

The Messenger

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villages of Great &
Little Bromley

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THE FIRST PAGE

Dear Readers

Well, the weather's been wonderful! I hope you are all keeping well and managing in these strange times where, as I write, a further three weeks of lockdown has been announced. My children are disappointed not to be able to return to school and college yet but they are managing to find things to do at home. Please keep on helping those who need it, even if it's just a quick phone call to check on them; isolation can be very difficult for some.

Events continue to be postponed, and it now looks very likely that the 75th VE Day commemorations will not go as planned. In that case, I would encourage us all to celebrate at home - from decorating our homes with bunting, to raising a glass as a toast to the nation at 3pm on 8th May; our heroes deserve the recognition.

I received a message from Leonie, which she would like to share with you all:

"I would like to give my heartfelt thanks for all the lovely emails and cards I have received from you following my standing down as Editor last month.

You have said such lovely things. Thank you.

Thank you, too, to the Parish Council for the generous garden voucher. Whilst stuck at home during Coronavirus Lockdown I shall dream of how I shall use it. Following the gorgeous weather of the last few days I now have no weeds left in my little garden and am seriously considering buying a packet of weed seeds to keep me busy over the coming weeks!!!

Take care of yourselves and keep well. Leonie"

A big thank you to all our contributors for their content this month. The Messenger remains a vital asset to our villages and will continue no matter what!

May brings us bluebells, International Nurses Day (which is also the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale) and World Asthma Day.

Keep busy and take care,

Lizzie

PS. There were eight Easter eggs hidden in last month's magazine!

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Like almost everyone across the UK, the ladies of the WI are sequestered away in our homes, hoping that, by doing so for the next few weeks, COVID-19 will pass us by. All of us are available for a chat over the

phone, and some of us can also do face to face chats using video if you fancy seeing us in the flesh. Get in touch if you feel you are going crazy over the continuous stream of coronavirus news.

Banana Loaf - Jean Delgaty

To use up those 'past their best' bananas and save waste. This banana loaf keeps well and can be buttered if liked.

- 2/3 very ripe bananas peeled and 1 teaspoon of lemon juice, mashed together
 - 60 grams margarine cubed
 - 100 grams caster sugar
 - 2 eggs - beaten
 - 100 grams chopped dates or sultanas
 - 225 grams SR flour
- 2lb loaf tin - lined and greased
Oven preheated to 180c

Add margarine to flour and rub in with fingertips until evenly distributed. Stir in sugar and dried fruit Then mix in mashed banana and beaten eggs

Mixture should be fairly stiff, just dropping from a spoon, add a little milk if necessary. Turn into loaf tin and smooth.

Bake in centre of pre heated oven for 30 minutes, then reduce heat to 160c for a further 30 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean when cake is tested.

Allow cake to cool and wrap in foil - keep for 1 day for flavours to mature. Serve sliced with butter if liked.

Quiz

Take the first letter from each answer and solve the anagram in question 11. This is something that is extra important these days.

1. Reykjavik is the capital of what country?
2. What is the astrological sign of a person born on March 1st?
3. In Richard Adams' 'Watership Down', what type of animal are Fiver, Hazel and Bigwig?
4. What name is given to a young horse, typically under a year old?
5. On Twitter, what name is given to the '#' symbol?
6. The Egyptian god Thoth is traditionally depicted with the head of which bird?
7. What is the positive square root of 81?
8. What is the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet?
9. Which gypsy girl takes pity on Quasimodo in 'The Hunchback of Notre-Dame'?
10. Which gladiator led a slave uprising against the Roman Republic in 73 B.C
11. And the anagram is (see page 36 for answers)

Kevin and Sue Clark

IMPORTANT - COVID-19

Message from the Chairman of Great Bromley Parish Council

I urge you all to keep up to date with and follow the latest advice issued by the Government in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak. I would also ask that we all be aware of our neighbours, and be on hand to provide support to those who might need it, particularly the elderly and those who are vulnerable.

For anyone who is struggling to find support, please call me on 01206 230688.

Cllr Fred Nicholls

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home decontamination services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods and services from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressure you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good friend,
help to protect
your family, friends
and neighbours
from scams.

Read It.
Share It.
Prevent It.

#Coronavirus
#ScamAware



Contact

For advice on scams call the
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 11 33**
To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

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Scams Team

To learn more about the different types of scams visit www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk

C-O-R-O-N-A-V-I-R-U-S

Communicating. The lovely chats with family and friends via telephone, email and video chats – and some letters

On to it! My small garden is weed free, the lawn mown, the house is clean (and tidy!), books are being read, sewing projects being completed

Running, singing, dancing, walking, exercises - keeping fit. Take care though - I was over enthusiastic doing some online exercises and pulled a muscle in my back!

