

The

Messenger

**The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley**

November 2021



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

A packed edition this month and a big thank you to all those who have contributed articles. I'd like to introduce a regular children's page to the magazine and wondered if anyone would like to take up the challenge? You ideally need to be able to commit to between half and one page by the 14th of each month. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please get in touch. Or if you'd like to contribute something else, let me know.

Autumn, although still warm at 22 degrees today, is marching on and it's very nearly half term, with a welcome week off for me. From the looks of the windy weather currently, I'll be sweeping up leaves and tying in plants, along with some good times with the girls. My eldest has settled in well at university, and is enjoying her independence! This time of year I start planning for Christmas, and I wonder what this year's will look like? Last year was a very quiet time with various guidance on who it could be spent with and where. Panto tickets are already booked, along with concert tickets for Clacton Choral, which you'll find an advert for this month.

Elsewhere in the magazine are details

about the survey for Hare Green play area. A large number of residents attended a parish council meeting earlier in the year and we are hoping lots of you will complete the survey. It will only take between 5-10 minutes to get your views considered.

The Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society has resumed their meetings after a long absence due to Covid. The full programme for the year is included in this edition.

November is a busy month for causes including Veg Pledge 2021 in aid of Cancer Research UK, and Movember which is Men's Health Awareness month. Also:-

- 3rd - National Sandwich Day
- 5th - Guy Fawkes Night
- 13th - World Kindness Day
- 23rd - National Adoption Day

This month we particularly remember those lost in conflicts around the world.



**Take care,
Lizzie**

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IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

November is a good time to plan and/or implement any changes to the garden as well as carry out any repairs to buildings, equipment and fences. If you propagate in a greenhouse and harden off plants in coldframes, next season will come very quickly and if left, repairs will become urgent and less pleasant to carry out.

For those of us still digging on heavier soils November is a good time to get the digging started. We may even see frosts this winter that will help to break down the soil. Lighter soils can be left until early spring. Whether digging or not it is necessary to deal with weeds and make sure none set seeds.

We suspect that the majority are aware the UK is hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26) this autumn. To coincide with this the Royal Horticultural Society has launched a new sustainability strategy. It includes their own targets for climate change, biodiversity, biosecurity, water neutrality, use of plastics and landfill as you would expect. It also has targets for people such as, *Inspiring everyone to Grow*, *Blueprints for wellbeing gardens*, *Creating the next generation of gardening gurus* and *Accelerating equality, diversity and inclusion*.

In addition, it has a list of 'top ten tips' for action that all gardeners can take.

- Plant a tree (possibly to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee)
- Switch from tap water to rainwater for watering plants
- Go peat free
- Make your own compost
- Pull up a paving slab (ideas for planting, including pocket planting in front gardens)
- Plant for pollinators
- Grow your own bunch of flowers

- Electrify your garden (reducing use of fossil fuels where possible)
- Help map UK garden plant diversity
- Eat more homegrown, UK local and seasonal fruit and vegetables.

If you want to know any more about these topics there is a wealth of resource material on the RHS website. Just google RHS Strategy or use this link [10 ways to be more sustainable in your garden / RHS Gardening](#).

One comment from us on watering is not to use rainwater from tanks for seeds and seedlings. It is likely to contain pathogens even if you regularly clean your tanks. By all means recycle water from the house where you can. Using tap water is far safer for seeds and seedlings. It should not be used cold and if left for 24 hours, it will warm up and any fluoride and other additives should evaporate.

Our gladioli corms have already been lifted together with all the small cormlets they produce. Normally we buy in extra corms each year to supplement what we have from the previous year. It is becoming very difficult to source the exhibition varieties we like which come from the Dutch nurseries so we will be having a go at growing on our own which is more work and takes 2 to 3 years to mature sufficiently to produce full sized spikes (flowering heads), but has less airmiles or ferry miles of course.

You can still sow sweet peas and broad beans both directly in the soil or in the greenhouse or coldframe for protection to be planted out after germination. If you are feeling energetic, lawns can still be scarified and aerated. Asparagus ferns should be cut down as should any remaining peas and beans. Remember that pea and bean roots are worth leaving in the soil to break down naturally as they provide a good source of nitrogen.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator and outside cabinet have been purchased from London Hearts and the location for installation has been agreed with the Haywain. We are looking to have the defibrillator installed as soon as possible after delivery.

