

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

August 2021



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

The weather is hot, hot, hot and the children have finished school this week. I hope all parents, carers and teachers are able to get a well-deserved rest from the tumultuous year they've had, and that things may be a little easier by September. Please continue to look out for any vulnerable neighbours who may need assistance. If anyone is stuck for help please get in touch.

The Great Bromley Parish Council website has had a much-needed update and is now more accessible and easier on the eye. I will be posting links to agendas and minutes on the village Facebook page. The website address remains the same; gbpc.org.uk. We also hope to use the website to provide easier access to future consultations, like the one we have planned for Hare Green, to gain ideas and suggestions. The PC has access to S106 monies and we are keen to use them for the benefit of our village.

The owlets at Primrose Farm feature again in this month's edition. It's been fascinating to watch their development over the last few months. A big thank you to Karen for providing the updates; I know that lots of us have enjoyed

them.

If anyone has any articles to contribute, please send them to me by the 14th of each month. Details are on the inside back cover.

If you're searching for things to do with the children, the Summer Reading Challenge runs until Tuesday 31 August in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries, and there's an online version too, at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

My youngest loves this challenge every year, and it's an ideal activity to help fill the long weeks ahead, plus it's free of charge.

Awareness days for August include:

5th - National Oyster Day and Cycle to Work Day

8th - International Cat Day

15th - VJ Day

19th - World Humanitarian Day

Every day is Cat Day in our house:)

***Take care,
Lizzie***

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St George's Church is pleased to sponsor The Messenger for August

Best wishes from St George's for happy holidays whether at home or away, and that you will be able to meet up with family and friends to spend time together in the holiday season.

Church Services in August

- 1st** ~ Parish Eucharist (BCP) 10.30am
~ Pet Service in the churchyard 3.00pm
- 8th** ~ Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am
- 15th** ~ Evensong (BCP) 6.30pm
- 22nd** ~ Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am
- 29th** ~ Benefice Service 10.30am at Little Bentley

Pet Service ~ 1st August at 3pm in the churchyard

Whether or not you have a pet to bring and be blessed, you are all welcome to celebrate God's love reflected in our pets and the blessings they bring us. It will be a short service for all the family in the churchyard, with hymns to join in ... and we hope our favourite donkeys will be there. Look out for the poster by the pupils of St George's School.



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

WEARING OF MASKS IN THE SURGERY

After Monday, 19 July 2021 masks will still be expected to be worn by all patients entering our Surgery premises. The Partners have taken this decision as the virus is currently prolific and even people who are doubly vaccinated are contracting Covid.

Please do not verbally abuse our staff if they request that you wear a mask. They are only acting on the instructions of the Doctors in order to protect our patients and staff, some of which are extremely vulnerable. Please help us to ensure we all stay safe.

JOSEPH DAVIES – CLINICAL

PHARMACIST We are very pleased to welcome Joseph Davies, a Clinical Pharmacist to our Surgery Team. He will be assisting the Doctors by carrying out telephone consultations with our patients for their medication reviews.

PREDIABETES Over the last few months nationally there has been a sharp increase in the number of patients with pre-diabetes. Recent lockdowns have meant that more of us have been having sweet treats, larger food portion sizes and drinking more alcohol or sugary drinks. This with reduced exercise or activity levels increases your risk of developing prediabetes.

What is prediabetes? Prediabetes means that your blood sugars are higher than usual, but not high enough for you to be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. It also means that you are at **high risk** of developing type 2 diabetes in the future. You may not be experiencing any symptoms with prediabetes which is why it is essential you look after yourself.

Prediabetes can often be reversed

Crucially, prediabetes can often be reversed and the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes reduced by 60 per cent, simply through losing even just a moderate amount of weight, adopting a healthy, balanced diet and increasing

physical activity levels. Making these changes are easy, and the health benefits to you are crucial for a healthy future.

Prediabetes risk factors If you are white and over 40 years old, (sometimes younger), or if you're Black or South Asian and over 25 years old and have one or more of the following risk factors, then you may be at risk of prediabetes:

- A close member of your family has Type 2 diabetes (parent or sibling).
- You're overweight or your waist is 31.5 inches or over for women; 37 inches or over for men, but 35 inches or over for South Asian men.
- You have high blood pressure or you've had a heart attack or a stroke.
- You're a woman with polycystic ovary syndrome and you are overweight.
- You're a woman and you've had gestational diabetes.
- You have severe mental health problems

The more risk factors that apply, the greater the risk of prediabetes.