On to it - still! Am I? Taken to procrastinating cleaning out cupboards and other perennially boring tasks

NHS and all the other services looking after us all and keeping things going. Caring friends and neighbours offering to do tasks. Thank you all.

Aroma and cars. I don't miss the sound, the number of, the pollution caused by cars and other machinery. I do, however, miss using the car to see friends and family. Saving fuel though. Saving money!

Victory over the situation - we will get through it

Innovative ideas for keeping busy and how to use odd items from the back of the store cupboard.

Review one's skills – Memo to self is to learn new ones (the list is endless). However, not started anything new myself yet! Too busy practising present skills.

Us all. How fortunate to have the love of friends and family and be a part of a caring community. How fortunate to be able to enjoy the beauty of the countryside and see the thriving wildlife.

Social distancing. Keep your distance and we will - hopefully - all be released from isolation quicker.

Leonie Henderson

List of businesses who will deliver to addresses in Great Bromley.

Anglia Salads - Fruit, vegetables, bread, milk & other basic - Ask
01206 233471 Deliver Monday & Friday.

Mikes Golden Fish Dish, Elmstead Market - Fish, ribs, burgers, pies, kebabs, chips.
01206 822585 Deliver upon order.

Kings Arms, Frating - Roasts, curries, burgers, jacket potatoes, desserts
01206 250277 - Deliver upon order

Budgens, Elmstead - Usual small store products.
01206 617070. Order by 12 midday
Can be collected after 3pm. This facility is offered to people unable to leave their property. David Hardy is the co-ordinator, (07817 451401) he has to be notified and will arrange collection.

Norwegian Bakers, Wivenhoe - White, wholemeal bread, savoury and sweet buns Speciality Norwegian Apple Cake.
07450 371500 Deliver Mondays.

Fairfield Farm - Potatoes 15kg & 25kg washed potatoes
Fairfield Farm Crisps - large packets various flavour 24 packets.
01206 241613 Will deliver to your door

All of the above require card payment with order - No cash.

Reliquum Great Oakley
Fruit & veg boxes.
Small mixed box £10 large mixed box £15
Order by 6pm Wednesday delivery on Friday, order by 6pm on Sunday for delivery on Tuesday.
Online orders only - orders@gthompsons.co.uk

Lucca High Street, Manningtree will accept orders FOR COLLECTION over the telephone 01206 390044. Hand made pizzas and various pasta dishes.

Any updates will be added to the Great Bromley Parish Council website.



STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Recent Meetings

On Wednesday 4 March Maureen Clarke talked to us about "The plight of street orphans in India" . At our AGM on 18 March Dave Carman was voted in again as President and Speaker Secretary, Graeme Forsyth as Secretary and Val Pretty as Treasurer.

Future Meetings

At the AGM it was agreed that in the light of the Coronavirus outbreak all Club meetings would be cancelled for the next few months. We plan to meet again on 2 September 2020 when Jan Derbyshire will speak on the good work of "The Shelley Centre For Therapeutic Riding".

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members are welcomed

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. New Members are always very welcome at all meetings of the Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, just join us at 10am on a meeting date. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am.

Please contact President Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

HAMILTON LODGE UPDATE

Following on from the purchase of Hamilton Lodge and the ongoing engagement with all of the key stakeholders, we can confirm that we are just finalising the planning application.

To inform the preparation of the application, we have undertaken a number of surveys, particularly with regard to ecology, arboriculture and landscape. There has been extensive engagement with all relevant stakeholders and a pre-application submission was also made. A series of meetings with Tendring DC have been held to discuss the proposed application.

As previously advised at the open day, it was our intention to hold a public exhibition to share our proposals prior to submission. Due to the current situation, this is not feasible at this time. Therefore, we have produced a consultation website in lieu of the formal exhibition.

This consultation can be found at www.hamiltonlodge.co.uk. There is a feedback form for any comments or we can be e-mailed at enquiries@hamiltonlodge.co.uk

***Daniel Rapson
Project Director
For and on behalf of
Hamilton Lodge***

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 -

Tel: **01206 231823/ 07857 503103**

Breakfast Club for preschool children
– places available

We are flexible and happy to take children for the occasional session and times to suit your situation.

If you require further information please call us on the numbers above or pop in to see us.