Village Notice Board

Quotes have been received and the Council has made the decision to ask Paul Brown, who did such a good job with the Village Sign, to make our notice board. This is now underway.

Five Estuaries Windfarm

The Council has been contacted by the developers of the Five Estuaries Offshore Windfarm explaining their outline plans for Onshore developments for power transmission. This currently is for two new electric substations in the Tendring area, and associated underground and overground power cabling. The Little Bromley Substation on Ardeigh Road is mentioned as a possible development site and we understand that survey access is being requested from landowners in Tendring to determine final plans. The Council has written to the Company concerned asking to be kept informed. No planning applications have yet been made.

Proposed Battery Farm

The Council invited a representative

from Cambridge Power Ltd, who are proposing this battery farm, to the last Council meeting. They are proposing using one hectare of land adjacent to the Sub Station in Ardeigh road to site rows of Batteries (which are each approximately the height of a container) and converter units which will then be connected to the sub station. It was noted that as yet no formal planning application has been submitted. The Council will continue to monitor this.

Corbeau Seat Road Rally

This is again proposed for the 23rd and 24th April 2022. The route around Little Bromley will take place on the 24th April. The route is to stay the same as the previous rally.

Plastic Recycling

The Council considered a proposal to ask for a plastic recycling bin to be installed in the Village. It was decided that as this facility is available at the Manningtree Co-op that there isn't really a need to have a separate collection point here. Residents can take plastic wrappings from such things as bread, vegetables, crisps etc and have them recycled at the Co-op recycling point.

Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service will be held again this year at the memorial at 11am on the 14th November.

LITTLE BROMLEY VILLAGE FUND

The Fund has purchased two oak benches which will be put in the Little Bromley Churchyard. The final cost of

these was £1742.40. We hope these will be installed in November.

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

The delayed village hall AGM and Annual Meeting were held on 6th October. Kathryn Ealden, Mary Fawcett, Andy Lear, Jackie Lear and Chris Taylor were elected as trustees for the coming year and they, together with David Beech, Dorothy O'Grady, Martin Frostick and Rosemary Heaney (who have been appointed as representative trustees by village organisations) and Natalie Smith (who was appointed as a co-opted trustee) have formed the management committee for 2021/22. Unfortunately no further volunteers were forthcoming to fill the remaining two co-opted trustee vacancies but it is hoped that these can be filled at subsequent routine meetings of the management committee - so if you are interested in joining the team then please get in touch; your help with running our village hall would be much appreciated.

Martin Frostick was elected as Chairman of trustees and will also undertake the role of secretary for a further year. Chris Taylor was elected Vice-Chairman. Jackie Lear was appointed Treasurer and Bookings Manager and she was thanked for her considerable effort in both of these roles during the last year. Chris Taylor was thanked for her activities in support of health and safety, fire prevention and hygiene matters at the hall. Amanda Pharez was thanked for auditing the accounts to a very high standard and Andy Terry and Andy Lear were thanked for their ongoing maintenance work at the hall. Marion Britton, who was attending her last AGM as caretaker before her retirement at the end of the year, was thanked for her hard work as caretaker during over the last 19 years; she would be missed.

There was a large drop in utilisation

of the village hall during the last financial year, with hire income decreasing by over 85% to just £3087 due to Covid restrictions. However, this drop was more than compensated for by the £21,772 received in Covid support grants and a significant drop in running costs due to the reduced number of hirings. This resulted in a large uplift of £16,384 in the village hall financial reserves which totalled £37,745 at year end.

Refurbishment work at the hall continues, with both internal and external redecoration and replacement of the windows in the small hall agreed as projects in 2021/22. The last major element of the refurbishment project is resurfacing of the car parks which it is hoped to undertake in the future with external grant funding and also possible assistance from the developers of the Hamilton Lodge site.

Trustees are pleased with the level of interest shown so far in the caretaker/cleaner job vacancy, the advertisement for which is displayed elsewhere in this magazine. The closing date for expressions of interest is 10th November and interviews/selection will take place the following week.

