

# The Messenger

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Little Bromley

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July 2020



# THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

As I write, this weekend we have celebrated Father's Day, and we've had the longest day, while still in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic. With shops and businesses starting to re-open, it means some of us can get out and about a bit more than in recent weeks. Some people are still shielding, and may do so for a while yet. And some may be a little apprehensive to start going out again. My mum has very cleverly made me a facemask from an old scarf using a pattern she found in her daily newspaper, and it's very good. Her skills are now in demand, as my children have asked for one too - "Does it come in different designs Nanny?!"

A positive thing to come out of the lockdown is the enormous amount of creativity, sometimes newly discovered, and sometimes rediscovered. Some people have put their sewing skills to great use by making scrubs for hospital staff. With more time to spend at home and in the garden, there has been a lot of production in some households. In our house we have redecorated, decluttered, and swapped entire rooms around to better fit around the way we now live. It's kept us all occupied (including the cats), and we've enjoyed

the new found space whilst working well together. I'm still enjoying seeing the children more! My youngest has gone back to school for a few weeks and is relishing being with her friends, albeit in small 'bubbles', and with a strict handwashing and sanitizing routine in place.

In this month's magazine, our main feature is the story of Hugh's tadpoles! Hugh was posting their progress on social media and I enjoyed reading the latest on their activities, and now you can too. It also made for an interesting front cover. I'm not yet sure how I'm going to beat that next month! Something will come along, I'm sure. There's also an exciting story from St George's Church.

July brings us St Swithins Day (15th) - (watch the weather on that one), the anniversary of the 999 emergency service (1937), and the anniversary of when the first potatoes arrived from Columbia (1586). A useful bit of information to share over your chips.

If anyone would like to share their earliest memories of the Bromleys, or has any stories as a result of the lockdown, please get in touch on the below details.

*Take care, Lizzie*

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# GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

The current Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic has unsurprisingly had a significant impact on the village hall. In common with almost all village halls and community centres in England, the hall was forced to close in mid-March and HM Government authorisation for it to re-open is unlikely to be given before the end of July. Needless to say, our hirers have been very disappointed that their events have been unable to take place and the postponement or cancellation of all activities has reduced our income in recent months to zero. Over 30% of our normal overheads remain however, and the trustees were most grateful to receive the sum of £10,000 from HM Government's Coronavirus (COVID 19) Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund which will help the hall to balance its 2020/21 budget, assuming that bookings and hall usage return to traditional levels in the autumn.

The village hall AGM originally planned for 4th May has had to be postponed until the current restrictions have been eased but it is hoped to hold it in the autumn. The 2019/20 accounts have been prepared for audit and generally the village hall is in a healthy financial state, noting however that income decreased in 2019/20, partially due to reduced activity levels in February and March resulting from the current pandemic.

The trustees were delighted to receive a donation of £383 from Judy and Andy Owens who

have been raising money for the hall from the sale of surplus garden plants on their roadside stall in Back Lane East. Their generosity is much appreciated. Other good news is that, as part of the County Broadband fibre rollout in the village, the village hall will be provided with a complimentary WIFI service, which should be available from the autumn to all users of the hall.

Our caretaker has taken the opportunity during lockdown to give the hall a good clean and some minor maintenance tasks have also been completed. Further external painting of the building is planned in the coming weeks at the same time as trustees undertake a full risk assessment prior to implementing any special COVID 19 measures which need to be put in place prior to the hall re-opening.

When known, the date when the village hall is due to re-open will be promulgated on the village hall roadside notice board and on the village hall website. The trustees look forward to welcoming hirers back into the hall before too long and can assure them that appropriate measures will be taken to ensure the protection and safety of all users of the hall. These measures will be prominently displayed on the website as well as on the notice boards in the building.

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

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Like schools across the country, St George's has been closed to most pupils since March 20th. We have remained open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable families and have been providing home learning activities for the rest of our pupils.

