

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2014

St. George's (C of E) School, Gt. Bromley



We went to **Fingringhoe Wick** Nature Reserve. We went to the Wildlife Garden and we looked for bugs. Later on we went to into the meadow. We had nets to use to try to catch some mini-beasts. We also made symmetrical patterns for our butterfly templates by using flowers and

grass. After lunch we went to the Secret Wood, it was very exciting! We looked for mini-beasts and then we made our own mini-beasts from twigs, leaves and pine cones. After that we had some cups and we put leaves, grass, soil and mixed it together to make a cocktail for the mini-beasts we had found in the woods. We had a great day! *By Charlie Sharp and Hope Singleton*

Food Bank Appeal

On Monday we went with Mrs O'Mara and Mrs Pudney to the Clacton Food Bank. We took four big boxes of food that we had been collecting in a shopping trolley at school. We weighed and sorted the food and put it in boxes. The total weight of food we collected was 56.3 kg. Thank you to everyone who donated food.



By Grace Pudney and Harry Jeffrey **An Early Years Foundation Trip**

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THE FIRST PAGE



HMS Belfast in London is a wonderful day out. I last went 30 years ago with two boys and three little girls. On that occasion we started exploring from the top downwards but never reached the engine rooms because we were all so tired!

This time with two little boys we started at the bottom and worked our way up. The five year old didn't reach the magic height 'mark' so we stayed up while his older brother went down into the bowels of the ship with my daughter. We all then explored the kitchens (large areas) and stores complete with cat catching a rat, saw the fierce Postmaster, went into the Sick Bay, gasped at the guns and sat in the Admiral's and Captain's chairs.

We then travelled speedily down the Thames on a ferry boat before returning wearily home by train following a delicious ice cream.

Train, boat and bus rides have all gone according to plan and the journeys achieved on time. However road traffic has not gone so well and I have spent much time stuck in traffic jams with the worst one

being an A2/M25 11 mile journey to the Dartford Tunnel northwards taking 2½ hours! I have renewed my acquaintance with car games, children's songs and everything I could remember to keep small children happy on a long car journey - and me sane!

The paddling pool has also made an appearance as I no longer have a swimming pool. Many of you in the village have learnt to swim in it in the past but it sprang a serious leak some years ago and I have now converted it into a sunken garden which both looks, and is, good.



By the time you read this the holidays will be almost over, new shoes will be being fitted and uniform bought with the children and young people getting ready to go back to school and university.

I expect someone knows how many days there are left to Christmas!

Leonie

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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305



Flower Festival

For many weeks children at our school have been making paper flowers and props for our display in the church for the St George's Flower Festival, which officially began on Friday 26th of June. Mrs Larkins created an amazing display of our creations, based on the book 'The Umbrella' by Ingrid and Dieter Schubert, including a variety of creatures and habitats from around the world. On Friday morning, Classes 1-3 went over to the church to perform as a choir. Class 3 sang some of the songs they had learnt for their visit to the O2 Arena. A huge thank you to everyone who visited the church, especially to Mrs Pamela Larkins whose ideas and artistic skills made a display we were proud of and Mrs Bridle who did a fabulous job once again organising the music.

A special thank you to Millie, Alice,

Roxanne, Eve, Casey, Brandon and Phoebe for joining the Great Bromley community at the Songs of Praise on Sunday evening. It was a lovely event and our small group of singers did us proud.

Summer Production

On the 14th and 15th of July Classes 3 and 4 performed their production called 'The Pirates of

the Curry Bean'. Everyone was apprehensive but eager to get on stage. The production was a hit. Everyone overcame their stage-fright and sang their absolute best. The audience found it very funny and especially liked the last song 'Piratical Style'. We would like to say thank you to our talented music teacher, Mrs Bridle who directed the production. Also thank you to all those who helped in many different ways.

By Sonny Branchflower and Scarlett Wicks



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

The Chairs of local Parish Councils, the District and County Councillor met prior to the main Parish Council meeting to discuss the proposed housing development at Balls Green/Hare Green/Frating and it was agreed that further information would be provided to residents regarding this matter in due course in the Bromley Messenger; by way of leaflets and/or on the respective websites so please do keep an eye out for information so that you can have an opportunity to comment.

The Council has a vacancy for a Footpath Co-ordinator following the resignation of Brenda Perry and Councillors wish to thank her for all her hard work in maintaining the footpaths throughout the village. If anyone is interested in taking on this role please contact me. Footpaths are a public right of way and if anyone encounters any problems do let me know.