All facilities at the village hall are now open for use with Covid restrictions minimal and largely advisory. With bookings for the facility now picking up again, further information on hall availability can be obtained from Jackie Lear (Bookings Manager) in the first instance on 07543974751 or email gbromleyvillagehall@gmail.com. The trustees look forward to welcoming you back to the hall soon.

Martin Frostick
Secretary
01206 250263

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE & PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>21/00915/FUL</u> Mr Brian Giles Proposed removal of old shed and replaced with new office shed.	5 Lakewood, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TS	Approval - Full 01.09.2021 Delegated Decision
<u>21/01308/LUPROP</u> Nine Points Property Ltd Proposed lawful use for the use of Ashfern House as a residential care home (Class C2).	Ashfern House Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Lawful Use Certificate Granted 28.09.2021 Delegated Decision

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>21/01449/ FULHH</u>	Proposed 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 on the application.	Lanner Frating Road Great Bromley
<u>21/01565/ FULHH</u>	Proposed first floor extension providing bedroom and en-suite. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection on the application.	4 Ash Grove Great Bromley
<u>21/01641/ TPO</u> Mr James Gray - James Gray Homes	1 No. Oak - Crown lift and clean and remove ivy. Great Bromley Parish Council questioned why the tree needed to be cleaned and ivy removed.	Orkney House Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JS
<u>21/01636/ NMA</u>	Non-material amendment of reserved matters approval 20/00056/DETAIL (dated 27/04/2020) to change finish to pitched roofs of the bungalow and attached garage. To change from red clay pantiles, as approved, to natural slate. And to change the colour to proposed vertical boarding from Grey Green to Grey. FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Wisteria House Back Lane East Great Bromley

MARIAN BURGOYNE (NÉE HAYWARD)

3 MAY 1930 - 11 AUGUST 2021

Marian was born at Badley Hall Farm, Great Bromley, the third and youngest child of Molly and Herbert Hayward. She was brought up on the farm in the pre-war years and remained a key member of the local farming community throughout her life. She first attended the Girls High School in Colchester and then in the war years she went to the East Anglian School for Girls in Bury St Edmunds, which was considered a safer location, although the school was itself evacuated to the nearby Culford Park. She completed her education in Switzerland just after the war.

In the early 1950s she met and married a vet and moved with him to Northern Ireland. Whilst over there Marian was involved as a matchmaker, setting up a “blind date” between her sister Peggy, who had come to visit, and a local farmer; this matchmaking worked well, as her sister got married! Marian’s first marriage did not work out, however, and she returned to Great Bromley in the early 60s, where her brother Dick was now running the farm. She remained in the local area for the rest of her life, most of which was spent at Red House Farm in Little Bentley during her long and very happy marriage to John Burgoyne. They remained a devoted couple up until John’s death in 2002.

There are happy family photographs of the young Marian in a horse and cart with her brother and sister, proudly horse riding with a group of friends resplendent in their best riding jackets, and participating in local gymkhanas. Peggy remembers how she and Marian would ride their ponies from the farm to

the local shows where they would compete and often win the pony games, consisting of different agility tests on horseback. Marian and Peggy both had experienced ponies and would ride back home triumphant after a very successful day. Marian retained this interest throughout her life, supporting the local hunting community and regularly attending point-to-point races where she and John successfully entered their own horse.

Marian was a very sociable person who was a key and settled member of the local farming community. Friends and family meant a lot to her and she gave her time to them freely. Her visits to family, friends and neighbours were always associated with the sound of chat and laughter. She was cheerful and jolly in company, tried not to ever let things get her down and preferred to look on the bright side. She retained her peaceful temperament and gentle nature throughout her life, even when she was ill in her later years. She also never lost her enjoyment of chocolate – and better still, a lot of chocolate!

Marian had not been well for some time and her memory was not what it was. She benefited from the attention of several carers, initially at Red House Farm and latterly in Mistley Manor where she passed away. Her carers enjoyed looking after her and commented on her good humour. Marian will be very fondly remembered by her family and friends for her tremendous kindness, devotion to others and her great sense of fun.

