

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2015



THE FIRST PAGE

Firstly my apologies for the probability that this issue will be later arriving than usual. This is because I took some time off and went to Prague for a few days just as I should have been putting the Messenger together. Surprisingly, the fact that everything is on my computer and coming in by email, makes handing over to someone else temporarily for the odd edition more difficult.

Prague was every bit as amazing as I had been led to understand and the weather also was good - up to 31°C - unlike that



which you have been having. In the week that my back was turned my rain gauge almost filled to overflowing with 47mm of rain.

I didn't get to the public meeting on the proposed so-called Tendring Central Garden Village so I have no idea how it

went but if you wish to comment on the development details can be found in the Great Bromley Parish Council report on page 13 and also on the website.

The report on page 2 by Little Bromley Parish Council, who are our sponsors this month, also refers to the development as well as to the A120 improvements/roundabout at Pelhams Corner and the Park Road turn off.

Included with your Messenger last month was a local affordable housing survey (see page 11) form for you to fill in and return to the RCCE to find out your views as to housing for local people. Did you return yours?

On page 9 the group looking to save The Cross Inn explain what they are doing and how you can help their cause as well as join them for their fundraising events.

Talking of events there are a variety of occasions going on this month, and next, for you all to enjoy with something for everyone whatever your age and interest. I shall therefore look forward to seeing you at some of them during the coming weeks.

Leonie

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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Since the last meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council, we have received confirmation from Highways that our Vehicle Activated Sign has at long last been approved. We now await a date for start of the work and hopefully this will go some way to reducing the speeding through the Village.

It is looking increasingly likely that the planned improvements to safety on the A120 will be going ahead and part of this will be the closure of the gap in the central reservation at Pelhams Corner meaning that there will be no right hand turn onto the A120. Further changes will include a lit roundabout at the Great Bromley turnoff.

As most people in the Village will have seen, there is a large new development planned at Great Bromley called Tendingr Central Garden Village which will incorporate the amalgamation of Hare Green, Balls Green and Frating into a new town consisting of 2500 houses and an

industrial estate. This is being proposed as part of the Local Plan and if you wish to object to this change in our rural landscape then the closing date for submission is the 13th October. Information about how to object and where to can be found on Great Bromley's website.

The Council has received correspondence entitled Essex Community - Dog Watch informing residents that from 2016 it will be a legal requirement to have dogs micro chipped. Free micro chipping will be offered at Dog Watch events across Tendingr.

If you would like to contact the Council then email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Next meeting of the Parish Council is Thursday 29th October 7.30 pm at The Haywain

Little Bromley Parish Council

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Auction in August was very successful and raised £84.15 for Club funds which is a similar amount to last year. Pat, our Auctioneer for the afternoon, assisted by Gill and Maurice, kept the proceedings lively and before long most items had been dispatched. After tea and cakes everyone went home satisfied with their purchases and with lighter pockets!

At the October meeting monies will be collected for the Christmas lunch on 25th November. The price for this is £13.50 which is subsidized by our Grant.

It is hoped that we can send a team of four to the Quiz night to be held at the Village hall on 3rd October so please volunteer if you are interested.

Paula Short will be the Speaker at our November meeting. Her subject, Captain Cook and his voyage to Australia. The competition, a brochure - travel or a place of interest.

Sylvia Ward

At our September meeting it was our pleasure to welcome Margaret Brehaut to tell us about the evacuation of Guernsey in 1940.

Little did I/we realise how memorable and moving this talk would be.

Margaret was a tiny little girl, just five years old, when her parents were told that the island had to be evacuated, a German invasion was imminent, children five years and over were deemed mature enough to travel without mothers, (younger than five mothers could choose to go with them). Each boy and girl were given a list of items which they were allowed to take. One vest, one shirt, 2 pairs pants or knickers, 2 pairs of socks or stockings carefully packed in a small brown suitcase. How distressing and painful the parting of children and parents must have been, as they said goodbye at the port, not knowing when, or if, they would ever see each other again.

The children sailed into Southampton from there they were dispersed throughout the United Kingdom by train. Margaret and her sister Peggy were sent to Scotland. The children left Guernsey on June 19th 1940, on June 20th the island was subjected to a massive bombing raid followed by a mass invasion by German soldiers on 29th and 30th June.

Five years of occupation followed during which time communication between children and parents was virtually non-existent. Some letters did arrive eventually via Holland six months after being posted.

Life for the two sisters was difficult at first – missing home, parents and living in five different homes, the latter two being the most comfortable and happy. Margaret and her sister remained in touch with two families long after their repatriation to Guernsey.