Although the building has felt strangely quiet, school staff have been busier than ever, working with the priority group, planning for home learning and providing support and guidance to parents and children at home. The St George's staff have shown exceptional care and concern for our families throughout this crisis, working through the Easter break and doing all they can to support from a distance. Our families are doing an amazing job of home learning, with the children producing some wonderful work and parents juggling work commitments. I feel very proud to be part of such a wonderful, supportive school community.

Even though we can't be together in school, we have tried to sustain our sense of community, such an important part of our school life. We receive photographs and videos from our families regularly and many have taken part in virtual events such as our annual St George's Day service, an Easter

programme of songs and VE Day celebrations.

As the country begins to take tentative steps out of the lockdown, we are beginning to open to more children. It is wonderful to hear the children's voices from the classroom, enjoying their learning and chatting with their friends. We have strict social distancing and hygiene measures in place so it's not quite school as we know it but the children are proving resilient and adaptable, arriving with a smile on their faces and a story to tell.





**Pupils from St George's exploring**

## **LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Email: [littlebromleypc@gmail.com](mailto:littlebromleypc@gmail.com)

The Council held the AGM and last Council meeting via Zoom in May. The positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman will remain the same as last year, Jon Buxton and Anita Spall.

We were very pleased that so many residents emailed and phoned their thanks and support for the Village Bags that were delivered back in April. Thanks were expressed at the meeting to Councillor Spall for the organisation and to Councillor Smith for helping to distribute these.

The Village sign repairs are progressing - a carving is being made to go on the new Oak post to commemorate the 75th anniversary

of VE day and an artist is being sourced to undertake the refurbishment of the sign itself.

The Council would like to thank our footpath warden, Robert Barrett for all his hard work in the past. Unfortunately, Bob has decided that he would now like to step aside from this role, so we are looking for someone else to take this position. Please email the Council if you would like to be footpath warden for Little Bromley.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the 16th July - either via Zoom or at The Haywain if the restrictions are lifted by then. Time will be 7.30 pm.

# 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*



# SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Hello everyone,

I am writing this at the very beginning of June and the lock down is just beginning to ease, the schools are starting to go back, I know St. George's has not returned as I write but I'm sure it's not going to be much longer. We can now meet in our gardens in groups of six, as long as we social distance. But like some of you, I can't yet visit my daughter who lives just over 200 miles away. And that's the same within Seven Rivers, I'm sure that soon head office will give us the opportunity to open our gardens so that families will be able to visit. But this will remain hard for our residents and families. So many things have changed in only a few short weeks, it feels like we have been in lockdown for much longer than we have, but at the same time it has gone very quickly for me, what do you think? I am finding it hard to believe that it is June already, strawberry cream teas, and tennis but no Wimbledon.

We have been able to have a BBQ; we had this on a lovely warm but more overcast day, music was loud (sorry if we disturbed you) and we all had a fun time. It was a bit strange as we were all keeping to social distancing rules, so talking was difficult and staff had to eat away from residents as we had to remove our masks. We have been wearing masks to protect our residents at all times so to remove them was a bit odd to us who are so

used to wearing them. Today when I arrived I just walked into the home as I normally would, arrived at my office, did some correspondence, then thought I must write my piece for the Messenger before it gets too late in the month, just make a cup of tea to help me think about what I can write about, went to put on my mask and had forgotten to pick one up on my way to my office, thinking I was already wearing one! Anyway, we hope to have a cream tea afternoon in June; I will let you know in the August edition how that went, and if we were able to invite a few family members to our garden to enjoy this annual event. I would have booked some type of entertainment for the cream tea and invited guests from the village to join us, but at this time that's not available to us. If we suddenly are able to, it would be so nice to see our friends from the village.

Our residents have been missing all our friends who just pop in to see us all from planned meetings like the Knit and Knatter group from the Great Bromley WI. More nattering goes on then knitting, but it's just lovely to know what is happening in the village and keeps everyone in contact.

Keep safe and don't forget to keep your distance, we don't want a second wave of COVID -19.

Take care till next time. **Liz x**

**Leonard Cheshire**





OFSTED INSPECTED –GOOD

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

Within this extraordinary time we have had to learn different ways of supporting our children and parents.

With the recent change in government guidelines allowing children to return to preschools - we have partnered up with 'Ladybirds' Preschool in Thorington to run some of our services from there.