Know your risk by visiting the website below

<https://preventing-diabetes.co.uk/Know-your-risk-dtc/> By completing this tool, in England you may be eligible for the **Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme**.

Surgery Training Afternoon Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Thursday, 19 August 2021 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon then they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group Meeting At the time of writing the Newsletter there isn't a Patient Participation Group meeting planned in August 2021.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

LITTLE BROMLEY VILLAGE FUND

The Fund had set aside £1500 to put towards the planned toilet in the Churchyard, but as this expenditure is now no longer needed from us, we plan on putting this towards purchasing 2 oak benches for the Churchyard. Exact costs haven't been finalised yet, but we expect this to cost in the region of £1800. When the final benches have been decided then we will publish

the proposed cost on the noticeboard or in the Messenger.

If there's anyone who has an objection to this, can you please contact one of the Fund's members so we can take this into consideration.

*Carol Cordwell, Anita Spall,
Fred Heddell*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Village Defibrillator

The Council met with the Haywain and they have offered to have the proposed defibrillator sited on the side of the pub. Now that the issue of where this can be installed has been sorted we expect this will be in situ in the near future.

Village Notice Board

Both notice boards in the car park are either faulty or dilapidated so the Council is proposing to fund a new notice board. Quotes are being gathered at the moment and will be discussed at the next meeting. Tendring District Council has given us a £400 grant towards the cost of this and the Council is also applying to the Community Initiative Fund to see if it is eligible for a grant. As the Church Toilet is now not going ahead, we will reallocate the money that was set aside for this to both the Notice Board and the Defibrillator.

Memorial

The Council has been made aware that there is some confusion over the weeding of the Memorial. A rota was set up last year and we assumed that was still in existence, apologies if that is not the case. The Council members

are weeding the memorial April, August and October. The idea is the memorial is weeded from April to November inclusive so if there is anyone who would be able to volunteer for the months of May, June, July, September and November then please email the Council via littlebromleypc@gmail.com to let us know.

The Messenger

We have been informed that due to work commitments, the resident who has delivered the Messengers for the last three years is stepping down. If anyone can take on the role of delivering these then please contact Mr Richard Perry at the Bromley Messenger.

Village Litter Picks

The Council has been asked if Volunteers could be found to assist with Village Litter Picks. If you are interested, then please contact Mrs Ann Clark to discuss this.

The next meeting of the Council will be on 16th September at 7.30. Venue to be confirmed at a later date.

IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

We have enjoyed spectacular roses in our garden this year and every gardener I have spoken with says the same. We hope you have enjoyed your roses if you have them and those in the gardens around you. Despite our early protestations about the cold and then wet weather this year, so far, we are seeing an abundance of flower production and vegetable cropping and we were delighted to notice the potato fields through Little Bromley which provided us with especially beautiful views with acres of flower heads to enjoy.

Back to work! The purpose of deadheading is to prevent the plant setting seed as few further flowers will be produced if ignored. It applies to many plants. By deadheading your roses, most varieties will reward you with a further late flush of flowers. Bedding such as geraniums will continue to produce new flowers as long as you are prepared to keep deadheading, feeding and watering, until the frosts arrive.

This year's lush growth means that taking cuttings for the propagation of woody herbs and some shrubs should be successful. We have taken cutting from our elderly sage bush which is enormous and been a favourite herb we don't want to lose when we move next year. Some plants such as clematis and wisteria, can be propagated by layering which involves pegging down a branch or stem so that roots form from the leaf node on the stem.

Hedge trimming can start now as nesting should have finished, but be cautious, as everything is later this year, do still check for second or late nesters in your hedges before you start.

For those who intend to save seed for re-sowing it will be necessary to ensure the seed is thoroughly dry before storage. Always remember to label the seed clearly store it in an air-tight container in a

cool place. Don't forget that if you have bought plants or grown from seed labelled as F1, (a cross of varieties) saved seed is unlikely to produce seed that is an exact replica of the parent. They may be close to the original or they more represent one of the parents in the original cross.