Dr Hugh Frostick



Dick, Marian and Peggy



Marian, Dick and Peggy

**The Mobile Library visits every three weeks at Church
Meadow on a Thursday - next dates are:**

4 November

25 November

16 December

9.45am to 10.15am



JOB VACANCY - SELF-EMPLOYED CARETAKER/CLEANER

The village hall trustees intend to engage a self-employed caretaker/cleaner starting in January 2022 following the retirement of the existing post-holder.

This is a potentially rewarding and enjoyable employment for a suitable local person, with a contract which offers considerable flexibility as to when most activities can be undertaken. The role may suit someone wishing to work part time only or wanting to fit additional employment around an existing part time job or other activity.

The job description as well as a full briefing and walk-around the village hall are available from the village hall secretary to all prospective candidates on request. Duties of the role include liaison with hirers, cleaning in accordance with an agreed schedule and regularly monitoring the facility. Remuneration will be in the region of £10 per hour for about 13 hours per week when averaged across the year.

Interested? Then please contact me for further details in confidence and without obligation by 10th November at the latest.

Martin Frostick
Secretary
Great Bromley Village Hall

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Clacton Choral Society, under the baton of their new Musical Director Peter Dyson, are delighted to return to concert singing.



You are invited to be part of their Christmas theme presentation with over 50 singers for specially chosen harmonised carols, short light-hearted readings, and of course with audience participation.

To honour the occasion at St James' Church, Clacton, on Sunday 5th December, there is no admission charge, and donations if desired on leaving will be a gift to the fabric of the Church.

The Concert begins at 6.30pm for the 75-minute continuous Christmas celebration.

Due to the expectation of a capacity audience please contact John Kedge on johnkedge@tiscali.co.uk and 01255 424568 to reserve your numbered ticket.

Hi Everyone,

I was asked to attend the service of Thanks and Hope at St. George's Church a few weeks ago, what a very moving service this was. It made me think about just how much things had / have changed in all our lives. I was asked to speak about what had changed here at Seven Rivers, so much that it's been hard to remember what we used to do. I was able to speak about coming into work through deserted roads and making sure I had my documents just in case the police stopped us to find out why we were on the road. Sounds mad now but we had been issued with these documents from head office and a couple of staff were stopped and asked why they were traveling. I spoke about how resilient our residents have been coping without visits and our singing. And I just couldn't not say anything about last Christmas Eve when the members of St George's Church came to sing Carols through the windows in the conservatory. I had forgotten to say they would need to bring a torch to see what they were singing. I think over the last 20 months we have all been through a very mixed bag of emotions, from great highs to very low lows.

We are now getting to grips with the new normal and we hope very soon that will mean having our volunteers back in the home, visitors walking around and not having to think too much about all the tests we all have to do three days a week (staff). November also sees the start of all care and auxiliary staff to by law have had their covid vaccination jabs. I am pleased to report we will soon have had our third jabs also.

I was not alone giving our account of the last two years; I was joined by a staff member who had been very poorly with Covid and thankfully recovered. It was interesting to hear how others had coped with how they had found themselves in the middle of all types of different situations due to Covid, how we all adapted very quickly to the new normal of working in full PPE or teaching via Zoom. I would also like to say thank you to everyone who made the lovely cakes after the service and for the continued support for us here at Seven Rivers.

We continue to try to keep our residents safe, to this end we have sadly decided not to have a firework display again this year.

**Keep safe
Liz x**

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, philosophy, bridge, table tennis, art, poetry and garden visits.

Coffee mornings are held each month and a great way to meet other members.

Monthly meetings and lectures are always popular and our speaker on 10th November is Paula Short – Nepal & its Mountains. See our website for further information u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley.

Dates for your diary...2021

NOVEMBER

- 3 Coffee & Cake, Little Bentley Church Hall - 10am-12pm
- 7 Light a Candle, St George's Church - 3pm
- 10 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 14 Gt Bromley Act of Remembrance, War Memorial - 10.45am
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- 21 Antiques and Collectors' Fair, Great Bromley Village Hall - 9-3pm
- 28 Advent Service Darkness to Light, St George's Church - 4pm

DECEMBER

- 1 Coffee & Cake, Little Bentley Church Hall - 10am-12pm
- 4 Coffee Morning, St George's Church 10am-12pm
- 8 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 19 Community Carol Service, St George's Church - 6.30pm
- 24 Carols at the Crib, St George's Churchyard - 4pm



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.