We continue to send work home for our children and keep in touch with parents and children online through 'tapestry'. We love to see all they are getting up to.

The pre-school will sadly close its doors at the end of summer term and therefore we are looking at the possibility of organising some form of yard sale mid-July to sell resources and equipment subject to social distancing.

Look out for details nearer the time.

Wishing everyone well and stay safe.

**Please note:**

**OUR RECYCLING STATION has CLOSED.**

St Georges Primary school collect crisp packets for recycling and are in the process of setting up a biscuit wrapper collection too. Please help support our local school.



## GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Ann Fairley and I joined Great Bromley W.I together in 2005/6, we were "newbies" in this wonderful organisation. The following year we both became committee members.

A couple of years later (I don't know how it happened) I was voted President and Ann Vice President.

So we became good friends talking, sharing, planning and chatting most days on the telephone.

Sadly on May 22nd at 10.45 in the morning, Ann died peacefully in her sleep in hospital. Ann had been

unwell for sometime but she never grumbled and, when she could, still came to our monthly meetings and the "Ladies who Lunch".

Ann, a true village community person, a doer, a faithful, loyal and true friend.

Friends were so important to Ann too. Henry has given me a copy of the lovely poem she kept in her purse. It was written by Betty Rowe, also a farmer's wife.

**Jenny Nicholls**

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## FRIENDSHIP

Life is sweet, just because of the friends we've made  
And the things in common we share.  
We want to live not because of ourselves,  
But because of the people who care.  
It's giving and doing for somebody else  
On this all life's splendour depends.  
And the joys of the world, when  
You've summed it all up,  
Are found in the keeping of friends.

*Betty Rowe*

I expect during these somewhat difficult times of lockdown, like me, you have been sorting through books, papers or cupboards to keep ourselves busy.

Well Joyce (my fellow President) was looking through hers and her mother's pile of cookery books and came across "The Bromley Cookbook of Essex Recipes".

Especially compiled for Great Bromley W.I by June Wilgress, President, Jill Frostick and John Appleby,

The book was printed especially for Great Bromley Heritage weekend 3rd, 4th and 5th June 1992.

Joyce has chosen two recipes she thought you might enjoy.

### MEADOW CLOSE (Great Bromley) SULTANA CHEESE CAKE

3 oz butter                      6 oz digestive biscuits (crushed)                      2 oz sugar

8 oz cream cheese or Philadelphia                      2oz sultanas

6oz tins of cream                      juice of 1 lemon                      flaked almonds for topping

Melt butter in pan. Add biscuits. Press into sandwich tin and leave to cool in fridge. Mix together cream cheese, sultanas and sugar. Add lemon juice. Put mixture on to biscuit base, sprinkle almonds on top and leave in fridge for 2 hours or overnight.

### BURNT HEATH (Great Bromley) COTTAGE LOAVES.

1lb S.R. flour                      1/4lb butter                      2tsp sugar

1 saltspoon of salt                      2 eggs                      milk

Sift S R Flour, sugar and salt. Rub in butter.

Beat eggs, add enough milk to make one cupful of fluid. Mix into flour, etc. Roll out and cut out with a tumbler and an egg sup. Lay small round on the large round. Press a small depression in the top. Glaze with milk. Bake in a hot oven. When risen they resemble miniature cottage loaves.

# 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](http://www.greatbromley.org.uk) with links to most village media pages including:

- ◆ Parish Council website [www.gbpc.org.uk](http://www.gbpc.org.uk)
- ◆ Village Hall website [www.greatbromleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.greatbromleyvillagehall.org.uk)

## Little Bromley village website

[www.littlebromley.org.uk](http://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](http://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**

**GT BROMLEY  
& DISTRICT  
CRICKET CLUB**



### 100 club winners:

April - Tom Higgins  
Marion Britton  
Adam Cuthbert  
May - Ruth Lawson  
Trudi Higgins  
Beryl Hurst

Many thanks to all those who participate.

## IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

Gardeners always start by talking about the weather and hasn't it been changeable in the last month. Just when those of us with gardens got excited about the prospect of meeting up with family and friends in our gardens again, the rain came and dampened our spirits, except for us stalwart gardeners of course, who cheered and turned off the hose! Then just in time the sunshine returned to ripen up the strawberries. Lovely. Now as we head into July, we need not fear night frosts, just watch for those Tending peninsula winds which appear to come from all directions. Ensure your plants are well supported as they reach their height.

The gardener will now have settled into a routine of hoeing, weeding, harvesting and mowing. We always think that May and June are the worst months for weed growth. If you have managed to keep on top of weeds now, you have done well, and it gets easier from now on, although it is a relentless task. Little and often is our motto for success when it comes to weeds, but if you have no other option than to use weedkiller in a few specific areas, make sure you obtain the right type for what you need to kill and where it is to be used. Make sure you read the instructions properly and watch the weather like a hawk. No point in using it when the foliage is wet, (as with early morning dew) or when it could be washed off by rain due later in the day, and never use on a windy day, as you may just kill off the things you want to keep! Then be patient, waiting for positive results can seem an age.

If you are growing onions, make sure you hoe carefully between the plants. We support the onion foliage with canes and string to make this job easier. Onion leaves are brittle, breaking easily whilst weeding. We find the specific onion hoe invaluable for the task. Keeping leaves intact and weeds at bay will give them a chance to provide good sized bulbs in August and September.

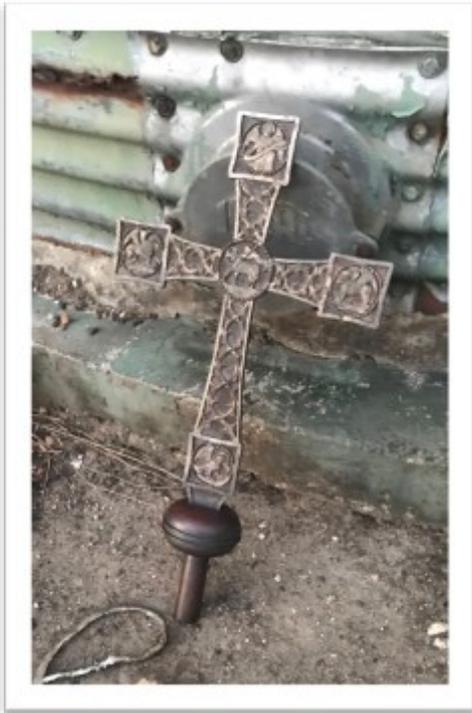
Hopefully, new gardeners, or those who have returned after a long period of doing other things have had reasonable success and are still gardening despite the easing of the lockdown rules. We have had success with most things except several cucumbers which have wilted (they are very easy to overwater) and we had to have three sowings to get sweet pepper seedlings started. Plants do have a habit of catching up, but I fear these are beyond that. We are hoping for a very warm autumn with peppers for Christmas!

The aim should be to keep as much of the vegetable patch productive as possible. Once one crop has been harvested and the ground cleared it should be prepared to receive a new crop. Leeks will follow our new potatoes and winter greens will follow our broad beans and peas. If you decide not to grow another crop, remember to regularly hoe the soil to prevent the weeds becoming established and seeding. The old country saying was 'One year's seeds, seven years weeds.' 'Catch' crops of late saladings are a useful way of utilising bare ground.

# THE MIRACLE OF THE CROSS

On the evening of Whit Sunday (Pentecost) I received a text which said *"Hi Jenny I hope you are well? A bit random I know, but I saw this where the grain silos are, this evening. Do you recognise it as being part of the church?"*

This photo followed:



My heart lurched I was 99 and a half per cent sure it was the Processional Cross stolen from St Georges in June 2016.

Yes, (frantic phone call) Can we meet over there? It was about 9pm by then so I needed a friend.

The grain silos in Hall Road have long been abandoned and have

been derelict since the 1990's alongside footpath 17.

Yes, yes, yes it was the Processional Cross! This Cross has belonged to St Georges for 80 years. So many of our village have fond memories, particularly of my father carrying the Cross at the War Memorial and rogation services around the village. Paid for by an anonymous donation in 1949.