There are still some seeds that can be sown in this month including carrot, oriental leaves, peas, autumn broad beans, late season potatoes (for Christmas), turnips, baby spinach, spring cabbage, and overwintering onions, lettuce, beetroot, spring onions, Swiss chard. Please try and remember to carry out some form of crop rotation to avoid growing the same or similar crops in the same piece of ground more than once in 4 years.

Consider taking the top out of outdoor tomatoes. Most crops grown in containers as well as requiring watering may also require feeding as the fertiliser in the proprietary compost will by now have been used. Watering with a liquid feed is probably the easiest. It is a matter of preference whether you use full strength feed at the intervals suggested on the container or weaker solutions more frequently.

Once soft fruit has been harvested it is time to carry out some pruning. Pruning is such a wide subject it is worth researching it to get the timing and methods correct. You need to differentiate between summer and autumn raspberries, types of clematis, and the pruning of wisteria is best explained by diagrams/photographs. Strawberry beds should be tidied up and runners selected for replanting as needed.

Enjoy your garden and look forward to September when a lot of the new catalogues will be issued.

PRIMROSE FARM BARN OWL UPDATE

The owlets have grown so quickly this month, they have been fed voles and mice by both their parents. They drop the food into the box causing the owlets to now fight over the food and when they get it they huddle with their back to their siblings not sharing. Dad moved out quite a while ago but mum has stayed with her owlets until recently where she has left them every other day.

David Wilkin the local Owl expert came out to measure, sex, weigh, ring and age them. We had 1 girl and 3 boys.

They were all ringed with individual numbers so if handled again locally we can track where they have been and their age. All four were well and had food in their tummies. They were measured on their wing spans and this with their weight enables David to estimate their age. Their ages matched our dates and then they were carefully put back into the box.

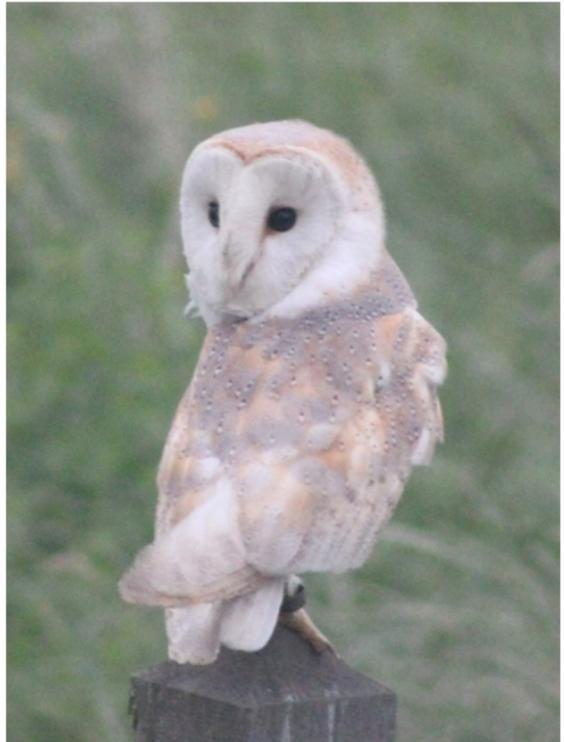
We could watch with the camera when they were returned and they all settled and went to sleep quickly. It was fantastic to see and meet them all in person. Big Dave we had named the first and biggest was actually a female!





The owlets are now losing their downy covering and underneath is growing fantastic Barn owl plumage, with such lovely markings and colouring. They are flapping in the box stretching their wings and now flying up to the box entrance and it will not be long before they are leaving the nest. We will miss watching them and hope they all stay in the area and set up nests of their own.

Mum and Dad have been hunting now in the daylight as well. Dad is often sitting on our garden fence early in the morning just watching the field for movement of small animals ready to hover and then dive down to pounce.



GREAT BROMLEY MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we have started playing snooker again after the Covid lockdown on Tuesday evenings. At present we are playing from 7pm to 11pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.

We would welcome anyone who would like to play and perhaps become a member to join us as a guest. Please contact Maurice Gallaher on 07999002467 or Email mauricehgallaher@gmail.com if you would like to try snooker.