The Council has a sum of Section 137 money available for village groups to bid for - this is money that must be used in the interest of and bring direct benefit to some or all of its residents. Councillors have asked for all bids to be received no later than 5pm on 31st October 2015 with a view to cheques being presented at the December Parish Council meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the bus service in the village - if anyone has any views on this please let me know.

Just a reminder that the next Essex Police Street Meets are on 25th August, 3-4pm and 30th August, 10-11am, Old Forge Café, Elmstead. The next Local Community Meeting is on 26th August, 7-8pm, Luney Hall, Barrack Lane, Harwich. These are an opportunity to meet your local Police Officers and discuss issues of concern. Information about further meetings can be found on the Essex Police website.

A quiz night is planned for 3rd October and all local groups will be contacted to see if they are interested in putting forward a team of 4 - hopefully this might become a regular event.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 9th September, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

*Karen Tarling,
Locum Clerk, Great Bromley*

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
15/00853/FUL. Refusal – Full.27.7.15. Delegated decision	Michaelmas House, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley	The erection of two detached dwellings within cartilage of Michaelmas House involving new access from parson hill, closure of existing access, removal of existing barn, landscaping and construction of swales and suds pool.
15/00972/HHPN OT HHPN prior approval not required. 29.7.15. Delegated decision	1 Furze Lane, Great Bromley	Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension 4.95 m in depth and 3 m in height.

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

I had forgotten how having a dog enables you to appreciate the countryside more. Our puppy is now almost six months old and, as he is a Springer, likes to go on fairly long walks which has enabled me to see how things are changing with the seasons. I noticed that there are blackberries ripe now, and despite the very dry weather, they look particularly juicy. I also spotted a crop of field mushrooms on another walk (why do I never have a bag handy on these occasions?) and what with the onions and peas and the corn having been harvested, it is looking, dare I say it, quite autumnal. Certainly this morning there was a definite nip in the air.

I do think the school children have had a pretty good summer holiday weather wise, which seems to be pretty unusual, schools' out normally heralds torrential downpours.

The garden is looking very dry at the moment. I try not to water anything in the beds, and stick to the tubs and the greenhouse only, but this has meant that I have had the grand total of four courgettes and only a handful of runner beans. The greenhouse however is thriving with a glut of chillies, aubergines the size of cricket balls and many tomatoes and cucumbers. I have experimented growing mixed leaves for salad in seed trays, which has been very successful, probably because they get watered regularly with the rest of the greenhouse.

Like many other people's, our lawn is a sad looking place at the moment. It resembles a mat of dead straw, but the positive side is that it hasn't required a lot of mowing this year. It is, however, the time of year to start treating the lawn. Scarifying and spiking followed by autumn fertilizer is recommended, and can make all the difference to the lawn next year.

In the rest of the garden deadheading, cutting back and weeding are all useful. Hedges can be trimmed to make them look tidy for the winter. I always look forward to

our huge and ancient hedge at the front of the house being cut, as at the moment it looks very wild and woolly, but we have to wait until autumn when the birds have finished nesting and the man with the tractor visits.

Autumn is the time when many vegetables are ready to be harvested, and many overwintering vegetables can be planted or sown. Brassicas, if sown or planted, will need protection with netting against cabbage whites and hungry pigeons.

Spring bulbs can be planted now, but wait another couple of months before putting in tulips, to prevent the dreaded "tulip fire" developing.

Some varieties of apples and pears can be harvested now, but only store perfect ones or they will rot. My biggest problem with storing apples is mice, who can get in the tiniest of holes and love apples. Out with the traps again I think!

Above all, enjoy your garden!

Kate Stowbridge



Albert Sharpe *K.I.A.* 15th August 1915



Albert was born in 1897 in Great Bromley and was 18 when he joined the Essex Regiment. His service record does not survive but we know that he embarked on board the Grampian at Devonport on the 23rd July 1915. They passed through Malta on

the 30th July and arrived in Alexandria on the 2nd August. From here they sailed to Lemnos and on the 9th August boarded the Hazel for the final trip to Suvla Bay in the Dardanelles - arriving the next day in the afternoon.

On the night of the 14th the battalion was ordered to advance across the Anafarta Plain.

They had to cross about a mile of open ground and they were heavily shelled and machine gunned on the way across. This action cost 14 dead and 60 wounded. The next day was little better as they had to dig in and were harassed by heavy enemy sniper fire costing several more casualties. Albert is listed as died of wounds on the 15th. He has no known grave and is remembered along with 21,000 soldiers whose final resting place is unknown on the Helles Memorial.