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

UPDATE ON JO'S MARATHON CHALLENGE

I am very pleased to let you now that Jo, one of our Practice Nurses who I wrote about in the Newsletter last month completed the London Marathon on the 3 October 2021 in five and a half hours.

All her colleagues are extremely proud of her achievement.

WINTER DEMAND – Help us to help you!

As we head into winter, demand for our services usually increases substantially. We really do need all of our patients to consider whether they really need to see a doctor before calling and consider using other local services such as your local pharmacy, which might be more appropriate. Of course if you consider your problem is urgent we are always here to help and our daily on call doctor triage system will ensure you are contacted by a clinician in a timely manner.

UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 BOOSTER/FLU VACCINATIONS

I am very pleased to let you know that we started our Covid-19 booster vaccination clinics for our patients on Saturday, 25 September 2021. Patients have to wait 6 months from their last (2nd) Covid vaccination before they are able to have their booster vaccination. The only exception to this is for patients who are immunosuppressed. Patients will be invited by text or telephone when they are due to have their Covid booster and this will be carried out at the Surgery in one of our Clinics on a Saturday

morning. Although we have had delays with delivery of our flu vaccination if this is available it will be given at the same time as the Covid booster. Flu clinics will also be running for patients just needing their flu jab and again they will be contacted by text or telephone to book this.

MEDICATION GIVEN BY THE HOSPITAL

If you attend the hospital for an appointment and are given a prescription to collect from the hospital pharmacy please ensure you do collect your medication from the hospital rather than coming back to the Surgery and requesting an urgent prescription from the doctor. Until we have received written notification that someone has had their medication changed or a new item started by the hospital our doctors are unable to prescribe this for you. By collecting your prescription from the hospital pharmacy it will mean there will not be a delay in starting medication.

PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

Please help our prescription clerks by remembering to order your medication at least 3 working days in advance of you needing this. We are happy for patients to put in their prescription requests up to 10 days before they are due to start their next lot of medication.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP – MEETINGS RESTARTING

The Patient Participation Group will be holding a meeting at Great Bentley Village Hall on Thursday, 18 November 2021 at 6.30 pm for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Evening meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh and start at 19:45.

Admission is free for members and just £1.50 for visitors, who are always welcome. Refreshments are available after the talk and we are introducing a plant stall this year.

Membership is only £5 for each season and you can join at any meeting or at the show. Our programme for this coming season is....

Thursday 14th October 2021	A.G.M. followed by Alex Bass - A year in the Wildlife of Minsmere & Dunwich
Thursday 11th November 2021	Janet Parsons - An Orchid Workshop. Bring along your problem Orchids!!
Thursday 9th December 2021	Simon Gallup - The Unknown Constable Country. Two screens one showing the Constable painting, the other as it is now.
Thursday 10th February 2022	Peter Jones - Jumbo - The history of Colchester's Water Tower
Thursday 10th March 2022	Peter Taylor - Thames Sailing Barges
Thursday 14th April 2022	Brian Carline - Pelargoniums, their varieties and propagation
Thursday 12th May 2022	Sally Hepher - "I wish I'd known that before I started"
Saturday 21st May 2022	Plant and cake sale at the Village Hall 9:30-11:30
Saturday 20th August 2022	Annual Flower & Produce Show at the Village Hall 14:00

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The September meeting was held at the Cross Inn during which future events were discussed and refreshments enjoyed.

We do hope we can encourage new members to join our monthly meetings and get to know people in the village – there is no age limit!

We are very sorry to lose one of our

stalwart members, Lilly Newman, who for many years ran the book stall at the monthly meetings. We send condolences from all our members to her family.

Our next meeting is to be held at the Cross Inn at 2pm on Thursday 18th November. Do come along.