The theft in June 2016 was heart breaking. The intruders entered the church by removing a window in the N.W. corner of the church. No door, cupboard, grill, pew was left unturned. Even the bellows box beside the organ was rifled. After smashing the door to the vestry the safe was unceremoniously removed and rolled along the South Aisle to the Priest Door and into the graveyard where it was abandoned.

So much destruction! The cupboard in the vestry was forced and the Processional Cross stolen!

Of course the police officers came, scenes of crime came and

the picture of this beautiful cross was posted on to the National Police website.

We had the registration number of the car we think was used by the intruders but the police could not pursue it further as there was no proof it was connected with the theft.

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So there we are, after four years St Georges Processional Cross is back where it belongs. At the moment it is being assessed for damage and the cost of restoration.

A truly miraculous story. Thank you, thank you to our friendly dog walker who spotted the Cross by the Silos. And thank you, thank you to whoever put it there to be found.

*Jenny Nicholls*



## WILDLIFE ENTERTAINMENT DURING LOCKDOWN

Like many places as we have seen on the news, Meadow Close has seen more wildlife than usual during the quiet of early lockdown, things like a family of partridges strutting along the pavement, and the odd rabbit lolloping along. For me, the highlight to keep me amused during isolation was the discovery of some frog spawn.

I have a ditch which often dries out, so some local frogs decided to spawn in a little pail outside my garage that had half-filled with rain water. I was going to empty it out to use it when I spotted the spawn, next to a frog who looked like it was weary and half-drowned. I suspected her mate had done his business of fertilisation as she laid her eggs, then leap-frogged (haha)

off her back to get out, but then she was left with no means to launch herself out. I put a piece of wood inside and made a ramp outside. I helped her onto the wood and she slowly made her way up, rested a good ten minutes at the top, then clambered down the other side and hid in the undergrowth.



Later when I examined my photo I saw it was clearly a toad, not a frog, yet it was certainly frog spawn (as toads lay it in strings). So I am none the wiser, presumably the toad had just hopped in later and got itself stuck?

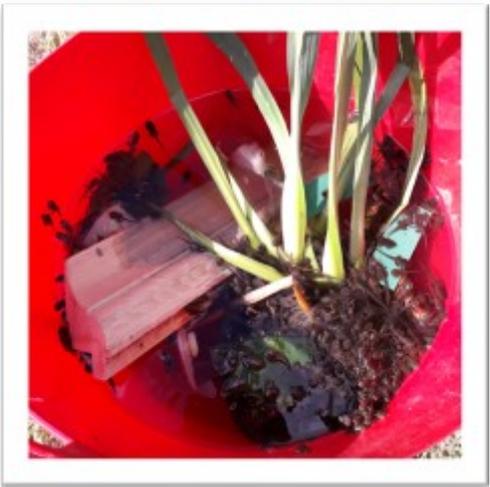
I was very pleased I had helped the toad out, and then thought about how to save the spawn. The pail was small and had no hope of supporting their life cycle when they hatched. I borrowed a big plastic planter thingy, and set up a new home for them under a tree with a mix of shade and sun. That was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, just as lockdown started.



In under two weeks I was seeing them elongating in their jelly. By 10<sup>th</sup> of April most of the good ones had hatched, and what they then do is feed off the jelly and munch up the unfertilised eggs that do not hatch. My brother is something of an expert on pond amphibians, and he told me I should gently boil lettuce to feed them after that. Every couple of weeks I scooped out most of the water, netting the tadpoles as necessary, giving them fresh rainwater to stop

pollution. Sadly, I was unable to housetrain them to “go” in just one corner of the pond, which would have made it easier for me. I covered the container with chicken wire to keep off the blackbirds who love to pick them off.

They grow rear legs, then front legs, at which point they are known as froglets, and then their tail begins to disappear making them into little frogs. I had to think about how they would get out of their container when they were ready to hop. I ordered a small preformed pond, and I hope I didn't fall foul of the lockdown rules on moving house as I rehomed them three times - first into the pond propped up on my lawn, then into a plastic garden trug until I found the time to dig the pond in, and finally back into the newly buried pond.