Albert was one of six brothers who served, and he was the only casualty. More about the family on our website.

Apologies that I missed Albert last month when he should have been commemorated. *Please note that many of these WW1 tributes are sent in by kind researchers and/or family, and not my work.* As always any further info always welcome to: Hugh Frostick 07722 253962 hugh@greatbromley.org.uk

Bertie Mulley *K.I.A.* 26th September 1915

Bertie's family background is not certain to us. One source states he was the son of Francis and Susannah Mulley, another that he was born at Great Bromley, where he was living at the time of his enlistment.

We have no record of any Mulley being born in Great Bromley, and there are no Muleys in the 1880-1911 censuses.

There was however a Bertie Mulley, with parents Francis/Frank and Susannah, born at Westleton in Suffolk in 1881/1882. It is likely that either he, or his parents, moved to Great Bromley after the 1911 census.

Bertie volunteered to join the Essex Regiment's 11th Battalion around 9th September 1914. (This was a "Kitchener Battalion", created at the start of the war to take the influx of recruits who volunteered at that time.) Bertie was with the 11th when they sailed from Folkestone to Boulogne at the end of August 1915, to join the British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F.) as part of 18th Infantry Brigade, 6th Division. The 11th Essex then moved down south for training. On 21st September they marched to "the Front", which they reached four days later during the first day of the Battle of Loos which is remembered for the first use of poison gas by

the British.

The Battalion's introduction to hostile fire occurred the evening of their arrival at the Front, when they started to advance in stages. Late the following morning, 26th September, they were ordered to attack the German trenches just to the south of the village of Hulluch.

Despite heavy losses, the Battalion reached the German trenches, and held their position until relieved that night.

In their very first action, the 11th Essex had lost 18 officers and 350 men killed, wounded and missing, out of a strength of 29 officers and 942 men.

Bertie Mulley was one of those men. His body was never identified, and he is now officially commemorated by his name being inscribed on Panel 86 of the Loos Memorial. It commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who fell in the area, and who have no known grave.

Please note that many of these WW1 tributes are sent in by kind researchers and/or family, and not my work. As always any further info always welcome to: Hugh Frostick 07722 253962 hugh@greatbromley.org.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NEWS

The next full council meeting is on 8th September. The Local Plan is ready to go out for Public Consultation. There will be announcements in local newspapers inviting you all to visit the exhibitions and comment.

At the planning committee on 28th July two applications for housing in Elmstead Market were discussed, one application was refused and one deferred for more consultation. Highways England have informed me the proposed roundabout will be out for public consultation at the end of August. It appears the intention is to start early in the next financial year.

Chairman's Civic Church Service will be held at St George's Church Great Bromley on Sunday 20th September at 3.00pm Residents are welcome to attend.

My recent Civic Duties include
Attending Colne School on three occasions - Midsummer Night Dream, Summer Concert and Sports Day. Walton on the Naze judging a Sand Castle competition, Southend May Civic Service, Visiting the Mayflower Project in Harwich, being interviewed on the Harwich Lightship, attending Easton Lodge invitation by Chairman of Uttlesford District Council, attending two separate events in Jaywick,

attending the opening night of Clacton Summer Variety Night, Frinton Summer Theatre on the greensward, VJ Day at Clacton War Memorial, a Tea Dance at Clacton Town Hall, Clacton Air Show and the last night of Frinton Theatre summer season. A busy time for both Jenny & I.

Fred Nicholls

Tendring District Council Exhibition in Weeley

There is to be an exhibition before the public consultation on the next Tendring Local Plan on Monday 7th September at Weeley Council Offices in Thorpe Road, Weeley between 10 am and 9 pm.

Everyone in Tendring will be sent a form to fill in about the proposed new local plan for comments.

It is important, therefore, to go to this exhibition as it shows what the Council proposes to do locally over the next 10 years, and having seen it you will be able to comment on whether or not you like it.

Rosemary Heaney

THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Colleges

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

Universities and Colleges of Further Education

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

For an application form, or further details, contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jean Flewin, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, Colchester, Essex CO7 6AT. Closing date for applications:- 30.10.15

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



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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 and if you require further information please call the number above or pop in to see us. From September 2015 we will also be running a breakfast club at Tendring Primary school – so tell your friends.