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | DECISION |
|--|--|--|---|
| 21/00604/FUL Mr Xander Barber | Erection of single storey side, rear extensions, porch, chimney along with weatherboarding and render to existing house. (Following demolition of existing garage) | Cedarwood (Formerly Vandora) Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL | Approval – Full 01.06.2021 Delegated Decision |
| 20/01097/OUT Mr Stephen Walmsley-Moore | Erection of two storey, four bedroomed detached house with cart lodge style garage and open driveway. | Land adjacent Nettlecroft Chapel Lane Great Bromley CO7 7UJ | Refusal – Outline 21.06.2021 Delegated Decision |
| 21/00432/FUL Sarah and Antony Dean | Demolition of existing storage building and erection of new retail building | Dean's Nursery and Garden Centre, Mill Farm, Harwich Road, Great Bromley | Approval – Full 21.06.2021 Delegated Decision |
| 21/00582/FUL Mr Thomas Frary | Proposed construction of a building for B8 commercial use at Pond Barns. | Pond Barns Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TP | Approval – Full 24.06.2021 Delegated Decision |

STOUR VALLEY U3A

We encourage lifelong learning for those no longer in full time employment and retired from work altogether. Emphasis is placed on active and fun learning as well as developing friendships. We have a wide selection of interest groups, such as singing, bridge, languages, walking, philosophy, wine appreciation, garden visits, dining, canoeing/kayaking and table tennis. Or you may like to convene a new group?

Monthly coffee mornings are a great way for new members to meet current members and find out more about our u3a. Take a look at our website u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for information and contact link/details.



Hi Everyone,

Pleased to say we continue to keep ourselves busy, so for the end of June and the beginning of July we have been focusing on sport with Wimbledon Tennis and the 2020 European Cup, we have had our flags out and lots of debates as who's going to win both. At the time of writing England are still in with a chance to win the Cup and Wimbledon has been a bit of a wash out for British players. But we are still enjoying the tennis, unfortunately the weather has not been that nice so we have been unable to practise our own skills on the astro turf that we have for such games. But that's not as flat as we would like due to our lovely little rabbits who love to dig in the garden. I think the Olympics are still going ahead so we will continue to get our sports fix.

Apart from the sport we have been doing some more art work with Harry Potter and Seaside fields. Plus our daily activities such as quizzes, word games, scrabble, hoy, and once I've written this article, we will be playing Uno.

We have also been to Colchester for a bike for all event. We always enjoy these events when they come alone, it gives

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

everyone a chance to ride a bike. They have adapted bikes so they can take wheelchairs or a side by side seat to allow two people to ride so with weak legs you get help from your passenger or if you can't use your legs, a hand propelled bike. Great fun and for some a great sense of freedom.

We are all hoping that very soon we will be able to invite people back into the home but we have to wait for the Care standards and government to give us the go ahead, but things are slowly getting better. So we're all hoping that before long we can start to fundraise again, as like every charity we have lost revenue. With our fundraising revenue we are able to have incoming entertainers and buy items to improve the quality of life for our residents. So the stream of funds is a very much needed source, not for every day needs but to do things that we all like to do and sometimes have to save up to do. But I do thank those who have been donating during this time, this has enabled us to continue doing other things such as when we go out we can buy a coffee or an ice cream. Anyway must go - Uno calls!

**Take care
Liz x**



NORTH ESSEX BOAT SHOW & JUMBLE

Sunday 19th SEPTEMBER 9am – 3pm

Clacton Road, Horsley Cross, Essex CO11 2NU

Off A120 Horsley Cross and B1035

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Entry on the day - Adults £5 Children U15 Free

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GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

At the time of writing this article the village hall management committee was finalising the arrangements to be put in place for hirers once Step 4 of HM Government's lifting of restrictions 'roadmap' was implemented (target date 19th July). For village halls it is clear that all community events, club activities and private hires will be able to take place after Step 4 is implemented, with the risks of contracting Covid19 managed by hirers through voluntary measures including ventilation of rooms, encouraging social distancing, use of face coverings, hand washing and hand sanitising. Hirers will continue to be responsible for conducting a simple risk assessment for their activities, taking into account those who may be more vulnerable than others to infection and those who may wish to take a more cautious approach at this stage of the pandemic.

The conditions of hire in Step 4 for hirers of the village hall will return largely to those in place before the pandemic. The one way circuit in the village hall will cease and access to rooms and facilities will revert to normal. There will be no restrictions on furniture use although the maximum capacity of rooms for larger functions will need to be agreed at the time of booking with the bookings manager. Hirers will resume their

responsibility for basic cleaning after their period of hire but the caretaker will undertake additional sanitisation of regularly touched surfaces between bookings until further notice.