Life in Guernsey during the occupation was extremely difficult for those who remained

with a shortage of food, clothing, schooling and generally poor standard of living. The threat of a new Gas Chamber due for completion in September 1945 hung over the heads of the more elderly residents and upsetting. The sight of Russian refugees who constructed the Underground Hospital and Gas Chamber a depressing reminder of their captivity.

The island of Guernsey was eventually liberated on May 9th 1945 –Margaret and Peggy returned to their island home to find a very different place to the one they remembered. How difficult it must have been for the girls and their parents after five years spent apart. Margaret described the home coming which must have been emotional for all the families involved. Life was never to return as it had been before the war.

Margaret showed us a huge collection of letters, documents, memorabilia which we were able to peruse later in the evening during refreshments.

A most thought provoking talk and I for one am grateful that Margaret could share her memories with us.

Thank you Margaret.

FAREWELL FROM THE PETTYS

Mike and Jan Petty (formerly of Hilliards Road) would like to say goodbye and best wishes to everyone that we knew in Great and Little Bromley. After eleven very happy years we have moved to a small village near Chelmsford. The move took place much sooner than we ever expected and we simply haven't had enough time to say goodbye properly in the manner we would have liked.

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



OFSTED INSPECTED **OUTSTANDING**

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.

From September 2015 we will also be running a breakfast club at Tendring Primary school – so tell your friends.

The children have all settled in after the holiday and we are also welcoming our new children. We hope you all enjoy your time with us. Some of the children who have left to start school are now attending our breakfast and after school clubs too- lovely that we continue to see them progress.

The children have been harvesting the tomatoes which they planted and have enjoyed washing and eating them for snack. We continue to care for our pumpkins and winter squash which are getting bigger by the day and look forward to exploring the changing season.

Fundraising

During the Summer holidays we have been very busy. Our fundraising has allowed us to replace 4 windows, buy a small shed for storage, bark and artificial grass the sand pit area and replace 2 tables and 12 chairs.

Thank you.

Our next event is:

Autumn Ball

Saturday 17th October – Village Hall
Tickets £25 (includes buffet) Live band.
No dress code
Photo booth Free photos 7 – 7.30pm
Tickets available from preschool

**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:

Autumn Ball Saturday 17th October

Half Term Monday 26th October

Preschool re-opens Monday 2nd November



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Great Bromley & District Club,
St George's PTA and Little
Dragons Pre-School are
working together to raise

funds.

This year there will be a Dinner Dance on
Saturday 17 October 2015 from 7pm to
midnight at Great Bromley Village Hall.
Tickets are £25 per head and a drink on
arrival between 7pm and 7:30pm Live
Band, Photo Booth and Buffet.

This event is always very popular and this
year will be less formal with no specific
dress code.

Tickets are limited so please secure yours
early by contacting Great Bromley &
District Club, St George's PTA and Little
Dragons Pre-School.

Cricket Club 100 Club Winners

for August

- 1st. Mr. Ian Lawson
- 2nd. B. Fuller
- 3rd. Harry Hitchcock.

May I remind all 100 Club members that
the last draw takes place in September
therefore subscriptions are due from 1st
October.

I thank you all for your continued support.

Lynda Allam

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Pop -Up Poetry at Little Bromley Church
was a lovely afternoon of imaginative
poetry and original musical harmonies. The
Chairman welcomed everyone and noted
the wonderful variety of presentations and
talents we have in the local area. The
Black Sandal Writers read original poetry
and short stories interspersed with 3 part
harmonies from The Columbines. Thank
you to the Friends and others who
prepared the Church so beautifully,
cleaning and arranging flowers and
providing splendid cakes and cups of tea!
Many visitors commented on the warm,
friendly atmosphere and admired our lovely
rural church. Generous donations from the

appreciative audience topped £200 for The
Churches Conservation Trust.

It was good to see the Riders and Striders
who found their way to us on Sunday 11th!
They received a classic Little Bromley
welcome from Ann Fairley who plied them
with delicious homemade scones and cake
and hot reviving cups of tea to speed them
on their way. We hope lots of sponsorship
money was raised for our local churches.
Get in touch if you'd like to take part next
year!

Dorothy O'Grady



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.

A COMMUNITY OWNED PUB FOR GREAT BROMLEY?

By the time you read this, we should have our first Community Benefit Society in the area - the **Great Bromley Cross Pub Community Benefit Society** to be precise! But what's a Community Benefit Society, I hear you ask? It's a type of not-for-profit business, part way between a company and a co-operative, which has only been around for a year.