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer Holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Fundraising PLEASE SAVE YOUR BISCUIT WRAPPERS AND BOTTLE TRIGGER HEADS

We have registered with Terracycle and are currently collecting biscuit wrappers and plastic bottle trigger heads and caps from washing up bottles. These we send away and are then paid according to the

weight. So please ask friends and family to help us collect as many as possible.

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.

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

Dates for Diary:

Preschool returns Mon 7th September

Cricket Club 100 Club Winners

for July

- 1st. Mrs Ann Fairley
2nd. Mrs Pam Wright
3rd. Mrs Marion Britton

Lynda Allam

Village Show 2016

The parish council has decided to resurrect the Village Show. The event was successfully held in 2009 and 2010. Its aim was, as it will on this occasion be, to bring parishioners and the various village organisations together for a day of fun whilst aiming financially to at least break even! In order to get this up and running I am looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help organise the event. If you feel you could spare some time please contact me on 01206-251093. Thank you.

Jane Coster

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

Influenza vaccinations

It is influenza clinic time again !

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

All children aged between two and four are also invited to be vaccinated to lower the transmission of influenza in the community from children. (Born between 2 September 2010 and 1 September 2013)

The good news is that we are able give the children an intranasal vaccine and not an injection and those children under 17 with an at risk medical condition will also be offered the intranasal vaccine. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment with a practice nurse after the 1 October if you have children that are eligible,

Flu clinics will be held on Tuesday or Friday afternoons weekly at Ardleigh Surgery starting on the 2 October and ending on the 6 November. Clinics will also be held at the Dedham Branch Surgery.

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

GP Trainees

A new GP Trainee, Dr Asham Ajub, started with the practice in August and will be with us for a year.. Dr Ajula Gunasekera and Dr Aman Bhatia, our existing trainees, will be with us until November

Shingles vaccination

If you are aged 70 or 79 you are entitled to receive a vaccination against shingles. Ask at the surgery for a patient information leaflet and book into an appointment with the Practice Nurse.

Stephanie Durrant
Practice Manager

Great Bentley Surgery



Apart from one really wet week the summer was pretty good this year. Hayfever symptoms have cleared, the

nights are drawing in and our children and young people are going back to school/ college or university. Talking of young people, if your birth date is between 1st September 1996 and 31st August 1997, you will be offered a new vaccine to protect against Meningitis ACWY. This vaccine will protect against four different causes of meningitis as well as septicaemia. If you are going to university it is recommended that you have this vaccine two weeks before you start, so call us now! Younger teenagers will be offered this vaccination in their routine school programme.

We are now also heading into our annual flu vaccination season. If you think you are eligible for a free NHS seasonal flu vaccination, please call us now to check and make your

appointment in one of our special clinics arranged at the end of this month or early in October.

Finally the Patient Participation Group is meeting on Thursday 17th September 2015 at 6.30pm in the Great Bentley Village Hall. We hope to be able to discuss some subjects submitted via our new "Virtual PPG" for the first time. If you would like to be part of this new group who are unable to attend regular meetings, just send an email to Melvyn Cox (PPG Chairman) using melvyncox141@yahoo.co.uk.

Richard P Miller – Practice Manager

SUGAR - Most of us eat too much sugar. It can be hidden in foods without us realising it. Try to cut down by eating fewer sugary foods such as cakes, biscuits and fizzy drinks. Many processed foods and, surprisingly, low fat foods can have a high sugar content. Drinking lots of sugary drinks has been linked to an increased risk of type 2 diabetes. Sugary foods and drinks can also cause tooth decay especially if you eat them between meals.

The government recommends that sugars shouldn't make up more than 5% of the energy (calories) you get from food and drink each day that is a maximum of 30g which is roughly 7 sugar cubes. Children should have less - 19g for a child 4-6 years - 5 sugar cubes or 24g for a child 7-10 years - 6 sugar cubes. Just ONE can of cola can have as much as 9 cubes of added sugar!

TIPS TO CUT DOWN SUGAR

- ◆ Instead of fizzy drinks and juice go for water or unsweetened juice. Try diluting fruit juice with sparkling water.
- ◆ Cut down or stop having sugar in tea or coffee
- ◆ Swap cakes or biscuits for a currant bun or scone.
- ◆ Watch your breakfast cereals, many are very high in sugar. Try porridge,

Weetabix or Shreddies (Other brands are available!)