Hirers are now booking rooms for private and fundraising events in the autumn and the management committee are hopeful that use of the village hall will increase as the local population learns to live with the virus. If you are considering hiring the hall for an event, the management committee recommends an early discussion regarding date with the bookings manager to avoid disappointment. Hirers should be aware that any advance payments for bookings will be refunded in full should the event have to be cancelled or postponed due to government restrictions being re-imposed.

The 2020/21 accounts for the village hall have now been audited and the annual report produced. It is intended to hold the 2021 AGM in late September, the exact date to be confirmed in the next edition of the Messenger and on the parish notice boards.

The management committee looks forward to seeing you at the village hall again soon.

Martin Frostick

villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk
or 01206 250263

Dates for your diary...2021

AUGUST

- 1 Pet Service, St George's churchyard - 3.00pm
- 11 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 19 'Jane Eyre' - St Mary's churchyard, Little Bromley - 7.00pm|
- 26/27 Clacton 150 flypasts - Red Arrows and Battle of Britain Memorial flight

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 16 Little Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 19 North Essex Boat Show and Jumble 9am-3pm
- 20 Antiques and Collectors Fair 9am-3pm

OCTOBER

- 13 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm

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 pandemic. 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.



Dates for the mobile library at Church Meadow are:
12 August
2 September
9.45 - 10.15am
23 September



If anyone is in urgent need of the flood barrier or water snakes, these can be found in outside storage at The Courthouse, Harwich Road, Great Bromley.



Did you know? Great Bromley has two Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL or
- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG

Don't ignore it - Report it at www.essexhighways.org



Essex Highways carry out regular inspections of roads and pavements, but issues may come up between these inspections. These could be potholes or other road surface issues, damaged street lights, street signs, overgrown trees, or issues with public rights of way.

Report maintenance issues online by using the highways reporting tool. If you think there's a risk to public safety please call 0345 603 7631 or if you have hearing problems you can use the text phone service on 0345 758 5592.



GREAT BROMLEY
ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR
Sunday 19th September & Sunday 21st November

9am – 3pm

Great Bromley Village Hall, Great Bromley, CO7 7JA

ENTRY - £1. (Before 9.30am £2) No Concessions

Hot Food and Drinks available

Email: nigel@garden-shows.com Tel: 07802 282193

Covid-19 Restrictions - Depending on regulations

Table Bookings only in Advance

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

| REF | PROPOSAL | LOCATION |
|--|--|--|
| 21/01150/ TPO Mr James Choat - Tree Planning Solutions | 1 No. Lime - Clean basal growth and raise crown to 4m removing sublaterals only. Carry out further examination of stem. 1 No. Oak - High pollard at 12m approx 2m above the large tear wound. All laterals and folaige below to remain to ensure vasular connectivity, lower laterals shortended / reduced by 1-2m. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application. | Little Dragons Pre School Church Meadow, Bungalow, Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR |
| 21/00949/ FUL Mr Marcus Tinworth | Erection of single storey extension (following demolition of existing rear ground floor flat roof extension and outbuilding) Great Bromley Parish Council had no comments on the application. | Arethusa, Ardleigh Road Great Bromley CO7 7TL |
| 21/01006/ FUL Mr Olly Pittman | Erection of single storey extension to side and rear including roof terrace (following demolition of existing conservatory) and alterations to existing fenestration Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application. | Lanner, Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JW |

COUNTY BROADBAND

County Broadband's CEO, Lloyd Felton, has been invited to attend Great Bromley Parish Council's next meeting on Wednesday 11th August, to discuss some outstanding issues and concerns with customer service. Ahead of that meeting, Mr Felton has asked for details of issues in order that he may respond. If anyone has any outstanding issues, please can you inform the Clerk via clerk@gbpc.org.uk and include your name, customer reference and details of the outstanding issue. Resolved past issues will not be discussed at this meeting.



The WI met in person again this month, in Church Meadow. Hooray! Barbara Faulkner came to talk to us about a golfing career that took her all over the world. In retirement she set up a nationwide project to teach golf to injured servicemen, and has been recently appointed as head of the PGA. She gave us an energetic and fascinating talk about her golfing life and we came away filled with new knowledge about irons and putters, hooks and slices and the steely resolve needed to pursue a life in professional sports. Afterwards we had a chance to test our putting skills!