As you may have seen, the Bromley Cross, on the borders of Great Bromley and Ardleigh closed down a few months ago and is for sale. A local group, Save The Bromley Cross, consulted people via a questionnaire and public meeting and received a lot of support, so the project has progressed. We will be raising the money to make a community bid for the pub, and that's where our Community Benefit Society (CBS) comes in. We will be selling shares in the CBS and for a minimum investment of £250 you get a share in the CBS and a vote in its running. With this money, the CBS will make a bid to buy the pub, and if successful, the investors end up owning a share in the pub, and have a say

in its running. We've just put together our Management Committee, all residents of Great Bromley and Ardleigh, that will run the CBS at first, until we have the shareholders who can vote for a new committee.

We've received a small bursary to help us with the start up costs, but that won't go far. So we have our first fundraising, an **Alternative Quiz at Ardleigh Village Hall on Saturday 17th October, 7pm for a 7:30 start**. Please contact Dinah Jones on 01206 231059 to book a table.

We have more events planned and will be coming round the village soon, with a share prospectus containing all the details. Until then, if you want to know more or get involved then please email SaveTheBromleyCross@yahoo.co.uk or join our Facegroup group <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SaveTheBromleyCross> or come meet us at the quiz.

Jim Craddock, Secretary

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN GREAT BROMLEY

All households in Great Bromley should have received an Affordable Housing Survey Form delivered with the last edition of the Bromley Messenger.

The Parish Council are fully supporting this survey. Please ensure that you complete the survey and post it back to RCCE in the pre paid envelope provided.

It is important for the forms to be completed by all households to enable the Parish Council to identify the needs of residents. Affordable Homes Schemes, such as Lakewood, will ensure a home for young families who wish to remain in the village but cannot at the moment afford to purchase a home here. It will also help some of our elderly residents who do not

own their own home but wish to move to something smaller. The properties that will be built, if the survey shows a need, will be for village people. This will ensure local people will keep the village alive.

The Affordable Housing Survey should not be confused with the Local Plan that is currently out for consultation.

Consultation on the Local Plan which includes Tendring Central Development must not be confused with Affordable Housing Survey.

However it is important that survey forms should be posted to RCCE who are undertaking the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

CARELESS SUNDAY DRIVING

A NARROW ESCAPE

On Sunday morning, as the Rev. J. Baker, Wesleyan Minister, of Colchester, was driving Mrs Bateman, of Bromley Lodge, from the Wesleyan Chapel, Little Bromley, in turning a sharp corner his gig came in contact with a baker's cart, the concussion of which caused Mrs Bateman to be thrown out, and the wheel of the gig passed over her ankle, but happily the injury was not serious. Mr Baker jumped out safely, with the exception of a little shaking. The shafts and a spoke of the gig were broken, but the horse was not injured.

Essex Standard 26 July 1844

TDC CHAIRMAN'S BLOG & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NEWS

I am sure by the time you read this, everybody will have been informed about consultation of the new local plan. Both Rosemary & I urge you to make your views known, to take part in the public consultation. Residents are being asked to comment if they wish, on Tendring District Council Local Plan. Residents are urged to comment on the proposed Tendring Central Development, Reasons for objecting or supporting this proposed development of 2,500 homes plus some commercial properties can be found on Great Bromley Parish Council website or by contacting your Parish or District Councillors.

Clacton Air Show has been described as the best ever, it was attended by an estimated 220,000 people over two days. Prior to the commencement of the first flying display a tribute was read out in memory of the people who so tragically died at Shoreham, this was greeted by spontaneous applause by the crowd in the vicinity of the announcement.

I popped in, at Jane Truscott's invitation, to the Elmstead Market over 60s club. This takes place on the first Monday morning of each month at the Community Centre. I was pleased to see so many people there

and was able to answer some of the questions raised.

On a civic note Jenny & I on 3rd September attended Merchant Navy Raising the Flag (Red Ensign), 5th September attended charity rugby match at Harwich & Dovercourt Rugby Club, On 6th September attended Harwich Quay for the completion of Air Ambulance Charity motor cycle rally, 5000 motor cycles raising money for the Air Ambulance. Upon leaving Harwich Quay we attended the opening of Little Oakley 3G football pitch. On 10th September at Colchester Castle attending Essex Heritage Trust AGM, on 13th September attended Mayor of Havering church service to mark the occasion of HM Queen becoming the nation's longest serving monarch.

All of these events are most satisfying and enjoyable, however one that stands out was having the honour of opening the refurbished and extended Great Bromley Cricket Club Phillip Allam Pavilion with John Aldridge vice chairman of Essex County Council on 14th August

Fred Nicholls

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

I am delighted to be appointed as permanent Clerk for Great Bromley and look forward to working with Councillors for the benefit of the Village.