- ◆ Ready sauces and soups often have added sugars. Try to make your own - it is really easy and a lot cheaper. An average sized jar of pasta sauce (roughly 150g) can contain over 13g of sugar which is the equivalent of 3 teaspoons!
- ◆ Get used to reading food labels and comparing products for healthier options. High - over 22g of total sugars per 100g - Low - 5g of total sugars per 100g

Have a look at the really useful **Change4lifesugarswaps** app on your Smartphone or visit <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/low-sugar-healthy-snacks.aspx>

2015 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Church Lunch 12 noon, All welcome
- 2 WI meeting, 'The German Occupation of Guernsey' Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 5 Poetry & Music, Lt Bromley church, 3.00pm
- 9 Knit & Knatter, Cheshire Home, 2.00pm
- Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall 7:30pm
- 11 Ride & Stride
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 24 WEA History of Painting in East Anglia, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 25/26 Willow Weaving Courses, Village Hall
- 29 Badminton restarts, Village Hall

OCTOBER

- 5 Little Bromley Amenities Group AGM
- 7 Church Lunch 12 noon, All welcome
- 7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Race Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 11 Harvest service (10.30am St George's) followed by
Harvest lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1pm
- 16 St George's School Harvest Service, time TBA
- 15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 17 Charity Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00am
- Dinner Dance, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 18 Harvest service, Lt Bromley church
- 22 Craft & Collectibles Event, Village Hall
- 24 Wine Tasting evening, Village Hall
- 26 Messy Church, Village Hall
- 29 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

Badminton

restarts for children
Tuesday 29th September from 5-6pm,
Great Bromley Village Hall cost £1.50
each.
Contact Kate for further information
07592735600

W.I.

3rd September
7.30 pm at the Village Hall
"The German Occupation of Guernsey
Competition W W 2 Memorabilia
Visitors very welcome

Friends of Little Bromley Church

5th September
3.00pm at Little Bromley Church
Poetry Reading Event with Music
Black Sandal Press presents a programme
of Poetry Readings and Stories from local
writers with music from The Columbines
Free event.
Tea and Cakes to follow!

Harvest Festival

Sunday 18th October
Tea from 4pm and Festival Service at
5pm
Carols by Candlelight : Wednesday 23rd
December
Carols and Readings 6.30pm and
refreshments afterwards
**Friends of Little Bromley Church in
partnership with The Churches**



Ardleigh WEA

(now meeting at Great Bromley Village Hall)

A History of Painting in East Anglia

Tutor: Mark BEASLEY

September Term
commencing Thursday 24th September
14.30 - 16.00

A ten week course
Fee £48

Just come along to the first week and see if it is the course for you, if it is payment must be made on the second week of attendance. We look forward to seeing you.

Contacts for further details and any queries you may have.

Jill Frostick 01206 250263 (Secretary)

John Terry 01206 230 490 (Chairman)

john@terrys.org.uk

Gt Bromley Cricket Club, St George's School PTA and Little Dragons Pre-School's

Dinner Dance

Saturday 17 October 2015

Drink on arrival between 7.00 and 7.30 pm. Live band, photo booth, buffet and raffle. No dress code. Finishing at midnight. Over 18's only.

Wine tasting evening

with Wheeler's wine cellar
October 24th

at Great Bromley Village Hall

Watch this space for further information re costs and tickets, or go to Great Bromley Village Hall Facebook page.

Knit and Knatter

9th September - 2-4pm
at the Cheshire Home
All Welcome



Great Bromley W I Charity Coffee Morning

17th October
10am - 12noon at Gt Bromley Village Hall

Spaces still for

Willow weaving day

Great Bromley Village Hall
Saturday 26th September
10.00am-4.00pm

Make a flat flower basket

Bring yourself and some secateurs.
Sandwich lunch, tea and coffee provided.
Tutor, Jo Hammond. Cost £50 including lunch and all materials.
Contact Kate 07592735600

Harvest lunch

11th October

in the Village Hall
at 12:30 for 1.00pm
Everyone welcome

£13.50 for a two course lunch
Bring your own drink and glasses
Catering by Linda Pinhey of Sweet Success

Tickets **now** available from all P.C.C. members – and 01206 230688

GT BROMLEY BARN DANCE

Saturday 21st November
at Great Bromley Village Hall
7.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m

Caller: Sibby

Band: Musicmakers

Tickets £10

(will be available from John Terry (01206230490) john@terrys.org.uk and Village Hall Committee Members)

There will be a Bar

Sibby the caller is well known in the South East of England as a caller for Barn and Folk Dances, he is very easy to follow and his dances are great fun, so do come along and enjoy. Everyone welcome, from youngsters to old age pensioners and having a partner is not essential. The fact that he has live music means he can get the speed of dance right for everyone and can stop them if for some reason the dance falls apart. All dances are called.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the July meeting Beryl began by informing members of the sad passing of Cis Nicholls, one of the long time members of the Friendship Club.