WI-ldlife Project

Help us take nature's pulse by joining the Big Butterfly Count. All it takes is 15 minutes of observation on any day between July 16th – Aug 8th.

The Big Butterfly Count is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) we see. Download the free app or check their website for details and butterfly identification charts. Also lots of good information about how to create a butterfly haven in your garden.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

COVID-19 vaccine scams

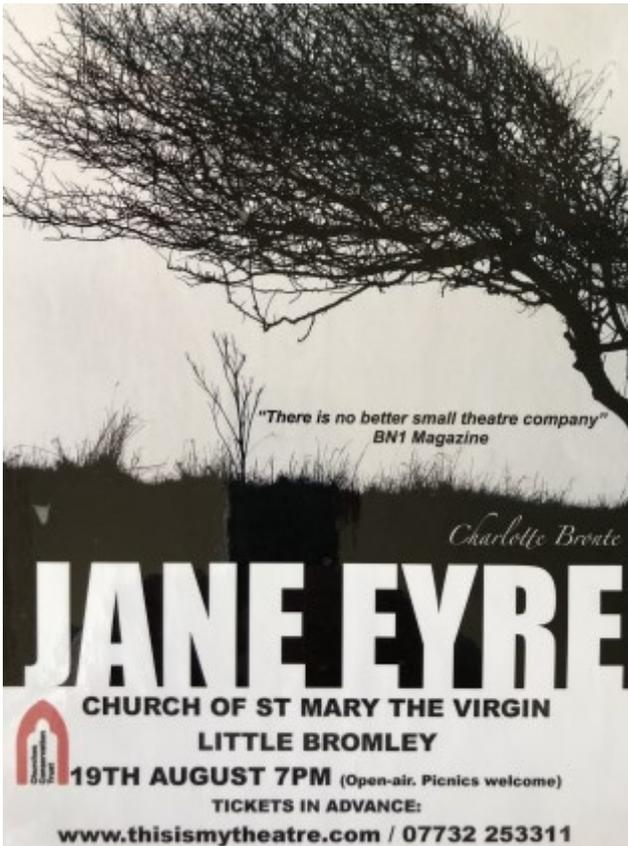
To protect yourself and your family members from fraud and criminals, remember the following points:

- ✦ The vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free to people in priority groups, and **the NHS will contact you when it is your turn**. You will not be asked to pay for the vaccine.
- ✦ The NHS will never ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text to confirm you want the vaccine, and never ask for payment or for your bank details.

✦ The NHS is not making house calls to deliver or discuss the vaccine.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft you should report this directly to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**. Where the victim is vulnerable, and particularly if you are worried that someone has or might come to your house, report it to the Police online or by calling 101.

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National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
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Picnics welcome

‘Jane Eyre’

at Little Bromley
Churchyard

19th August
at 7pm

Details and tickets
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www.thisismytheatre.com

or 07732 253311

Great Bromley WI has been busy over the last few months. Six of us had a lovely sunny walk around the paths of Great Bromley, we then met in Church Meadow for a picnic lunch and musical entertainment from Dorothy and her sons. This month we are walking from Arlesford to Wivenhoe for a coffee and then back.

Our book group is up and running - last months book was 'Elizabeth is Missing' in September we are reading two books - 'House of Mirth' by Edith Walton, and 'Making It' by Jay Blades (of The Repair Shop Fame).

Great Bromley WI is up and running, so come and join us',

Pat Ainger



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



The free band concert sponsored by the Parish Council that was postponed from July will now be held at Great Bromley Village Hall on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm. Tending Brass is very highly acclaimed in our area and enjoyed by many residents. In order to comply with Great Bromley Village Hall capacity requirements, the concert will be by ticket. The tickets will be available by contacting the chairman Fred Nicholls 01206 230688 or the clerk by email.

Two commemorative benches are being installed in Church Meadow on our behalf by TDC. We are hoping to have some agility equipment installed in Church Meadow, subject to a consultation process.

