see such a wide range of organisations and individuals making bookings and enjoying the facilities that the trustees work hard to provide. The trustees are delighted that the Disabilities Trust (Hamilton Lodge) are now using rooms in the hall regularly for staff training and pleased that there are now two badminton groups hiring the main hall on a weekly basis. However, there are still plenty of periods in the week for which the facilities are available for commercial, club and private bookings. The facilities are considered to be some of the best value in the area so if you want to know more about what the hall can offer or if you wish to make a booking please contact the bookings secretary Mary Fawcett on villagehallbookings@greatbromley.org.uk or 07957962788. A tour of the facilities can be arranged on request.

Fundraising events at the village hall have continued apace with something happening on almost a monthly basis. The profit from these events is an essential boost to village hall funds but these functions provide also

some of the very few opportunities for parishioners to come together, relax, talk and have a good time. It is good also to see several of our neighbours from Little Bromley attending these events and building on the friendship between our two villages.

The Quiz Night on 10th January attracted 10 teams of keen and competitive individuals all striving to achieve the highest score. Our thanks go to Kate Strowbridge for organising this popular event which raised £310. Kate also organised the willow weaving course on 28th February which was over-subscribed, excellent fun and raised over £200. Sharp eyed passers-by will spot willow wigwams, dragonflies and other structures sprouting in various gardens in the village and with additional courses now requested more woven masterpieces are sure to appear in due course.

Tickets have sold well for the first murder mystery night to be held in the village hall for several years, with superb local catering provided by Linda Pinhey and the bar provided by the Cricket Club. Forthcoming events are summarised below, with more details appearing on village notice boards and in the Bromley Messenger as each date approaches:

Saturday 9 th May	- Table Top and Plant Sale
Saturday 11 th July	- Jazz in the Village
Autumn (date tbc)	- Craft and Collectibles Market
14 th November	- Mind, Body and Spirit Event
21 st November	- Barn Dance
12 th December	- Christmas Fayre
31 st December	- New Years Eve Ball

Donations of plants for the plant sale on 9th May would be much appreciated – please contact Kate Strowbridge on 07592735600 to arrange delivery/collection. Kate is also the person to contact to book sale tables in

the hall.

The village hall trustees look forward to welcoming you at one of their fundraising events and to providing accommodation for you whether it is for a birthday party,

reception or reunion. The village hall is a community facility run by the community for the community. We are lucky to have such a fine hall so let's make the most of it.

Martin Frostick

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

As I write, spring appears to have well and truly sprung. It's 12 degrees, sunny and a gentle south westerly wind. The flowers are out and the birds rushing around trying to bag the best nesting spots. Sadly, March has a poor record with weather, and we could have snow and gales by next week! Still, at the moment, spring appears to be here, and I for one am enjoying all the spring flowers.

I have had what I found to be a curious experience over the last couple of weeks. Two long tailed tits appear to be hell



on coming though one specific window in the house. It does not appear to be any different from any other window. They hurl themselves repeatedly at the glass (but don't appear to hurt themselves) for up to ten minutes at a stretch, then fly off and try again two or three hours later. Very odd.

I have been busy sowing seeds in the heated propagators, and have now hundreds of small plants springing up enthusiastically! Just a reminder please, when you are sowing your seeds, could you sow a few extra that you could donate to the plant sale on 9th May. The sale is in aid of Village hall funds - the hall being in need of some quite major work this year. There will also be a table top and car boot sale to run concurrently.

The garden really gets going in April, with the soil warming up nicely and many seeds can be sown direct into the soil. It may be

helpful, if the nights are still cold, to cover the soil for a few days prior to sowing with black plastic, to help the soil warm up. Vegetable seeds that can be sown include broad beans, brussel sprouts, early peas, broccoli, leeks, beetroot, radish, lettuce, spinach, parsnips, chard and carrots.

Hardy herbs such as parsley, chervil, coriander, fennel, dill and marjoram can also be sown. Frost tender vegetables can be sown in the greenhouse (cucumber, sweet corn, French and runner beans, marrows, pumpkins, squash and courgettes).

Blossom should be coming out on the fruit trees and bushes, and the magnolias and camellias looking their best. Perennials appreciate a feed with general purpose fertilizer, and any fruit trees grown in grass will perform better if the grass and weeds are removed about 30cm around the trunk and given a layer of mulch. Tempting though it is to tidy up bulbs that have finished flowering, they should be left for at least 6 weeks before cutting back. Premature removal of the leaves can result in blind bulbs the following year.

Pots for spring bedding and hanging baskets can be planted up, but left in the greenhouse - there are often late frosts in April. Talking of the greenhouse, it should be opened up during the day, but still shut at night.