Members were then reminded that in August we shall be having our Auction and items for this would be gratefully received. No raffle or competition that month. Tea helpers are still needed if anyone would like to volunteer.

A splendid lunch was enjoyed by a group of members at the Kings Arms in Frating on 29th July, and names will be taken at

the next meeting of those wishing to attend the Christmas lunch on 25th November.

Beryl then introduced Brian Gorden who entertained with songs old and new, accompanying himself on his keyboard.

Our September entertainment will be Chrissy and Jenny, the competition a holiday souvenir.

Sylvia Ward

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB



Recent Meetings

Francis Boardman's Talk on "The Crimean War", Phil Hadwen's on "Seaplanes at Felixstowe" and Andy Schooler's on "A nice cup of tea & a sit-down" were all much enjoyed by our Members.

Future Meetings

Following our August break and our popular Summer Lunch at the Venture Centre we return again on Wednesday 2 September with our Autumn programme when John Floyd will speak on "Electric Tramways of East Anglia" and on 16 September Catherine Dell will tell us about "The Lost World of the Incas".

New members

Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members to 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.

New Venue – St John Ambulance HQ Manningtree

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



GREAT BROMLEY POST OFFICE at The Cross Inn

Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL

Telephone: 01206 231073

Mon/Tues: 9.30am-2.00pm Wed/Thurs/Fri : 10.00am - 2.00pm

Sat : 9.00am-midday

- Please note that there is now a wide selection of cards and wrapping paper available.
- A dry cleaning service is also available.

Please ask for details at the counter.

KITCHEN CORNER

Chipolata & Brie Melt

Cooking time: 15mins

Serves: 2 people

Ingredients

Chipolata sausages

1 Knob of butter

1 Onion, thinly sliced

4 Plums

30ml (2tbsp) Sweet chilli sauce

2 Baguettes

50g (2oz) Somerset Brie

Method

Melt knob butter in pan, lightly cook 1 onion, thinly sliced. Add 4 plums and 30ml (2tbsp) sweet chilli sauce. Simmer gently

(lid on) for 5-10 minutes until plums slightly softened.

Preheat grill and cook sausages for 10-12 minutes, turning once.

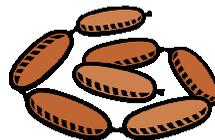
Toast baguette and spoon over chutney.

Add grilled chipolata sausages.

Cut 50g (2oz) Somerset Brie into thick slices. Place on top of sausages, return to the grill to melt slightly.

Serve.

Karen Moss



TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

We have had a very busy summer with the extended range for BBQs, the famous sausages, exploding burgers and marinated meats all having gone down a storm with the customers.

We are now beginning to plan the autumn recipes, and moving more towards our roasting and winter joints.

The farmers markets are going from strength to strength with the Alresford Market on the first Saturday of the month having a waiting list of stall holders wanting to have a place. Rowhedge in the Big St Lawrence Church is always well advertised and has a different promotional title each month, ie Summer market, Mad March Market. Wivenhoe Farmers market on the third Saturday of the month is managed by En-form to promote local produce and producers and is hosted in The Wivenhoe Congregational Church hall. All markets have some fantastic produce and the stall holders have expert knowledge on their production.

The pigs have enjoyed being outside in the warmth, they roll in the mud to keep cool and then sunbathe to dry the mud off.

The Leicester long wool sheep, all three of them, called Queenie, Quiche and Quorn are all characters eating out of the bucket daily when hand fed. They are beginning to grow their coats after being shorn in May.

The barn owl is still hunting at night although we have not seen any owlets at all and wonder if they have flown and we have missed it or they have not hatched yet.

Large numbers of pheasants and partridges are running in amongst the wild bird cover especially planted for them, their camouflage is amazing.

Karen Moss

THANK YOU

Thank you

Fred Nicholls and family would like to thank everybody for the kind messages of support following the death of Cis. Thanks to all those that came to Weeley Crematorium on the 6th August and afterwards at The Court House. She would so have enjoyed seeing everybody and sharing happy memories. Thank you.

Open Gardens Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to all the people in Great Bromley who opened their gardens to visitors earlier in the summer. Even the heavy rain and subsequent drop in temperature did not "dampen" our enthusiasm for seeing as many gardens as possible. What a wonderful variety we saw. It was good to meet the owners, share ideas and admire their creativity.