Tendring Central Garden Village

There is a proposal for a mass development of 2500 houses and industrial units at Great Bromley/Hare Green/Balls Green/Frating area. The consultation runs from 1st September to 13th October and it is imperative that Residents make their

comments known to TDC. If you wish to object to this development you will need to give reasons – you can't just say you don't want it – some example reasons can be found on the Great Bromley website. Comments can be e mailed to planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk or write to Planning, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley CO16 9AJ. A drop in public meeting will be held at Great Bromley Village Hall on 23rd September from 5.30pm to 8.30pm where you can obtain

further information.

Priority Services Register

We all know that the winter weather can cause disruption to our homes and families, particularly during a power cut. By taking a few simple steps now, you can be prepared to face the majority of winter emergencies.

Put together an emergency pack, which should include:

- list of emergency contact numbers including NHS Direct
- analogue phone or portable mobile phone charger
- battery operated or wind up torch and radio
- spare batteries if needed
- essential medication
- three days' supply of bottled water and ready-to-eat food that won't spoil
- Winter clothes and spare blankets
- Regularly check weather forecasts
- Plan for alternative ways to keep warm if your heating is disrupted

If you or someone you know needs extra support during a power cut, then you may want to sign up for our Priority Service Register. This is a free service we offer to customers who are dependent on medical equipment; customers who are chronically sick or have a disability; customers with young babies; nursing or residential homes and elderly customers.

For more information please call us on 0800 31 63 105 (from a landline) or 0333 32 32 105 (from a mobile) or go online at

www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority

Village Booklet

We are in the process of producing the Village Booklet which will contain information about the Village and contact details etc. If any individual or business is interested in sponsoring the Booklet, please contact me for further information.

There remains a vacancy for the role of Footpath Warden. We could be looking for someone to simply do the paperwork and keep an eye out on works and talk to the Essex County Council where they are needed. We have had a volunteer come forward to help monitor the paths and we are looking for active volunteers to help maintain them. Could you "adopt" a footpath near you? This can be fun and a helpful way for new people to get involved in the community.

The PC wishes to thank Derek Davis of Hare Green who has, of his own volition, spent many hours clearing the soil that encroached on to the tarmac of the Footpath 28 between Back Lane East and Parson's Hill. Derek said it would be nice if everyone could clear up after their dog.

If you need more information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me . The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Karen Taring
Clerk to Great Bromley

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REFERENCE	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
15/01244/FUL Mr and Mrs O Barber	Marks Farm, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Proposed extension to existing roof to create a larger bedroom

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Great Bentley Surgery



IT'S FLU SEASON!

We have a total of 3,754 patients who will be eligible for the NHS seasonal influenza vaccination. Most patients will already know they are eligible from previous years and we will be sending regular text reminders to those patients who have a mobile phone recorded. However, if you think you are eligible but are not sure, please give us a call on 01206 250691 and we can check for you. We have special flu clinics set up on Thursday 1st, Saturday 3rd, Monday 5th, Wednesday 7th and Saturday 10th October. In addition we have also arranged two special clinics at the Little Clacton Village Hall (opposite 'The Firs') on the afternoons of Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th October. We are hoping to get most patients vaccinated in these clinics, but will also be arranging some 'mop up' clinics after these I'm sure.

I also need to tell you about a couple of changes to our clinical staff. We are unfortunately losing Dr Muir and Sister Mooney who are both moving on to work at surgeries closer to their homes, but I'm very pleased to welcome back Sister Sue Webb as our new Nurse Practitioner/Manager. Having left us a couple of years ago, she's come back 'home' and I'm sure many of you will remember Sue very well.

Finally, now the nights are drawing in, so come along to **our Patient Participation Group meeting on Thursday 15th Oct at 6.30pm** at the Great Bentley village hall.

Richard – Practice Manager



SLEEP makes you feel better, but it is important as part of a healthy lifestyle. Most people will need 7-8 hours a night but some may only need about 6. A good night's sleep is important for your energy levels and overall health. There are many factors that can affect your sleep. Some of the points below are ways to help you sleep or reasons that may upset your sleep:

- ◆ Sleep can be affected by how active you have been during the day, what you may have eaten or had to drink and how much mental stimulation you have had especially in the few hours leading up to going to bed.
- ◆ Using electronic devices like laptops, tablets or mobiles can cause a disrupted night sleep. Switch them off a couple hours before bedtime, especially video games.
- ◆ Watch what you drink; caffeine and alcohol can disturb a good night's sleep.
- ◆ Spicy and fatty foods are also best avoided.
- ◆ How old is your mattress? They should be replaced after 10 years.
- ◆ A bedroom that is too hot. Turn the heat down a little or open a window.
- ◆ Don't have animals in your room.
- ◆ Cold feet can keep you awake so try putting on a pair of socks.
- ◆ Counting sheep - it does work, so try it!
- ◆ Focus on your breathing - slow it down, take a deep breath in and slowly breathe out and repeat a few times. There are also many other relaxation exercises that can help.
- ◆ Make sure your room is dark, particularly in the summer months.