30 Hours funding for eligible parents came into effect from September 2017 -give us a call for more details.

Unfortunately at the time of writing this we, like many other organisations, are closed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

However, we have remained in contact with our children via social media. Our staff members have been sending their key children various links to online sites and setting them tasks. The children were set a challenge - to make a rainbow, using anything they

liked (paint, lego, fabric etc.) They have been sharing their pictures on Tapestry (a secure online journal) and facebook. It was wonderful to see all the beautiful, colourful creations.

By keeping in touch the staff can tailor the individual learning for their key children and provide and extend this if parents wish.

In addition to Easter activities, the children have also been given mark making, counting and outdoor activities that they can do with their families.

Why not check out our new facebook page for all the latest news and events. Follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/littledragonspreschoolgreatbromley/>

Wishing everyone well and stay safe.

Please note:

OUR RECYCLING STATION for crisps and biscuit packets has been **temporarily suspended.**

**GT BROMLEY &
DISTRICT
CRICKET CLUB**



100 Club Winners

February:

1. Alistair Robinson
2. M Lording
3. Mark Lamb

March:

1. Sophie Allam
2. Mrs R Herring
3. Lynda Allam

Many thanks to all who continue to support the cricket club.

IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

We start by offering our sympathy to everyone for the dreadful way this virus is affecting them, their families and friends and we offer our thanks to those doing such incredible jobs to help us all. What is inspiring, is just how many good news stories can be found. Acts of kindness, generosity, creativity and charity abound.

Just now our local garden centres and nurseries are stacked with plants, composts and other essentials for the gardener. Although as we write, they are not open to shoppers, many now provide a phone and collect service, such as Craft Nurseries and Deans, so check their websites for details. They may not be as sophisticated as many specialist online suppliers, but they, and others like them are local and need our support now, to be there in the future.

The gardener, unless he or she is a key worker, now has time on their hands and is in a position to do all the things they wanted to do, all the things they threatened to do if they had the time and all those things their spouse or partner has always wanted them to do. So, no excuses for them now.

For the non-gardener enthused to 'grow their own' our advice is to be relatively modest in what you attempt. Cultivating too much too quickly can become overwhelming as weeds literally romp through your newly planted beds in May/June. Far better to start small with a 1m² plot or a few pots on the patio. Read up on your choice of flowers, fruit or vegetables and grow them well, weeding, feeding, watering, protecting them and removing pests as required. Then just enjoy the success and flavour of a few

lettuce, strawberries, runner beans, french beans or tomatoes you would not have otherwise had. Success is rewarding and you start to learn what works and what doesn't, leaving you enthused for more next season.

Remember frosts can still occur in May so keep an eye on night time temperatures using fleece or cloches to protect your crops when necessary and don't forget birds are looking out for tasty treats, so covers such as netting for young tender plants and most lettuce will be necessary.

This leads me on to say that a garden hoe should always be to hand in the garden as the only way to keep on top of the weeds is to continually hoe the soil cutting them off as soon as they germinate.

In our garden, the grass is finally cut! What stunning weather we had in early April, allowing us to catch up all round. We start many plants off in a heated greenhouse, so broad bean, peas and swiss chard are now planted out and doing well, lettuces are planted out under cloches and we have sown beetroot and carrot in the ground. Pots of sweetcorn, cabbages and seed grown onions will be going out soon. Tomatoes, peppers and aubergines progress in the greenhouses with dahlia, chrysanthemum and gladioli pots moving into cold frames for planting out later in May and early June.

There is certainly plenty to keep us all busy, but most of all enjoy your gardening. Whatever you decide to try, we wish you every success.

Best wishes.

GET INVOLVED ONLINE WITH GREAT & LITTLE BROMLEY

The Great Bromley and Little Bromley village websites have been refreshed in April 2020, so I thought this a good time to share a list of websites and main social media pages for our villages.

Great Bromley village website

www.greatbromley.org.uk with links to most village media pages including:

- ◆ Parish Council website www.gbpc.org.uk
- ◆ Village Hall website www.greatbromleyvillagehall.org.uk

Little Bromley village website

www.littlebromley.org.uk incorporating the Parish Council pages and with links to most village media pages.

Some other village organisations, pubs, and businesses have a website or social media; you can find links to many of them in the village websites and in The Messenger.

Social Media

You can pick up links to these via the village websites or your search engine.

Facebook

Great Bromley Community
Little Bromley Community
Great Bromley Village Hall
Great Bromley Church
Friends of Little Bromley Church

Twitter

Great Bromley Parish Council
Great Bromley Church
Friends of Little Bromley Church

Next Door

www.nextdoor.co.uk is a free neighbourhood website which allows members to sign up by postcode to share information about their local communities. Several locals use this, and Little Bromley Parish Council use it for their community messaging.