Thank you for all the obvious hard work that went into organising and preparing for this event. An afternoon of true serendipity.

Heather and Dave Boulding, Judy and Andy Owens

Summer Serenade Singers

The evening was well attended; many remarked how lovely it was to have such talented young singers perform in the church, even the bats were moved by the performance .

Many thanks to Linda Pinhey , Jenny Nicholls, Yvonne Cobbold, Henry Fairley, Estelle Kemp and Primrose Pork for their help . After a donation to the church £1200 was raised for the British Heart Foundation .

Di Jones



Autumn Fair

In Aid of Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, Gt Bromley

Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 10:30-3pm

At Great Bromley Village Hall,
Rectory Road, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex, CO7 7JR

Stallholders include:

- Ho Ho Ho • Glorious Garments • Sports Channel • Jojo Matthews
- Phoenix Cards • Leopardi • Wishlist • PO-CH • Carole Russell
- Terra Nova Shoes • Claire Weeks • Wendy Warren Jewellery • Otta Designs
- The Cheese and Pie Man • Serendipity • Oxbow and Peach • Nicky Yeates

Admission £3



SANDMAN 2015

Have you got what it takes?

SANDMAN is back for a second year. This 5km challenging obstacle race is organised by local charity St Helena Hospice. Taking place on Saturday 24th October at Cut Hedge Park in Halstead from 9.00am; the hospice is teaming up with Mucky Races again who will be designing and building the course with the inclusion of man-made obstacles and lots of mud.

Registration for SANDMAN 2015 is just £25 per person with the hospice encouraging people to sign up as teams so that those taking part have support throughout the course. When registering there will be an option of start times,

10.00am or 1.00pm as well as the option to purchase a commemorative SANDMAN 2015 t-shirt.

Participants must be 16 to take part, and those under the age of 18 must have parental/guardian consent. By taking part each participant commits to raising a minimum of £25 through sponsorship for St Helena Hospice which will enable the staff and volunteers to continue with the important work that they do in the local area.

Sign up and find more information online at www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/sandman15 or call our fundraising team on **01206 931468**. Registration closes on Friday 18th October at 12pm



ABRAM CRAWFORD STEWART 1924-2015

Crawford Stewart was born on 27th October 1924 in Edinburgh and was always proud of his Scottish roots. His parents farmed at Pyot Hall, near Broxburn. When

he was two years old, the family moved down to Essex having bought Morehams Hall at Frating, and Crawford lived there for the rest of his life. He had two older sisters, Mary and Joan, and a younger sister Anne. Crawford went to Elmstead Primary School and then to the Boys High School in Colchester, leaving aged 15 to work on the farm.

As a young man he yearned for adventure, planning at one point to emigrate to the Argentine. He was unable to enlist during World War II – he would dearly have loved to have been a pilot – because he was the single son of a farmer. Instead he joined the Home Guard and patrolled the beaches at Frinton and Clacton.

Crawford married Elizabeth Clachan in 1957 and they took over the farm from his

parents. Crawford saw a huge change in farming during his lifetime, and was very much part of that change as the farm went from horse-drawn ploughs and other implements to four-wheel drive tractors and the farm workforce shrank steadily.

Over the years he and Elizabeth had five daughters. Crawford's skill at making things was put to good use for his children's amusement. They especially remember the land-yacht that they tried to race across the concrete and the rafts they rowed on the pond. He was very proud of his expanding family, enjoying seeing all of his ten grandchildren grow up and in recent years the arrival of two great grandchildren.

In the 1980s, when microlight aircraft came in, he had a last chance to try his hand at flying. He enjoyed the lessons, until unfortunately he crashed the plane and that was the end of his flying career. He retired from farming at the end of the 1990s when he was 74.

Crawford was strong-minded with a quick wit and a ready sense of humour. He will be much missed.

VISITORS TO OUR VILLAGE



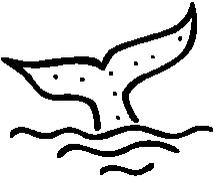
All Saints Harwich Monday Club enjoyed a guided tour of St George's Church in August.

MESSY CHURCH

Bible Seasides at Messy Church

On Friday morning, 24th July, we all met at Ardleigh Village Hall to take part in our Bible Seasides Session.

Around 22 children arrived and listened to the story of Jonah and the whale told by Jenny. The children then went off to do some crafts around the hall. Hand made ball catchers were very



popular as well as the origami fish. Picnic bags were decorated before the children made themselves a sandwich to eat later. Catch the ball and flap the fish kept the children busy before sitting down to enjoy a song about Jonah.