If you have any time left at all - enjoy your garden.

Kate Stowbridge

P.S. I heard my first cuckoo this year on 4th March in Ardeleigh!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

For our February meeting we were very pleased to welcome Ann Gould from Age UK (Essex) our Speaker for the afternoon. Ann is the daughter-in-law of Grace who was a loyal and active member of the Club for many years. Members received much useful information on the work of Age UK and were encouraged to read the Brochures which Ann gave out. It was very comforting to know all volunteers are thoroughly checked, and anyone contacting Age UK can feel confident they will be given the best impartial advice.

The annual Grant has been applied for again. Beryl asked members to add their names to the list for the outing to Bury St Edmunds. Final numbers will be taken and the coach booked,

Our speaker for April will be Ian Dowson a representative from the Air Ambulance. The competition, a pill box.

Sylvia Ward



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Charlotte Bradley came along to keep us enthralled about her involvement with The Abberton Reservoir scheme. Christine works at the reservoir for the Essex Wildlife Trust; this she has done for seven years.



In 1949 it was established as a bird ringing station, in 1955 it became a site of scientific interest and in 1967 a bird sanctuary followed by the formation of wetlands in 1971 and more recently in 1991 a special protection area.

The reservoir is fed from the Ouze and the Stour with the original reservoir built in the 1930s and completed just before World War II. Scrapes and quiet ponds were dug in 2004 for wildfowl. The reeds have now grown and all are well used.

The area has now increased tenfold for the Wild Life Trust and they have been busy planting young trees: Oak, Maple, Hornbeam, to name a few, with plenty of

hedge row and scrub planting. It has now been made user friendly with a pond dipping site for children with the result that a large amount of wild life have taken up residence and the site is user friendly for push chairs, wheelchairs or just walking.

In 2012 they had a grand opening by Michaela Strachen with a visitor centre and large shop area. There is also a large education centre and guided walks can be arranged. Theresa May has been to visit. Amongst the wild fowl there are a lot of wild birds: Barn owls, Nightingales, Swifts, Kestrels. Skylark, Snipe. Amongst the rarer visitors they have seen an Osprey and a Peregrine Falcon.

Charlotte was so enthusiastic she made us feel that a visit should be imminent when the weather is a little warmer. The reservoir and the Essex Wildlife Trust should be applauded for their commitment to conservation and their forward thinking for serving the public.

Joy Rolfe

WILLOW WEAVING DAY - 28TH FEBRUARY

On Saturday, twelve of us gathered at the village hall to attempt to make a garden obelisk under the watchful eye of Jo Hammond, our tutor for the day.

What appeared to be impossible fairly quickly became possible under Jo's expert tuition, and all twelve of us produced an obelisk that would make our sweet peas proud!

As there was a little time at the end of the day, we also made willow dragonflies.

A delicious sandwich lunch was supplied by the Seahorse Cafe, Great Bromley, with a lovely chocolate cake for pud!

Following this successful and enjoyable day, further courses will be arranged in the autumn, both on weekdays and weekends, so keep your eyes peeled for information in the Messenger!

Kate Strowbridge



STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB



Recent Meetings

An interesting range of subjects have been covered at recent meetings including Pip Wright talking about "Old Essex Newspaper Stories", Dr Jane Pearson Talking on "The Rise & Fall of Colchester's Good Time Girls" & Roger Walker highlighting his trip on "The East Coast of America by Boat". All presentations have been much enjoyed by Members. At our mid-March AGM Graeme Forsyth was proposed as President and Hew Naylor Vice President for the coming year.

April Meetings

At our first meeting on 1st April Graeme Forsyth will be interviewed by Dave Carman in "Probus Desert Island Discs" and on 15 April Colin Edmond will speak on "Inland Waterways".

New Venue – St John

Ambulance HQ Manningtree

Please note, we now meet at the St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree.

New members

Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members at a minimal cost. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. New members are welcomed by Stour Valley Men's Probus Club; we meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10.30am. Please contact Secretary Brian Rolfe on 01206 393665 for further details.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - BUS REVIEW

We want your views on our bus and passenger transport strategy

We know buses are important to everyone in Essex - our friends and family; our communities and the businesses we work for.

They enable people to:

- Travel to work, school and college
- Use leisure, shopping and entertainment facilities
- Visit friends and family
- Access important services like health appointments

They also help to reduce congestion on our roads, reduce pollution, bring communities together and strengthen our economy.

Essex County Council is consulting on a strategy that sets out how we want to grow and improve the bus network.