Mailing Lists

e-Mailing lists exist for *Friends of Little Bromley Church* and *Great Bromley Church*. You can refer to the websites and sign up to hear about news and events.

Hugh Frostick



LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

We'd like to start by wishing everyone well and hope you are all keeping safe during this pandemic. As you know, the Council has set up a NextDoor site for all the residents to keep in touch and ask for help/offer help during this time. If you haven't already done so, then please join by typing: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/hcfm82pdq/> into your browser and follow the instructions.

If you're not online, then please phone the Chairman or Vice-Chairman on 07484 617583 and 07564 363478 and we will relay your request to the NextDoor Community for assistance. So far we have had offers of help for collecting prescriptions and lots of ideas for deliveries of fruit and vegetables - so thanks to everyone for joining in and making this a less lonely time for everyone. We would especially like to thank Charlotte at The Haywain for taking and bagging up certain food items for the residents.

The Village Sign repair has progressed and has now been awarded to local Craftsman Paul Brown who has already taken the sign down and work will continue once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted. If there are any artists who could retouch the artwork on the sign then please email the Council as we would like to get the whole sign refurbished.

The Council is making plans for the purchase of essential cleaning items to distribute to every household in the Village and would like to thank Mij and his company GC & Associates for their assistance in sourcing them and providing the bags to pack them in. Thanks also to Tesco for donating 2/3 of the Easter Eggs that went in the bags

as a treat! We have used some of our reserves to purchase these and would also like to thank TDC for a grant of £175 towards the cost. Hopefully by the time this Messenger is being read, the packs will already have been distributed and residents will have found these items of use.

The last Council meeting in March had to be cancelled because of the social distancing rules but the Council found a way to still hold the meeting and make decisions using video conferencing. We plan on holding the May meeting in the same way (assuming the lockdown hasn't been lifted). Any resident wishing to log into the meeting and hear what's being said can do so by emailing the Council (littlebromleypc@gmail.com) and registering your interest. An invitation will then be sent out by email and you will need to download the Zoom application on your tablet, phone or PC. Public participation will not be possible during these meetings - but if any resident has any queries then please email these over to the Council beforehand and they will be addressed during the public participation section on the agenda. I hope everyone will understand during this time that the Council is trying to still keep the decision making process running in the best way it can.

Details of the meeting will be posted on the new Council website (littlebromley.org.uk) - along with any updates during this time. The proposed date for the Zoom meeting will be 21st May at 7.00pm.

2020 EVENTS

MAY

- ~~4 Village Hall AGM and Annual Meeting 8.15pm in the Millennium Lounge~~
- ~~6 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm~~
- ~~8 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Gt Bromley Parish Council event. Details tba~~
- ~~9 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Dog Show - **Please check nearer the time**~~
- ~~10 Gt Bromley Parish Council VE event. Details tba~~
- ~~13 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society meeting, Ardleigh Methodist Hall, 7.45pm **CANCELLED**~~
- 16 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale, Ardleigh Village Hall, 9.30am - **Please check the website or facebook nearer the time**
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm
- 24 Litter Pick, Cross Inn 10.00am

JUNE

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

JULY

- 1 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 2020 Tending Hundred Show
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

AUGUST

- 5 WI Garden Party
- 15 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society Annual Show, Ardleigh Village Hall,
- 20 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 20 Great Bromley Antiques Fair



Your Priorities

You Said:

- Requests for patrols in open spaces to enforce the lock down.
- We were asked what we are doing about everyday policing

We Did:

- We have created hot spot areas that are regularly patrolled. Updates on Essex Police Facebook page Tendring
- Drugs are still a priority. Two successful warrants executed

Tips for working from home...

- Prepare a working space, ensure your chair is a comfortable height.
- Don't turn on the TV!
- Stay in touch with colleagues.
- Stick to your working hours .
- Take breaks.
- Plan your time.
- Have a blanket for warmth and save on heating.



Essex Oil Club

If you would like to pay less for your oil, wood and coal, come and join the Essex Oil Club and get discounts for these products by buying in bulk with other local people.

For further information and to register online go to <http://www.essexoil.club/> or call Lesley on 01206 231703

MORE THAN JUST A FARM

The last few months on the farm have flown by with lots going on. We had a successful lambing season this year with many twins. Our forty ewes kept us eagle eyed around the clock for just over two weeks. We lamb all our ewes in the barn as it is easier to keep a close eye on them if a complication was to occur. Luckily for us our ladies are an old hand to this now.