I expect all the water changes and moving did traumatise them a bit, and there were some dead froglets to fish out at times, but without my

interference they would have all perished so I did not worry overly. Next year they will have a proper pond to come back to and things will be much easier.

The new pond was installed on 9<sup>th</sup> June and some were ready by then to leave the water. Now I sometimes spot the little frogs hiding in the undergrowth. Others are still getting ready to make their brave exit, and a couple are runts I suppose, as they have stayed in tadpole form.

I had several people asking for spawn or tadpoles for their own ponds, but I declined as it is strongly recommended to not

transport them, certainly any distance, as that can cause the spread of red-leg disease which wiped out so many frogs in Essex a few years ago. If you make a nice habitat then the frogs will find it themselves if they need somewhere to spawn.

I documented this journey on my Facebook page and quite a few people showed an interest, so I was asked to send it to the magazine. I hope this spreads a bit of the cheer I have gained from helping these lovable little creatures.

***Hugh Frostick***

## INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Great Bromley has a network of public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways) within the parish. To help both landowners and users of these paths the following information may be useful.

Essex County Council is responsible for the overall maintenance of public rights of way and problems can be reported to them on [www.essexhighways.org/tellus/report-all-issues](http://www.essexhighways.org/tellus/report-all-issues). You will then be guided on how to report the specific issue (i.e. damaged or missing way markers, blocked paths etc.). Problems with rights of way within the village can also be reported to the Parish Council by email ([Clerk@gbpc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@gbpc.org.uk)) who will decide whether to report on to ECC or to the Great Bromley Footpath

Warden, Graham Smith.

There is now a footpath page on both of the village websites:

[www.greatbromley.org.uk/public-rights-of-way](http://www.greatbromley.org.uk/public-rights-of-way)

[www.littlebromley.org.uk/public-rights-of-way](http://www.littlebromley.org.uk/public-rights-of-way)

Another website that has very good information for both users and landowners is the Ramblers Association [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk), click on Coronavirus update, COVID-19 public access and footpath guidance.

***Carole Mander***

*We'll be back soon. In the meantime, visit our website  
<https://u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley>*

**Stour Valley U3A** has set up a number of support systems for members during the coronavirus pandemic. These include dedicated helplines for those self-isolating in East Bergholt/ Manningtree/Mistley/Lawford to help with basic needs such as food shopping and prescription collection. A general support group for members is also available for those living in East Bergholt.

**Lectures** for July August and September are cancelled. We are awaiting details of how permitted "small group" activities may allow some of our interest groups to resume.

**Curry group** members enjoyed a spicy takeaway in June courtesy of

members able to undertake the task instead of the usual monthly outing.

**Zoom** is taking off with a number of groups including science, french conversation and philosophy continuing their activities using the video-conferencing platform. Never too old to learn!

**Newsletter** circulated each month to all members keeping them informed of news and updates.

For further information contact chairman Graham Manuel [gandamauel@gmail.com](mailto:gandamauel@gmail.com) or secretary Sue Basted [susanbasted10@gmail.com](mailto:susanbasted10@gmail.com)

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Although the lockdown has been eased slightly, it's not enough to allow the parish councillors to meet for the monthly meeting. We had hoped to be able to meet outside, whilst social distanced, but it was not to be and so we continued to have an audio meeting.

The parish council should have nine councillors, currently we have eight and therefore there is a

vacancy. Two people have indicated they are interested in joining. As soon as we can have a 'normal' meeting we will look to co-opt a new member.

David Hardy and his family are continuing their sterling work in collecting shopping and prescriptions for people in the village that require the service. A big thank you to David, his family,

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 and all other people in the village that are supporting the less able and vulnerable.

In last months' magazine, one of our councillors, Carole Mander, explained about Public Rights of Way. Recently, there have been two instances where footpaths had been ploughed across and residents complained. I have been able to contact the two landowners and both footpaths have now been correctly reinstated. It is a very emotive subject and some people get very upset. Landowners are permitted to plough across footpaths, but they must reinstate the footpath within fourteen days. One further complaint about a footpath that had nettles growing beside it was dealt with by our footpath warden and village maintenance team. If any resident has concerns over landowners, footpaths or way markers, please feel free to contact our parish clerk who will deal with the matter in her

usual efficient manner. If necessary, contact will be made with ECC, which is the responsible authority for footpaths.