We want to get the views from as many people as possible so, however you get around in Essex, we want to hear what you have to say

You can take part in the consultation easily and conveniently by completing the survey online. Closing date is 31 March 2015.

Alternatively, you can choose to answer the questions in the survey over the phone by calling Healthwatch on 01376 572829 (between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday except for public holidays).

You can read electronic copies of the full strategy, the summary version and the questionnaire. Hard copies of the strategy are also available at your local library.

If you would like to request a copy of the summary, which includes a paper copy of the survey for you to complete, please call

0845 743 0430 or
email contact@essex.gov.uk.

Further information

Essex County Council provides financial support for nearly 200 bus services either in full or for certain journeys to meet particular needs. These generally run in the evenings, on Sundays and in rural locations. They do include some school services and some services linking towns.

Most buses running through Essex are provided commercially, meaning that Essex County Council does not

pay for them and does not determine how or when they run. View a full list of local bus services supported by Essex County Council.

- We are not consulting on:
- Your bus pass (if you have one)
- Community Transport
- Entitlement for statutory transport, such as home to school.

(This information can be found on <http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Getting-Around/Bus/Bus-review.aspx> - Ed.)



HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter!

Actually, that's a rather feeble greeting when you consider the enormity of the event we celebrate at this time.

Jesus had been judicially executed by the Romans at the request of the local religious leadership and his rag tag and bobtail band of followers had gone into hiding for fear of reprisals. The Romans were experienced executioners, and used crucifixion as a means of terror to control the local populace and discourage uprisings. The soldiers in the crucifixion detail were well able to tell when life was extinguished, and either hasten it or delay it according to political need. Jesus had been mercilessly flogged before his crucifixion, and died on the cross, between two criminals. No wonder his followers were frightened. One brave man asked for the body to put into a tomb, and on the orders of the Roman Commandant, a large stone was rolled against the tomb opening, and a guard of soldiers set on watch.

And on the third day . . . (as the story goes) some of the followers of Jesus suddenly began to suggest that he had come back to life and they had seen him. They went on

proclaiming this message, despite opposition, persecution, and even torture and death. And Christians down the centuries have continued this tradition, and Easter is the joyous time when we especially recall and celebrate this event.

So did it really happen? Well I'm confident, sure, that it did. And so are many brilliant academics, lawyers, and many millions of people worldwide. And this single event has changed the course of human history. God overturned death – proved that death is not the final closure and termination of life. And a life that can be lived knowing that death is but a doorway or an horizon is a life suddenly changed and re-set. If we don't need to worry about the finality of death, we can get on with other things rather than wasting our time in anxious paralysis. It is this life that Christians seek to live and share.

Happy Easter? More like an amazing stupendous beyond what had ever been thought possible miracle. **JOYOUS EASTER!**

Rev'd Richard Allen

Church Lunch

April 1st 12noon
All very welcome
Please join us in the church for a light lunch .
No need to book , just come !

Easter Flowers

You are very welcome to join with us to decorate the church for Easter .
Please telephone 230688 for more information.
The church will be decorated on Saturday 4th April.

April 23rd Thursday St. George's Day Service

6.00pm
Please join us for our Patronal Service followed by Sherry and light refreshments.
All Welcome

Easter Lilies

If you would like to sponsor Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please send your contribution to Jenny Nicholls at Fryerning Hall Road, Gt.Bromley 01206230688





ARDLEIGH and THE BROMLEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church of England Services - March/April

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 29th March	Palm Sunday	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Procession and Blessing of Palms -	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<i>A Joint service for The Bromleys, Ardleigh, Elmstead Anglican and Methodist Churches</i>		
30th, 31st March & 1st April - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
7.30pm	Meditation with Compline	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Thursday 2nd April	Mauandy Thursday	
7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper <i>Joint Service with the three Parishes</i>	<i>St Anne & St Laurence, Elmstead Mkt</i>
Friday 3rd	Good Friday	
2.00pm	The Passion of our Lord <i>Joint Service with the three Parishes</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Saturday 4th	Easter Eve	
8.00pm	The Easter Vigil with Lighting of the Paschal Candle(s) <i>Joint Service with the three Parishes</i>	<i>St Anne & St Laurence, Elmstead</i>
Sunday 5th	Easter Day	
9.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Easter Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6.30pm	Festal Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 12th	2nd Sunday of Easter	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 19th	3rd Sunday of Easter	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Thursday 23rd	St George's Day	
6.00pm	Festal Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 26th	4th Sunday of Easter	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 3rd May	5th Sunday of Easter	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

Holy Communion every Friday at **11.30am** at Seven Rivers, Hall Road,
Great Bromley.