We have gone from boggy wet land to dry as a bone in a very short space of time, it has however allowed us to finally get our spring barley crop in, now to wait for rain!! Also on the land we have been busy fertilising and spraying. We do this to help/ encourage our crops to grow to their maximum potential giving us the highest yields possible.

Since the virus came to the UK and we went into lockdown, living in the countryside has never been such a blessing. With fewer vehicles on the road and our lives changing to staying at home, it has allowed the wildlife and nature to thrive. What have you seen on your daily exercise? Around the farm we have seen some larger birds of



prey rarely seen and more wildlife too.

The butchery has been overwhelmed with many new and loyal customers over the past few months and we are proud as a small family butchers to be able to provide you with tasty local produce. The shop will remain open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday but we are encouraging those to pre-order to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. The lead up to Easter was a whirlwind on the farm. We finished lambing so it was the task of trimming feet and dagging the ewes before putting them out to grass, we have put some of our cattle out down on the marshland too. The butchery has been busy taking orders for roasts and BBQ's and the lovely surprise that our resident sow Ruthie had her fourth litter of piglets on Easter Saturday! Ten healthy piglets, both piglets and mum are doing well.



Coming up over the next few months we will be busy in the butchery ensuring everyone is fed with great local meat and produce, farm maintenance including fencing, chopping wood, watering trees, cleaning gutters, checking livestock and many more...

Until next time, thank you.

Becky

www.beckysbutchers.co.uk

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

Clerk: Lizzie Ridout Email: clerk@gbpc.org.uk



Hello everyone - I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I am sure all residents of our village would like me to thank all the wonderful volunteers who are supporting those of us who are self isolating and social distancing during these unprecedented times. Thanks to Councillor David Hardy (07817 451401) who has co-ordinated this.

If any resident requires any help or assistance please contact a Parish Councillor, details can be found on the Parish Council website.

A decision on all Parish Council meetings is decided on a month by month basis acting on Government Regulations that are passed on to us by Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC). We have been informed our Annual External Audit time frame has been extended. We have also been informed that under the new Government Regulations relating to meetings that we will hold our next Annual Meeting in May 2021. Planning applications will still be sent to the Parish Council for comments. It must be remembered the Parish Council

are not statutory consultees; our comments can be taken into consideration by TDC Planning Committee but they are not obliged to do so. All planning applications received by the Parish Council will be published in the Messenger.

At long last, after many telephone calls and emails by parish councillors, County Councillor Carlo and residents, ECC Highways has visited Hall Road to deal with the flooding problem. I am informed the main problem was a gulley under the road which had become blocked, therefore water was unable to flow. Let's wait and see!!!

I am sure that everybody is aware the VE Day celebrations have been postponed. A new date will be announced for a village celebration once we return to normality.

Our clerk Lizzie, will answer any questions you have, she is contactable by email via clerk@gbpc.co.uk.

*Fred Nicholls, Chairman
01206 230688*

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
19/01912/ DETAIL K W Robinson	Approval of reserved matters for outline application 19/01050/OUT.	Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7UU	Approval - Reserved Matters/Detailed 13.03.2020 Delegated Decision
20/00129/FUL Mary Fawcett	Proposed two storey side extension with alterations over existing utility.	Oak Lodge Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TY	Approval - Full 27.03.2020 Delegated Decision

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
20/00259/FUL Mr L Foster - L K Developments Ltd	<p>Proposed erection of 5no. detached single storey dwellings with detached garages served by new shared private drive off of Frating Road.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council objected to the application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over development of site; • Highways issue with the private driveway coming out on to Frating Road - vehicles should have a turning circle within the development, as vehicles must only leave the site in a forward direction onto Frating Road. • Not enough vehicle parking allowed for proposed residents, or any visitors to the residents; • The red planning line on the application does not match the site shown for development; it extends beyond the rear boundary into the land behind. Is this intentional by the applicant to get planning on the land behind on a position of technicality? • The landscaping condition has already been discharged for the site in a previous application, so the trees and hedging drawn on the plan is for artistic purposes only. 	Land Between Fieldside and Eltone, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JW
CC/TEN/30/20	<p>The provision of an external access lift to the school buildings.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council supported the application.</p>	St Georges C of E Primary School, Brook Street, Great Bromley, CO7 7HX
20/00302/ DETAIL	<p>Reserved matters for the layout for plot 1.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Land at Frating Road, Great Bromley

ARDLEIGH SURGERY

Dear Patients,

All of you will be aware of the current Covid-19 situation. This is an unprecedented situation for local GPs and hospital services, as well as nationally for the NHS and globally. This is a time we need our community to come together, support each other and show acts of kindness.