Have a good night sleep and feel fantastic the next day.

2015 EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 Amenities Group AGM
- 6 Cheshire Home Autumn Fair, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Race Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 11 Harvest service (10.30am St George's) followed by lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 13 **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS ON LOCAL PLAN**
- 14 GB Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm Village Hall
- 15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 17 Charity Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 17 Autumn Dinner Dance, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 17 Save the Bromley Cross Quiz Night, Ardleigh village hall, 7.00pm
- 18 Harvest service, Lt Bromley church, from 4.00pm
- 24 SORRY—CANCELLED Craft & Collectibles Event,
- 24 Wine Tasting evening, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 26 Messy Church, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 29 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Halloween & Bonfire Night party, Seven Rivers, 6.00pm
- 7 Gt Bromley Autumn Litter Pick (see page 31 for details)
Little Bromley Amenities Group Fireworks Night, Barlon Road, 7.00pm
- 8 Remembrance Services—details next month
- 13 Karen Carpenter Story, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Mind Body & Spirit Event, Village Hall
Save the Bromley Cross, Booze & Bangers Night, Forge Cottage, 7.00pm
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 21 Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Charity Coffee Morning

17th October
10am –12noon.
Great Bromley W I

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*

Little Bromley Amenities Group AGM

Monday 5th October 7 pm
Come along and celebrate another year of
our Amenities Group and share ideas for
forthcoming events.
Nibbles and drinks provided

Snail Racing

Come along to the Haywain pub on
Saturday 10th October
where our snails will start racing at 7.30 pm
We will break half way through the evening
for our famous buffet

Badminton

Tuesday evenings 5.00-6.00pm
for children (£1.50/per session)
6.00-7.30pm adults (£2/ per
session)



Racquets and shuttles provided.
Great Bromley Village Hall
For further information phone Kate
07592735600

W.I. Charity Coffee Morning

17th October
In aid of St Helena Hospice

Gt. Bromley W.I

7th October at 7.30pm
Yaz Somers – Park Ranger at Colchester
Castle Park.
All welcome.

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

Autumn Dinner Dance

Saturday 17th 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
7.00-10.00pm

Tasting of 10 wines with information
concerning their provenance, opportunity
to buy.

Nibbles provided. Tickets £15 pp.
To reserve your place, phone Kate
07592735600 (spaces limited to 40)

Save the Bromley Cross



Fun Quiz Night
Saturday 17th October
Ardleigh Village Hall
7 for 7.30pm start

Teams of 6 £5 per person
Bring your own drink and nibbles
Book a table / team from Dinah on 231059

St Georges Church
Great Bromley

Harvest Lunch

At Great Bromley Village Hall
Sunday 11th October
12:30pm for 1:00pm

Tickets: £13.50
Available from 01206 250229 or
01206 230688 and members of the
PCC

Bring your own drinks & glasses.



2015

Donations of £1.00 per child
(accompanying adults free)
Registration between 10 and 10.15am



The Great Escape



At Messy
Church



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

on
Monday 26th October
10.00am – 12.30pm,
At Great Bromley Village Hall.



All Welcome!

For more information please contact
Carol Cordwell: 01206395103
United Benefice of Ardleigh and the Bromley's

Little Bromley Firework Display

It's Back!

On Saturday 7th November

FREE ENTRY
(Donations welcome)

Fireworks 7pm

Sparklers

Burgers and Hot Dogs

for sale on the night

Little Bromley Associates Group & Little Bromley Parish Council



to be held at
Barlon Road,
Little Bromley

*Seven Rivers Cheshire Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley
Halloween and Bonfire Night Party*

A black and white photograph of a Halloween scene. In the foreground, several black bat cutouts are flying. In the background, a witch on a broomstick is flying over a house. To the right, there is an ornate wrought-iron gate.

*Friday 6 November 2015.
Start time: 6.00pm*

Chips, soup and hot drinks available

*Tickets available from Seven Rivers
Price £2 per adult, £1 per child
or £5 per family*

Registered Charity No. 218135

Karen Carpenter Story

Friday 13th November at 7.30pm

“Live” on stage

at Great Bromley Village Hall
featuring some of her most popular
songs.

Performed by the band HORIZON

Bar applied for

Tickets £10 from 01206 231991 or
Little Dragons Pre-School

Seven Rivers

*Cheshire Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley*

Christmas Bazaar

*Saturday 28th November
2pm to 4.30pm.*

*Christmas Goodies
for all including:*

FATHER CHRISTMAS!

*Books and Toys
Christmas Gifts
Refreshments
Grand Raffle
CAKE!*

and more besides - do come!