Development at the Little Paddocks site in Harwich Road has commenced. I am informed there will be a small village shop within the development, which will have some car parking for customers. Once it is open please support it, or we will lose it.

The Council has been very pleased to support Seven Rivers Cheshire Home as their fundraising has been severely curtailed during the lockdown.

I still have a few red and green recycling bins and food caddies. Please contact me if you would like one.

Contact details for councillors are displayed on Parish Council notice boards.

***Fred Nicholls, Chairman***

Planning application		
REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
20/00552/FUL Mr & Mrs Craven	Replacement of an agricultural building with a <u>3 bed</u> bungalow.  Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Willow Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US





# STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

## Recent Meetings

At our AGM Dave Carman was voted in again as President and Speaker Secretary, Graeme Forsyth as Secretary and Val Pretty as Treasurer.

## Future Meetings

The committee and those present at the AGM agreed that in the light of the Coronavirus outbreak all Club meetings would be cancelled for the next few months. We always take a break in August and we therefore hope and are planning to meet again on 2 September 2020, subject to government advice, when Jan Derbyshire will speak on all 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.

## Planning Determinations

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
18/02020/FUL Mr B Stevens	Proposed construction of single dwelling and garage.	Pond Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TP	Refusal - Full 07.05.2020 Delegated Decision
20/00302/DETAIL Mr Gray - James Gray Homes Ltd	Reserved matters for the layout for plot 1.	Land at Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JN	Approval - Reserved Matters/Detailed 07.05.2020 Delegated Decision
20/00426/FUL Mr William Scarlett	Proposed extension to side and rear.	2 Peace Cottages Badley Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7UX	Approval - Full 18.05.2020 Delegated Decision
20/00470/FUL Mr A Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Limited	Proposed agricultural building and construction of a farm track.	Woods Barn, Land to North of A120, Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval - Full 29.05.2020 Delegated Decision



# ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH GREAT BROMLEY



[www.greatbromley.ork.uk](http://www.greatbromley.ork.uk)

## **Church re-opening**

The Vicar and PCC are currently (14<sup>th</sup> June) doing the required risk assessment and will make a decision soon about St George's re-opening. The parish website will have the latest news on this. Sunday services are expected to be allowed in July and the website will have news on this.

## **E-mail newsletter**

There is now an email St George's Newsletter. It is colourful and wide ranging with news and links to spiritual things with music, art, and poetry. If you would like to receive it please email [church@greatbromley.org.uk](mailto:church@greatbromley.org.uk)

## **Church services in July**

Public church services (as at mid-June) are still suspended. There are many online services available from cathedrals and parishes. See below for online services and resources. In this benefice (Lawford, Little Bentley, Gt and Lt Bromley) Simon is currently streaming Facebook and Youtube services from the Rectory: **Daily at 9pm (Compline) & Sunday 10am (Morning Worship)**. See the website.

## **Online resources via St George's website**

See the St George's website at [greatbromley.org.uk](http://greatbromley.org.uk), for links, online prayers, services at home and live-streamed services via Facebook and YouTube. If you don't have internet access please contact a churchwarden to request printed materials for prayers and services at home.

## **Prayers for the community**

Church members are 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](mailto:church@greatbromley.org.uk) or contact a churchwarden.

## **Giving to St George's Church**

Thank you to all those who have made donations to support St George's during the lockdown. Our biggest monthly outgoings (Parish Share and Insurance) remain the same and additional funds are much appreciated. There is now a donation page on the website with details of how to give, or you can send a cheque for 'PCC of The Bromleys' to the Treasurer (address on inside cover). Thank you.

## **Parish priest**

The parish will move into 'Vacancy' when Canon Simon Heron's delayed move to Cheltenham takes place in the next few weeks. The PCC is waiting to hear from the Bishop and Archdeacon about what will happen next.

## **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.