APPOINTMENTS:

At the surgery we are doing our very best in difficult circumstances to continue to provide support and care to all who need it, but we need your help. The clinical, nursing, dispensary and administration teams are under increasing pressure, and this will only increase in the coming weeks. We have all had to work in a totally new and different way and make changes on a daily basis; please be patient with us as we make these changes.

To reduce footfall into the surgery, **all appointments are now telephone triaged** with GPs and nurses. If we cannot deal with your issue over the phone, we will be able to bring you into a designated clinic at Ardleigh. Many issues can be dealt with over the phone; help the staff by keeping your phone on loud and close to you, so they do not have to make repeated calls to you.

Please be considerate for the reason you are calling us. We need to ensure we have enough free clinical time for those who need us most at the moment. If you come into the surgery, we will check your temperature on arrival. The surgery seems eerily quiet inside, but it doesn't mean we are "quiet", in fact all the doctors and nurses are providing more appointments than ever over the phone and keeping you safe by dealing with issues over the phone where appropriate.

Anyone with respiratory symptoms is being telephone triaged and, if we need to see them face to face, are being seen in a designated area at the back of the surgery with a separate entrance. This is to help us keep any potentially unwell patients separate to anyone else. If you are asked to come to this part of the surgery, you will have instructions when you call us. Please wait in your car until you are called in by the clinician.

Nursing pre-booked appointments will still be running at Dedham.

Please ring Ardleigh to book an appointment.

If you are unwell with symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, high temperature, flu like illness etc) please DO NOT come to the surgery. Follow the government advice to self-isolate and if your condition worsens contact 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk for online advice. Please do not arrive at Ardleigh or Dedham surgery as a "walk in". If you are unsure what to do, or need further advice, then call the GP. If you have suspected symptoms, please also ensure you and your family self-isolate as the current guidelines dictate.

DISPENSARY:

This dispensary is open and the staff are running at 200% to keep up with demand. Like the supermarkets, many people have ordered early or requested things they have not used for many years, this is making the turnaround time for prescriptions longer. The dispensary team has been working overtime and at the weekend to catch up with the work load. Please be thankful for their dedication. **The current turnaround time for a routine prescription is 5 days.**

SUPPORT:

Almost all our patients have been very supportive of our staff, who are as anxious as the general population, and working in the most difficult situation NHS workers have dealt with in a generation. We thank the people who have dropped in cards, cakes and supplies for us to boost morale, and we would like to thank the local businesses who have supported us already. Every small act of kindness helps boost our staff. We understand that some people are frustrated and worried by the situation, but now more than ever, we will not tolerate any inappropriate behaviour towards the staff. Please look after us.

SOCIAL ISOLATION:

Whilst the government begins plans to support those in social isolation, your first port of call should be your well relatives, family and friends for food and medication collections. There is also a Dedham and Ardleigh support group of volunteers helping those in isolation. Their number is below.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Every day social media puts another story online; be careful to read correct information from government and NHS websites. Many stories are “fake news” and are stoking unnecessary upset and anxiety as well as increasing workload to the GP with patients asking for clarification. Your first port of call is the appropriate websites or 111 for accurate information.

www.nhs.uk

111.nhs.uk

<https://www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk/>

Dedham and Ardleigh Volunteer help line: 01206 322025

We thank you in advance for helping the surgery through the next difficult few months.

Kind regards,

Ardleigh Management Team

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

STOUR VALLEY U3A

STOUR VALLEY U3A 30th ANNIVERSARY

STOUR VALLEY U3A has set up a number of support systems for its members during the coronavirus pandemic.

These include dedicated helplines for those self isolating in East Bergholt and Manningtree/Mistley/Lawford to help with basic needs such as food shopping and prescription collections.

A general support group for members is also available for those living in East Bergholt.

Lectures for April, May and June have been postponed until July, August and September, pending government advice.

A weekly newsletter is being circulated to all 400 members to keep them informed with news and updates.

For further information visit: <https://u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley/home> or contact chairman Graham Manuel gandamauel@gmail.com or secretary Sue Basted susanbasted10@gmail.com

WARTIME MEMORIES

I consider myself an Essex Boy, but I was born in a village called Longside, which is 25 miles north of Aberdeen in the North East of Scotland, in March 1938.

In early 1939 my Mum and Dad bought Hall Farm in Great Bromley from Percy Crossman. When the war started Dad received a visit from the War Ministry who informed him they were requisitioning his farm. When he asked what he was to do, they informed him he was to carry on farming and, if we won the war, he would get it back, nice!