At our Parish Council meeting in July about 25 residents attended to make their views known about initial ideas for Hare Green Playing Field. It was most encouraging to hear their opinions. Our clerk explained Section 106 monies and the process to them. Councillors will act upon some of their comments and suggestions. A small sub committee made up of residents and councillors was agreed to come forward with suggestions. It must be remembered the playing field is for the whole village and not just the Hare Green area. The Parish Council is aiming to make the playing field more accessible for all. It is a valuable asset and at the moment under used. The residents were opposed to any form of car parking and so vehicle users will need to continue parking in the road alongside the field. I am reliably informed the playing field was a gift to the Parish after the Second World War from the Poorlands Trust. Originally to be used for allotments,

however the then Parish Council were interested in selling it for building with a view to purchasing land adjoining the cricket pitch. That suggestion was defeated and the field remained in its current location as a playing field.

Other news: It has been very encouraging to have residents make contact to help with litter picking and collect litter pickers.

The shop at Little Paddocks is nearing completion and about to be fitted out.

ECC Highways has just started on remedial work to resolve flooding at Church Corner. Hopefully it will help the residents to relax when the heavy rain comes.

The planning application at St Georges Close that generated much interest, has been refused by TDC officers.

The Parish Council has not received any further information from Orwell Housing regarding further affordable housing at Robinson Close. They have been given 'permission in principle' to build, however we understand they have withdrawn the application. It is now left with Orwell Housing as to their next step. The Parish Council is opposed to any further development on that site and has commented as such to TDC Planning department.

The Parish Council website has been updated - gbpc.org.uk

***Cllr Fred Nicholls
Chairman***

Wills Month September 2021



www.sthelena.org.uk/willsmoonth2021

Having a Will is really important, whatever your age or circumstances. Making a Will can allow you to ensure your affairs are in order, final wishes are met and your loved ones are looked after in the future.

Fliss Klarner, fundraising manager at St Helena Hospice, said: "If you haven't made your Will yet or you need to update it, this September is the perfect time to do so. Local solicitors are waiving their usual fees for writing or amending your Will in return for a donation to your local hospice, with all the money raised going towards supporting our local community."

1 in 5 patients and families cared for by St Helena Hospice are supported by donations made from gifts in Wills. St Helena Hospice believes everyone living with an incurable illness has the right to live and die with choice, compassion and

dignity. Families deserve to be cared for and anyone coping with loss and bereavement should be supported through their grief.

Fliss added: "Our lives are all made up of stories we cherish and that make us who we are. A gift in your Will can help give hope and comfort to another person's story. Every gift pledged in a Will, large or small, will help St Helena Hospice to be here for future generations that follow in our footsteps. When the time is right for you to remember a charity in your Will, please remember St Helena Hospice."

Appointments can only be booked direct with your chosen solicitor and are available from Monday 30th August to Friday 1st October 2021. For the list of participating solicitors and their contact details and to find out more, please visit www.sthelena.org.uk/willsmoonth2021

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Bells & Singing

It was wonderful to hear the St George's bells rung again in June and July – the first time it has been allowed since October. A big thank you to David and the team for the joyful sound which was so cheering!

The singers are having a break in August so the services will be said, but we will sing hymns if restrictions are lifted as planned. Special thanks to Jonny for singing in solo, duo, trio, and quartet formation with us over the last year or so. His long-delayed project to teach English in Korea is expected to start in August. Godspeed! We will be thinking of you.

Deanery & Diocese

Harwich Deanery Synod met on 14th July. A main topic of discussion was to explore how all the churches in the deanery could work towards achieving a bronze award as an 'eco church', taking care of our carbon footprint. Churches have an unusual carbon footprint being mostly old and draughty but on the other hand most are not used constantly so the overall impact on emissions is low. No doubt there are things to be checked such as optimising the timing of heating and lighting. The other main topic was to review progress on the 'Deanery Plan' which is working to cut stipendiary clergy posts by one (or possibly two) out of six posts in the deanery. This is not Covid related; the diocese has been in a precarious financial position for several years and we wait to see the approach taken by the new Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani and the new chief executive, Michaela Southworth.

Churchyards

The churchyard wild plants survey was reported for both Gt and Lt Bromley in the May newsletter. Now the plants of special interest have been marked and these will not be mown till late in the year. This will give them a chance to mature, flower, and set seed. We have a kind volunteer for each churchyard to see whether these plants do well over the next year or two.