It was at this point that we said a sad goodbye to Diane and Lily who have been helping at Messy church since it began.

We then all went outside and played 'shark attack' and some parachute games.

Once back in the hall, the children lined up to fill their picnic bags before sitting with their families and friends on picnic blankets to enjoy the food.

It was a lovely morning and we would like to thank all those who came and all those who helped.

Look out for details about our next messy Church session on Monday 26th October at Great Bromley Village Hall.

Carol Cordwell

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

A big thank you to everyone who came along on Sunday 9th August to Little Bromley Church for Bromfest - our 3rd Folk Day!

We had a beautiful afternoon full of music from inspired local performers, dancing in the churchyard, lovely lunches and a vast array of delicious cakes. Our musicians came from all over the local area bringing folk songs, sea shanties, original music, and plenty of energy and enthusiasm!

Thanks to all who helped with flowers, cakes, quiches, sound systems, grass cutting, tea pouring and coming along to listen and take part! We hope to meet again next year for another happy day.

Dorothy O'Grady



A vocal concert starring...

LAWFORD CHURCH CHOIR,
CHORUS ICENI and
MANNINGTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday 3rd October
Commencing at 7:00pm
St Mary's Church, Lawford

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Also available after some church services
and on the door

THE KNEELERS 1973-77

Whilst looking through a book, left in my safe keeping by my mother, I came across this article about the Kneelers in our church. One hundred were made in the 1970s, the project led by the then Rector's wife Lucy Ransom.

There are 48 names listed in the book of the people who helped, some are still living within our community today.

“ The kneeler project was started in January 1973 when a day long school of tapestry embroidery was held at the Rectory and people of varying denominations and beliefs came, saw, and were conquered. Funds were raised at coffee evenings and whist drives, fetes and flower festivals, and the small bedroom at the Rectory was filled with rolls of canvas, cartons of pads and bags of wool.

Sufficient of the first two for the target of one hundred were bought at the start, but the wool had doubled in price by the spring of 1977.

A modest start was made with five designs based on the Cross, and four colours, green, gold, purple and blue on basic red, and five stitches but people soon became more adventurous, making their own designs, experimenting with different stiches and textures, more colour crept in. There are picture kneelers of St George, the Ark, the Three Wise men, the Burning Bush, of the Church itself, symbolic ones of the Lamb, the Chalice and Paten, and geometrical designs based on Christian symbols.

The hours of work cannot be counted nor a price for them estimated, but the meetings on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings were happy times of shared experience when new stitches were tried. Fresh designs were suggested, criticised,

altered, adopted and many topics besides tapestry discussed (not to mention the gallons of tea consumed).

Below are listed the people who helped (*I have not included those in this piece - JN*) There are others who worked behind the scenes as it were in such ways as fund raising. At all times Lucy Ransom was an inspiring leader and teacher, offering the hospitality of the Rectory at all times and seasons. Barbara Watts forgot her pain in her work, but was sadly taken from us. Elizabeth Watts, a resident at Seven Rivers made two kneelers despite great handicaps, and so did John Harwood, our only male embroiderer from Hamilton Lodge “

The book entitled “Great Bromley Church Records”— was kept originally by a lady called Miss Thomas – the P.C.C. secretary at the time .

If you have never seen the Kneelers please pop into the church and take a look , they are an important part of the history of our parish , the church and the people who have lived in our village .

The first 50 Kneelers were finished and completed to be on show for a visit by Princess Margaret on September 11th 1974. The Balance Sheet is also there and shows that the total cost of the Kneelers was £333.98p.

Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



ARDLEIGH and THE BROMLEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church of England Services - SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th	14th Sunday after Trinity	
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>
	<i>Preacher - The Right Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester</i>	
Sunday 13th	15th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 20th	16th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 27th	17th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 4th October	18th Sunday after Trinity	
	St Mary's Harvest Thanksgiving	
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.

Dates:

Evensong : September 6th
(Meet Bishop Roger)

Ride and Stride September 12th
If you can bake a cake or spare time to
be a steward in the church please phone
230688

Harvest lunch : October 11th
£13.50 – two course lunch
Village Hall 12:30pm for 1pm

J.A.M. DROP- IN

Every Friday in St George's church
Term time only

Parents & children welcome
All are welcome
3pm to 3.45pm
Refreshments, activities

Church Lunch

3rd September
Bring a Friend, 12noon
No booking required Donations
Phone for a lift 230688