Included in the farm sale was Bromley Hall, now Seven Rivers. This was taken over by the military as the Officers' Mess. Brook House in Brook Street was taken over as the Sergeants' Mess.

He asked what they wanted the farm for, and he was told they wanted to put lights all over the farm so it looked like an Airfield. He told them there was no place for planes to land, and he was told they did not want planes to land, just for it to look like an Airfield so the Germans would bomb his farm and not Airfields like North Weald, Boxted or Birch - charming.

They also told him that they would provide an underground shelter, known as an Anderson Shelter, for the family to sleep in. This was built and we slept in it for the duration of the war. By the time the war finished it was sleeping two adults and four children. This was adjacent to the cottage we were living in, in Hall Road.

I recall laying in bed, although still very young, and listening to the sound of the doodlebugs flying past. We knew if the engine stopped, the doodlebug would

crash soon afterwards. I can recall that happening one night and I believe it crashed near Ardleigh.

Regarding the Germans bombing the farm, I think it was in 1944 that a German bomber dropped two bombs, one exploded on the farm, very close to what is now the A120. The other one, I am told, landed near the church but did not explode. Again, I am told that the person who came to diffuse it took off his boots and donned carpet slippers so as not to trigger any device. It worked and he did an excellent job. The bomb that exploded left a crater 80 feet across and some 30 feet deep.

One other event that I witnessed was seeing a dogfight taking place towards Harwich between a spitfire and a German plane. We learnt later that the spitfire won.

Towards the end of the war, Dad was asked to take on six prisoners of war and when they arrived, they consisted of four Germans and two Italians. I recall some names; Teo, Godfrey and Kaiser. Most of them were very nice people, except Kaiser, who liked to bully people. They worked on the Farm and lived in a hut on the farm, known locally as the Guide Hut.

When the war ended, they were repatriated to their home countries. However, Godfrey remained living in a room specially made out for him and worked on the farm, he later married a local girl and moved on.

My Mum had three brothers serving in the Army during the war and at one stage her younger brother called Dod was reported missing. Then one day there was knock on the door and she opened it, and there stood her brother.

He had been posted to Colchester and asked his Officer if he could visit his sister; he agreed and told him to take a vehicle and go.

One lovely story for me was in the late 60's or early 70's my Mum and sister Jean went on a driving holiday to Germany and decided to visit Teo, one of the prisoners of war. When they met him, he flung his arms around Mum's neck and burst into tears, so pleased he was to see her because he had been so well treated. The futility of war!

After the war, the Hall and Brook House was returned to Dad and he sold the hall for use as an old people's home. Brook House he decided we should move into, as it had six bedrooms and the family had grown to two adults and six children.

I suppose it could be said we had a

good war, with no loss of life as I recall in the village.

At the end of the war, food rationing was in place and it was Dad's responsibility to give out the rations, I think there were over 20 workers on the farm at the time. I know he had a good relationship with a local butcher, and he would send in an extra pig or lamb so he had a bit of extra food to give out. My Dad was a very generous man and I know he would often drop some potatoes or other items to a family that he had heard were struggling. Often, he would just leave it at the door so some people would not know who had left it.

These are my memories of life in Great Bromley, some I recall personally and some I have been told.

Bill Pirie

Remembering Second World War casualties

We had wanted to commemorate the Second World War casualties, and surviving participants, in a church display for the Victory in Europe (VE) Day celebrations that were planned for 8th May, but now sadly cancelled due to the pandemic.

The lockdown has stopped me from contacting relatives of these people to gather photographs and details and so, for now, this is merely an acknowledgement of the brave men who lost their lives.

Little Bromley:

*Bertie Ambrose Garrod
Eric Arthur Howe
Ernest George Frederick Rix*

Great Bromley:

*Frank Albert George Chaplin
Frederick Thomas Miniken
Henry Walter Polson
Kenneth Cyril Polson
Arthur Frank Sparrow*

In the next year or two I hope to publish a tribute to each man in The Messenger and, as always, I welcome any information that can be provided about any of them.

The photo on the next page is of a great personal friend of mine, George Sparrow, visiting the memorial to his brother Arthur in Greece (courtesy of Maureen Morling).

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Hi Everyone,
Firstly I hope you are all coping well in this current situation with regards to COVID-19.

I find myself at home in isolation. This is a just in case as I'm sure you will all appreciate, but I hope to return to Seven Rivers before Easter Weekend.