A cartoon illustration of Father Christmas, wearing a red suit and a white beard, holding a gift bag.

Registered Charity No. 218186

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@terrays.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.





VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

At their meeting on 21st July trustees noted the excellent

work that Andy Terry had undertaken during repair and redecoration of the outside of the hall. The new cream and green livery has proved to be popular, blends well with the adjacent cricket pavilion and the gloss paint should remain sound for at least five years before further attention is required. Unfortunately, due to the very poor condition of the wood and stone work at the rear of the hall, which needed much more repair than anticipated, redecoration progress has been slow and only about one third of the hall exterior was completed within the time and funding allocated for this work in 2015. Trustees agreed that the rest of the hall exterior should be redecorated in 2016 and that a grant towards paying for this should be sought from the ECC Community Initiatives Fund. They also supported grant funding being sought for the planned partial redecoration of the hall interior early next year.

Hall utilisation remains steady. New 'Boxercise' fitness training sessions now take place on Monday evenings and provide some compensation for the loss of Yoga classes on Wednesday mornings which have ceased due to lack of support. It is good to note the increasing numbers of hirers wishing to use the stage and associated equipment for entertainment. Trustees will review shortly whether partial refurbishment of the stage and fittings should be considered - this area of the hall has remained largely unchanged since the 1970s/80s and is now looking somewhat tired and dated. 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. There remain, however, plenty of periods in the week for which the hall is 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 at the village hall has continued apace with six events due to take place in the next 3 months. The profit from these events is an essential boost to village hall funds but importantly they provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet and socialise. Forthcoming events are summarised below, with more details appearing on village notice boards and in the Bromley Messenger as each date approaches:

Craft and Collectibles Event—**cancelled**
Saturday 24th October - Wine Tasting Evening
Saturday 21st November - Barn Dance
Saturday 28th November - Christmas Decoration Workshop
Saturday 12th December - Christmas Fayre
Thursday 31st December - New Years Eve Ball

The village hall trustees look forward to welcoming you at one of their fundraising events and to provide accommodation for you whether it is for a birthday party, reception or reunion. They would also be delighted to receive any comments that you have on the hall either as a visitor or hirer; these and any ideas for further improvements to the hall are always much appreciated.

Martin Frostick
villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk
or 01206 250263

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

October - apples, pears, pumpkins and squash, drifting crunchy leaves - conkers - mists - log fires - lovely!!

As the garden starts to wind down to winter, there are so many lovely things to look forward to. Even the chilly winds and frosty mornings are bracing, though I think I might pass on the persistent rain.

I think this summer has been rather good. It has had its moments I grant you, but overall, it seemed pretty OK to me. Highlights such as the Open Gardens gave the summer direction and certainly made me set to and tidy up the garden, and put a little more planning than usual into the flower beds and tubs.

I have just come back from a lovely holiday in Cornwall with my children, their husbands/wives and their children. One big house, six adults and two children was never going to be relaxing, but it was a lot of fun, and it enabled us to visit two sites that have been an ambition of mine for many years, namely the Eden Project and The Lost Gardens of Heligan. The lost gardens have been restored to their former glory by Tim Smit having been rediscovered in 1990. The gardens show a wonderful mix of huge productive fruit and vegetable areas, and naturalistic planting including a terrifying rope bridge in the "jungle". The Eden Project was astounding - the vast biodomes housing beautiful tropical and

subtropical plants, and surrounded by stunning gardens in a totally transformed landscape - it used to be a china clay mine. This was the second project Tim Smit undertook - one wonders what's next! The countryside around St Austell showed how much warmer (and wetter) it is than here. Fuschia, hydrangea, crocosmia, and ferns all growing wild in the hedgerows, and many gardens growing aloes and palms.

But back to reality.

Trees are beginning to turn and the countryside is becoming a beautiful brown/orange/yellow. The berries and nuts are ripening, and this year appears to be a bumper one for walnuts; who knows, I may even get one or two if the squirrels leave any behind. Summer flowers can now be cut down and tubs cleared of their annuals. Climbing plant supports need to be checked and re-enforced to protect against wind damage. Late flowering roses can be pruned, and hedges not cut before, trimmed. Tender perennials will need to be lifted and put somewhere that is frost free. In the vegetable garden, once crops have been harvested, beds need to be cleared and dug, and green manure planted. Fruit such as apples and pears need to be picked when ripe, and perfect specimens stored in a cool frost free tray, or alternatively in a cardboard box, after each fruit has been wrapped in newspaper.

The greenhouse needs a good clearout and a clean. Jeyes Fluid works well, and it gets rid of any pest trying to overwinter. It is very important to keep the greenhouse glass as clean as possible to allow maximum light during the winter.