Sylvia

HARE GREEN PLAY AREA

At the request of Parishioners, Great Bromley Parish Council (GBPC) is looking to invest in Hare Green playing field. The project will look to improve the environment, play equipment, recreational facilities, and accessibility.

GBPC would love to get your feedback.

You are encouraged to shape the requirements for this project by submitting an online user survey. It will only take 5-10mins to complete and will ensure that the budget is well spent and maximises value to our community.

The survey will run throughout November. After which, the data will be collated and used to specify our requirements for purpose of competitive tender with prospective suppliers.

The online survey can be found at:

<https://survey.parish-council.uk/hare-green-survey>

If you don't have access to the internet, you can send your comments in writing to:

Hare Green Sub Committee, c/o 9 Johnson Road, St Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea
Essex CO16 8PL

Many thanks for your collaboration in helping us deliver a great amenity.

***Rob Lord and David Harding
on behalf of Hare Green Sub-Committee GBPC***

GREAT BROMLEY **ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR**

Sunday 21st November 9am – 3pm

**at 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
07802 282193**

**Covid-19 Restrictions - depending on
regulations**

Table bookings only in advance



**GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
IS PLEASED TO PRESENT
A CHRISTMAS-THEMED
AFTERNOON TEA**

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

Delivered to residents of Great Bromley who are senior citizens or considered vulnerable, in the comfort of their own home to ensure safety.

If you, or someone you know meets this criteria, you can request/nominate them to receive an afternoon tea.

Please check for dietary needs and that the recipient(s) is happy to receive.

Orders should be placed via email: clerk@gbpc.org.uk
or telephone 01206 230688

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



What a wonderful day on Friday 8th October, the Women's Cycle race came through our village twice. 50 of the top ladies cyclists in the world were taking part. I am sure the school children enjoyed the event with the police motor cyclists leading the way making sure the roads were safe for the race, which finished on the seafront at Clacton after over 50 kilometres of racing.

The situation at St Georges Close continues. The new owners, developers Lexden Homes (Colchester) Limited have fenced off their land following TDC planners refusing permission to build on the land that is designated as "open space" in the TDC Local Plan. Residents are quite rightly upset by the action of this company. The Parish Council has written to Lexden Homes requesting a meeting, however they have not had the courtesy to respond. The Parish Council does not have any powers over the action by Lexden Homes but we have contacted Essex County Council as the surrounding land is owned by them, requesting they take action over the boundary fence that seems to be in the wrong place. At the Parish Council meeting in October a number of residents from St Georges Close were in attendance. Various matters were raised, including the fence intruding onto Essex County Council land. Our County Councillor is taking this up with the appropriate department at County Hall. It was suggested by the Parish Council that residents look into making a request for a Community Right to Bid and ask TDC for the land to be listed as an asset.

A document has come to light called "Plant a Tree" which may help regarding

the trees in the area. "Plant A Tree" was a fund organised by Helen Francis who lived in Springhill Close; we think it took place on Sunday 23rd February 1973 when a number of very willing people turned out to help with the planting of trees in St George's Close, the cemetery and churchyard. I am interested in anybody who can recall this "Plant A Tree" scheme. There were a number of generous donations from local people, the Friendship Club and Great Bromley Guides and Brownies. The TDC tree officer will be attending the area with a view to seeing if Tree Preservation Orders are necessary.

The issues at Pallet Plus, which is on the Great Bromley/Frating border, continue to cause problems for residents. Both Frating and Great Bromley Parish Councils have objected to TDC's planning department and we will continue to support our residents as much as possible. No date has been set for the planning committee meeting.

GBPC has agreed to support our senior citizens and vulnerable residents again this year with a Festive Afternoon tea. For details please see the Messenger for how to nominate any resident you feel qualifies.

The Remembrance Service will take place at the War Memorial on Sunday 14th November at 10.45am, followed by a church service. All are welcome.

We are looking forward and planning for Jubilee Year. We hope to invite back Tendring Brass and are exploring the possibility of a Jubilee Service in the Church on June 5th 2022. All will be very welcome.