In the south-west corner of Great Bromley churchyard are three graves to the Crossman family. Percy Crossman lived at Great Bromley Hall in the 1920s and 1930s, and was a great friend to the village; he gave the Village Hall and made generous gifts to St George's Church, refurbishing the chancel with the fine reredos and panelling, and the two-sided lectern currently in the Patron's Chapel. Originally the graves were surrounded by a little hedge which disappeared some years ago, and the graves have become rather untidy. A kind volunteer has now cleared the vegetation and there will be a new planting scheme to mark our ongoing regard for this generous man and his family.

North Aisle Facilities

The plan to install a servery in the north aisle is being explored with meetings expected in July with the architect, and with a district councillor about community funding. Meanwhile we will update the electricity supply so that we can make tea safely when Covid restrictions are finally lifted on providing refreshments.

St George's Repair Fund

We are hoping that in July/August the work will be done to paint the bell frame and renew the floor insulation. This is the last phase of our 'Ringers Project' to improve the tower access and conditions for our ringers. See the website for pictures of the project. We are grateful for the memorial donations to fund this work and the grant from GCG Environment Trust.

The memorial brasses conservation is completed. This was done by Skillingtons (Grantham) the experts in this type of conservation. Our thanks to Francis Coales Charitable Trust and the Monumental Brass Society for their grants to fund this work, and to Martin Stuchfield for coordinating the project and funding. Other projects planned are cleaning the porch windows and ceiling, small stained glass repairs, and cleaning the east wall of the chancel, replacing the pump to the heating system, cleaning and redecorating the organ, and a new soakaway on the south side of the church. So there's plenty going on; thanks to you who have so generously donated to these projects.

New Roses

The month of June has revealed the beauty of the new roses along the church path; there is a plan in the porch showing the name of the rose and the people commemorated. Thank you to Bill who planted them all and cares for them.

Would you like to receive our email newsletter?

If you have access to email, you can receive the email version of this newsletter, with links to seasonal music, poetry and art. If so, contact us: the simple sign-up form is on the website – details are at the top of this newsletter. Thank you.

New to church or new to the village?

Do get in touch for more information; we'd like to help to welcome you. Contact details are at the top of page 1.

Pilgrims & Journeys

St James's Day ~
July 25th

James, a disciple of Jesus and brother of John, was martyred for being a follower of Jesus. Legend associated him with

Compostela on the west coast of Spain and pilgrims flocked

to his shrine for healing and inspiration. There has been a revival in recent years; if you travel through northern Spain today you see scores of pilgrims walking along the pilgrimage paths. St Davids on the western tip of Wales retains the same sense of journeying to the edge of the world.

Why do people do this? In today's complex world perhaps an actual journey, a decision made to get up and go, still identifies us with the desire for goodness and some sort of meeting with the Almighty. The Welsh poet R S Thomas in the 'The Bright Field' reminds us of the Bible story of Moses; that our pilgrimage in life is not a straight line but choosing to turn aside, and to listen to God:

'Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you.'

So in a sense, a pilgrimage is choosing to turn aside from our normal run of life, occasionally to a distant holy place or more regularly to a holy place where we live – our parish church.

And although we should live in hope and confidence, the poet says we should be realistic; that the reality of God's presence is often greater than our ability to know it:

'He is such a fast God, always before us and leaving as we arrive.'



Charities

Thanks to those who gave to the bucket collection in Christian Aid week. The total raised was £227.



St George's Church Great Bromley



www.greatbromley.org.uk

Parish of The Bromleys

Welcome back! *All services are in church with congregation and music*

Best wishes from St George's for happy holidays whether at home or away, and that you will be able to meet up with family and friends to spend time together in the holiday season.

Church Services in August

- 1st ~ Parish Eucharist (BCP) 10.30am
~ Pet Service in the churchyard 3.00pm
- 8th ~ Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am
- 15th ~ Evensong (BCP) 6.30pm
- 22nd ~ Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am
- 29th ~ Benefice Service 10.30am at Little Bentley

Pet Service ~ 1st August at 3pm in the churchyard

Whether or not you have a pet to bring and be blessed, you are all welcome to celebrate God's love reflected in our pets and the blessings they bring us. It will be a short service for all the family in the churchyard, with hymns to join in ... and we hope our favourite donkeys will be there. Look out for the poster by the pupils of St George's School.

Newsletter

Our colourful e-mail St George's newsletter will keep you informed about everything going on at St George's, and it has internet links to music, art, and poetry. We also have a colour printed version of the newsletter which you can pick up from the church, or if you would like a copy delivered please phone Jenny.

Website and contacts