Don't forget to make time to enjoy your garden!

Kate Strowbridge



SERIOUS FIRE AT GREAT BROMLEY - TWO COTTAGES BURNED DOWN

An alarming fire broke out shortly after five pm on Saturday at Balls' Green, Great Bromley resulting in the total destruction of two cottages belonging to Mr. Sargeant. The fire, which is believed to have been caused by the ignition of a beam crossing a chimney, spread with rapidity, and a messenger was at once despatched to Colchester for aid. The men of the Essex and Suffolk Fire Brigade, under Supt. Beaumont, quickly assembled, and the engine left the town at 6.30 p.m.

On their arrival at Bromley they found the fire raging furiously. Scarcely any water was available, and what little that could be obtained from a well was exhausted, the firemen worked with a will to pull off the blazing thatch.

The burning mass was surrounded with cottages and corn fields, and a quantity of corn had to be shifted to prevent the flames seizing it.

The walls soon fell and the chimneys were, as a matter of precaution, pulled down by the brigade, who worked with untiring zeal. The engine returned to Colchester about 12.30 on Sunday morning, two men being left behind for the safety of the surrounding property.

Mrs. Hetherington, one of the occupants of the cottages, had just set some bread to bake in her oven when the fire broke out, and she persistently refused to take it out "until it was done." She managed to carry out her resolve, and got the batch out in good condition.

The furniture of the tenement was removed by a number of farm labourers and others, and sustained little or no damage.

The premises were insured in the Essex and Suffolk Fire Office.

Chelmsford Chronicle, 27th August 1886.

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB



Recent Meetings

Following our August break, during which we held our popular Summer Lunch at the Venture Centre, our Autumn programme recommenced on Wednesday 2 September with John Floyd speaking on "Electric Tramways of East Anglia" and this interesting talk was followed on 16 September by Catherine Dell recounting a past holiday visit entitled "The Lost World of the Incas" with many colourful slides.

Future Meetings

On 7 October Grant Elliot will speak on "Monopoly – not just a game" and Probus Member Paul Oliver will present "Quiz Time in Manningtree"

**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 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.

Graeme Forsyth



TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

Well we are already talking of the Great British sausage week in November which is themed Celebrating our love of the great British Banger. This week, the 2nd to 8th November, often coincides with Bonfire Night.

Since 1997 British Sausage Week has grown to become a multi-channel awareness campaign encouraging participation from schools, pubs and restaurants, multiple retailers and independent butchers. The highlight is to find the best British pork sausage from across the nation. This year's categories are Best Traditional pork sausage and Best innovative pork sausage.

Primrose Pork won with their Best Traditional sausage a few years ago. Along with the title of Best Landmark sausage for the Eastern region came Dickie Bird the Cricket Legend to present us with an award. He was such a lovely character and very complimentary of our sausages. Since then we have won a succession of gold, silver and bronze awards and watch the British Sausage week with pride.

We are also now looking at the Turkey trade for Christmas I know it is a long way away but we have to be organised for this huge time of the year.

Our Back to University meat packs were a great success and if you are looking for that unusual practical present, we sell a huge combination of meat that we can box up for you.

The shop is again busy with the emphasis on roasting joints and warming meals ie Toad in the hole.

The farmers markets are really remaining a hive of activity with our own on the second Saturday of the month having had a good summer outside. I continue to go to Alresford, Rowhedge and Wivenhoe on consecutive Saturdays. I also have had another talk booked about the Story of

Primrose Pork for next year, the development and the funny stories along the way!

The winter crops for the wild birds are now looking very healthy and there are so many pheasants and partridges running around the farm land, so well camouflaged in the autumn colours.

Karen Moss

Roast leg of pork with pear and sausage stuffing balls

Cooking time: 90mins Serves:4 people

Ingredients

1 Boned and rolled pork leg joint
Oil Salt
2-4 Small pears for roasting

Stuffing

225g (8oz) Herb pork sausages
30mlsp (2tbsp) Fresh sage leaves, chopped
2 Ripe pears, cored and chopped
2 Small pears, cored and chopped
30mlsp Pear Cider
Preparation: Preheat oven.

Method

Weigh the joint and calculate the cooking time. Dry the rind and score deeply with a sharp knife. Rub the joint with a little oil and salt.

Place the joint in a roasting tin and open roast in the oven for the calculated cooking time. Add the small pears 30 minutes before the end of the cooking time.

To make the stuffing, remove the sausage meat from the skins and place in a mixing bowl. Add the sage and chopped pears mixing thoroughly. Take large spoonfuls of the mixture and shape into balls, place on a baking sheet and cook in the oven for around 20-25 minutes until golden and cooked through.