Cllr Fred Nicholls, Chairman

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

From the Churchwardens

We hope you will try some of the special things planned from now to Christmas. The PCC met 16th October and reported that the financial situation has held up well thanks to your extra generosity. We pay our Parish Share and the insurance and maintenance of St George's. We continue to plan repairs and improvements, though some

of these have a covid-related backlog for the specialist builders and craftsmen. It will be several more months before priests are appointed to our vacant parishes and we thank the priests who lead our worship and especially Canon Stephen Carter for his great help and support in 2020-2021.

Gregory and Jenny

Light a Candle ~ 7th November at St George's at 3.00pm

At the 'Light a Candle Service' we can remember those who have died either recently or longer ago. Please put names of those to be remembered on the list in church. If you can't be there but would like us to read the name and light a candle for your loved one, please let us know.

From Darkness to Light ~ 28th November at St George's at 4.00pm

A special candlelit service for Advent Sunday, with lovely music for choir and for all to join in. A time of thoughtful preparation for Christmas.

November Charities - Afghan refugees appeal.

Please bring donations by 30 November to a service or arrange delivery/ collection with Jenny, or Guy, our treasurer. Bucket collections at the Light a Candle Service will go to **St Helena Hospice** and on Remembrance Sunday to the **Royal British Legion**.

Music & Choirs

One of the groups leading our singing in church is called the Deanery Choir. Sue, Sally, Graham, and Robin will soon be joined by more singers and we thank them for singing for us on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Flowers and Cleaning

Thanks to all of you who helped clean and decorate the church for Harvest. We are a very friendly group which arranges flowers regularly in St George's Church. If you would like to join us you are very welcome. Come and share your love of flowers and flower arranging with us at special times of year; Easter, Harvest, Christmas. Please phone Jenny on 01206 230688 if you are interested.



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

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It has been a busy half term at St George's!

The children are all settled into their new classes and we are enjoying being able to get together a bit more as a school. Last week, the whole school gathered on Brook Street to watch the AJ Bell Women's Cycle Tour which was a real treat. The children really enjoyed waving their flags and were very excited by all the police motorcycles that came through ahead of the cyclists. When the cyclists finally arrived, they whizzed past in a blur of colour – we were very impressed at their speed!

As we begin to return to normal, we have resumed some of our PTA fundraising activities. Both the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children have enjoyed a movie night,

complete with sausage and chips and hot chocolate! It is so lovely to be able to put on events like this for the children – not only does it raise vital funds for the school but it also strengthens our sense of community. The PTA are now busily planning our Christmas Fair which will take place at the beginning of December.

On Friday 15th we all gathered in St George's Church for the annual Harvest Festival. We were joined by Canon Stephen Carter who welcomed the children and led us in a prayer and blessing to finish. It was wonderful to hear the children singing together once again and very special for our youngest pupils to experience their first whole school church service. Let's hope it's the first of many this academic year.

Mrs Keitch - Headteacher



ALBERT ELLIOTT “SMILER” MARSHALL

November is the time to remember the brave men and women who put their lives on the line in the defence of their country. Albert “Smiler” Marshall received considerable coverage in the national press, before and after his death in 2005 aged 108, as the last British survivor of the Battle of the Somme, but then memory of his exploits have not, until now, reached the ultimate accolade of appearing in *The Messenger*!

Albert was born in Elmstead and was only two when his father gave him a little trap to ride in, pulled by a goat, but he soon learned to ride the goat and progressed on to ponies and horses. When he left school at 13 he had a carpentry apprenticeship at Wivenhoe shipyards, but he ran away from that to work at the stables at Wivenhoe House where his riding skills improved.

When the Devon and Somerset Yeomanry came on to Wivenhoe Park in December 1914, Albert so impressed them with his riding skills that they asked him to join them to be their mascot, but he refused. He had already been persuaded by Lord Kitchener’s plea to volunteer for the Army, and intended to join the Essex Yeomanry like his brother Arthur and his mates had done before him.

He went to the recruitment office in Colchester and when asked his age, gave it correctly as 17 but was asked to go outside and “think again.” So he came back to suggest “Eighteen?”, and - after gaining a year in ten minutes - he was in!