When I was last in the home, it was beginning to feel very strange with no-one coming inside. All visitors had been informed not to visit and no volunteers were coming into the home either. But we have been trying to keep everyone amused doing special events. Like you, we get bored very quickly as we are used to going out and about. But with the warmer weather coming we will soon be out in the garden. We have held a Cream tea afternoon, ten pin bowling fun, Olympic Games and pub afternoons. With the

sun coming out, we can hold BBQ's with karaoke, and fishing, and outside games such as rounders and our own Tennis week taking place in June.

As things stand at this time, it looks like we are going to have to cancel our Dog show; this was going to be held over the 75VE DAY celebrations on Saturday 9 May. This is one of our main money making events, raising funds for the residents to enjoy a more fulfilling life here at Seven Rivers. Like all charities, Leonard Cheshire Seven Rivers will be hit hard in this way, but this will not affect the residents too much, we will just have to scale down what we do.

Please keep safe, and all being well I will speak to you all next month.

Take care, *Liz* x

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY



If children are stuck for creative ideas, then why not get ready for VE Day! This year, we may well need to celebrate this important occasion at home. Making your own bunting is fun and easy, with string and paper.

- Show your support for our Armed Services.
- Be as creative and colourful as you want!
- Why not make some for your neighbours?
- Please try to use recyclable materials.



FROM THE RECTORY

The creation of calendars - the practice of finding a way to keep track of the passing days as well as larger divisions of time - has been around for more than 10,000 years. Originally focussed on the lunar and solar cycle, various cultures attempted to come up with a useful system that would regulate how society could operate.

The Sumerians, the Egyptians, the Assyrians and the Elamites all used their own arrangement of dates, all with varying degrees of complexity.

The Babylonian calendar had a year that consisted of 12 lunar months which all sounds quite familiar. But as the lunar cycle doesn't fit with the time it takes the earth to travel around the sun, it didn't take long for them to realise that the calendar wasn't accurate enough. By the 5th century BC, the Babylonians had tweaked their system to include a cycle that took into account both the moon's phases and the time of the solar year. This meant the calendar was regulated by a system that lasted 19 years and equalled 235 months, and where a shortened additional month had to occasionally be inserted to make the days add up. Very much like February the 29th in our leap years, but far more elaborate and intricate!

Although calendars are useful for planning activities, keeping a track of

events, marking festivals and anniversaries, there are situations where they do little more than mark the passage of time. When one day looks very much like the previous one, which in turn is the same as tomorrow, the date on the calendar might be the only thing that changes.

In a time of lockdown, when our way of life has altered in some cases beyond recognition, it can be hard to find a rhythm to our lives, when our familiar pattern of meetings with friends, journeys to see family and trips to the cinema is non-existent.

The writer of the Psalms had time on his mind when he penned Psalm 90. He understood that God sits in a very different place to us, where days, weeks months and years make no difference to him.

'Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations,' writes the psalmist 'Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.'

God is not governed by a calendar.

As we look to a future that is unclear and uncertain, where any plans we might make can never be definite, God calls us to put our time into his hands.

Rev'd Simon Heron

LITTLE BROMLEY VILLAGE FUND

The Little Bromley Village Fund would like to welcome Mr Fred Heddell onto the Committee, along with Carol and Anita.

We have been asked if the Fund could contribute towards the cost of the new Village Website - and we've therefore proposed a £50 contribution. If there are no objections by the end of the month, a cheque for this amount will be handed over to VCS Websites Ltd.



Church Services

All public church services have been suspended and the churches are not open. See below for online services and other resources.

Prayers for the Community

Church members will be praying regularly for our community and those in difficulty. If you would like to request a prayer for yourself or someone you are thinking of please email church@greatbromley.org.uk or contact a churchwarden.

Online Resources

Those of you with access to the internet can find information, online prayers, and services at home and live-streamed services via facebook and youtube.

www.churchofengland.org

www.chelmsford.anglican.org

www.facebook.com/stmaryslawford

The church tab on the village website has more links and contact information.

www.greatbromley.org.uk (links to Church and Parish Council)

www.littlebromley.org.uk (links to Church and Parish Council)

If you don't have internet access please contact a churchwarden to request printed materials for prayers and services at home.

Community support for the isolated

The Parish Councils are organising contacts and help for those who are self isolating. Please don't hesitate to use the contact if you need it.

QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Iceland | 4. Foal | 7. Nine | 10. Spartacus |
| 2. Pisces | 5. Hashtag | 8. Delta | 11. Friendship |
| 3. Rabbits | 6. Ibis | 9. Esmeralda | |