When the joint is cooked allow to stand for 10 minutes before carving.

Save the meat juices and pour into a small pan, add a large splash of pear cider and boil rapidly to reduce slightly. Serve the roast pork with the stuffing balls, roast pears and pear jus.



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ST HELENA HOSPICE

Enter into the spirit of Christmas and enjoy some fresh air fun at the festive St Helena Hospice Reindeer Dash on **Sunday 13th December 2015**.



Invite your friends, family and colleagues along to run or walk the picturesque 3km route around Colchester Castle Park. As part of your registration we'll provide free antlers and a flashing red nose to don, too!

By taking part you will be supporting our local patients and their families and making an immediate difference to their lives. Registration is just £7.50 per adult and £5 per child (ages 3 to 13). If you're signing up a little one, you can donate £2 and they will receive a letter from Father Christmas thanking them for taking part.

Remember, Colchester's first Winter Wonderland will be at the park – after the dash you can meet Father Christmas in his grotto and even take to the ice skating rink. If you're super speedy with your registration we will reward you with free tickets to skate – The first 150 people to sign up will be eligible!

Make a difference today and sign up at sthelenahospice.org.uk/dash15, if you want to know any more about Reindeer Dash please contact the events team on 01206 931468 or email events@sthelenahospice.org.uk. Registration closes on Friday 11th December at 12pm.

Don't miss out.

Autumn Litter Pick

Please come and help out at the autumn Great Bromley Litter Pick which will take place on Saturday 7th November. Meet at 10am in the car park of The Cross Inn or at 10.30 at the Old Courthouse Inn car park.



Volunteers (the more the merrier) should bring appropriate footwear and gloves. Bin bags, hi-visibility bibs and litter grabbers will be provided.

More details can be obtained from Richard Perry on 01206 230537 or Owen Blowers on 01206 231010.

THANK YOU

MACMILLAN EVENT - 26 AUGUST

A huge thank you to all who supported our MacMillan fundraising coffee & cake event. It was a lovely day and we were blessed with wonderful weather. £412.60 was raised to support this most worthy of causes and we are most appreciative of all you did to make the day so successful - see you next year!



Brenda & Richard Perry

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CHURCH JOTTINGS

The Unsung Heroes of the Bromleys

Not to name names because those folk intended for this edition of Church Jottings know who they are.

We are the Parish of the Bromleys, so we have two churches, St. George's and St. Mary's. Two very beautiful and loved churches which are so important to our communities.

Maintaining and caring for these churches takes time, commitment and is in the hands of a loyal band of volunteers from our community who care deeply.

There are many tasks which vary from sweeping the paths, cleaning the loo, polishing the brasses, to applying for grants from English Heritage, the National Lottery – balancing the books and booking priests for all our services, etc.etc.

It is a credit to our community that we have so many kind and dedicated folk willing to give time once or twice a month or more regularly to help us.

Why not join our team? You will find that we are a friendly and welcoming group of people.

How can you help?

We all have a talent and if you have time there will be some way in which you can help.

But can we help you? .

The church welcomes this community during happy and sad occasions such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, church lunches, carol services, but are we doing enough for you? What sort of events/ services would you like to see in our churches? Please let us know. We want particularly at St George's to continue to thrive, providing a service to our community.

Our next service which you may enjoy is Harvest on October 11th at 10.30 followed by lunch at the Village Hall to which all of you are warmly invited. This year we decided to give our volunteers a rest and invited Linda Pinhey to cook the lunch therefore the price of the meal is just a little bit more. We hope you would like to come and join us, it is going to be delicious!

The Remembrance Service this year is on 8th November. The Service will follow the same pattern as last year and will be for all the community – firstly at the War Memorial at 10.45am and then into Church followed by Refreshments, a service of Remembrance, reflection through prayers and poetry.

If you would like to help in any way (especially if you are new to the villages) please come and speak to me or someone on the P.C.C. There is a rota for cleaning in both churches and a rota for flowers and you are very welcome to join us. Perhaps we could start a gardening rota?

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who already help – you are so appreciated and valued, especially by me, thank you so very much. Keep up the good work and God Bless you all.

Jenny Nicholls
Church Warden



ARDLEIGH and THE BROMLEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church of England Services - OCTOBER

Sunday 4th	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>
Sunday 11th	19th Sunday after Trinity St George's Harvest Thanksgiving	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist <i>Lunch at Village Hall</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 18th	St Luke the Evangelist	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 25th	Last Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

Holy Communion

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

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday, 11th October
in Great Bromley Village
Hall
12.30am for 1.00pm

See centre page for more
details



Church Lunch

November 2nd 12 noon

(N.B. **NO CHURCH LUNCH** 7th October
there is a wedding)

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