Albert began training with the Essex Yeomanry in January 1915. During a PT session in the snow when bending down he made a snowball and threw it

at the man in front, who jumped up laughing and looked around to see who it was. The drill sergeant, Sergeant Beavis from Clacton-on-Sea, spotted Albert looking all innocent, and addressed him, but he didn’t respond. The sergeant said, “I’m talking to you, Smiler!” The name stuck with his pals and from then on, he was always Smiler Marshall.

During training, in Spring 1915, his horsemanship was spotted by an officer who asked if he would tend his two hunters, which he did most successfully, and thereafter he was in demand as an officer’s groom.

Smiler went to France in September 1915; he was gassed twice, and of course saw some horrible sights, including being in a burial party for a regiment that was wiped out at Mametz Wood, where they just had to roll all the bodies into shell holes. He suffered a hand wound himself but later returned to France to fight on and survive the end of the war. (Arthur didn’t make it - he died of a Scarlet Fever outbreak in England before seeing action.)

Smiler returned home to marry his school sweetheart, Florence Day. One day, when the Great Bromley and Elmstead Flower Show was being held in Great Bromley, the couple had cycled over to the show where Smiler bumped into a Captain he had known in the Yeomanry. When the latter found out Smiler was local, he took him to the Essex and Suffolk Hunt Kennels, where a new bungalow was being built, and said it would be theirs if he wanted a job with the Hunt. So, Smiler worked for the Master of Hounds, Percy Crossman, and Flo also gained employment with the staff of Great Bromley Hall. Smiler

would no doubt have been involved in the Tendring Hundred show, held at the Hall in 1928.

Albert and Flo got married in 1924 and stayed in Great Bromley until Mr Crossman died in 1929; Albert said he prepared the horses for his funeral carriage. After that, Captain Mumford of the Hunt moved to Surrey, and asked Smiler to move with him, which he did, and in Surrey he stayed. Apparently Smiler was still riding when he was in his late nineties. He and Flo had five children, 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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With thanks to several sources, including Leatherhead & District Local History Society Archive who published a recorded interview with Smiler.

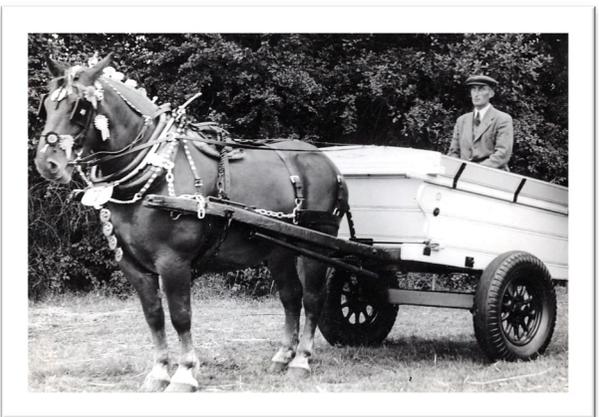


CORRECTION.

Last month I mis-labelled a photo - a trumbrel (or tumbрил) is a two-wheeled cart designed for easy tipping, not the four-wheeled cart shown.

Many thanks to my cousin Derek Frostick for pointing this out. He also supplied a fine show picture of his father Tom with one!

Hugh Frostick



RECTOR'S LETTER

All Souls

It is fairly unusual for anyone to want to discuss theology with a Vicar (or even a retired Vicar)! How refreshing it was to have an hour of theological discussion, recently, with the splendid Class 4 of St George's Primary School. And then, a day or two later, I was accosted at a coffee morning, on the subject of praying for the Departed. Both encounters really made me think carefully about what I believe.

The Church observes November 2nd as All Souls' Day, when we remember before God, the people we love who have died. On the Sunday following, November 7th at 3.00pm, there will be an All Souls Tide service at St George's. There will be a list in church for those who wish to have names remembered; and there will be the opportunity in the service to light a candle for departed family and friends. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served after the service.

At the Reformation, most of the reformed churches removed all references to the dead from their services, largely because of the abuses which had surrounded the medieval doctrine of Purgatory. Hence, I guess, the questioning I faced at the coffee morning. But people came to realise that by not being able to remember the dead in church, something had been lost.

For me it seems entirely natural to remember in church the people I love who have died. The Church believes in the Communion of Saints. That means that when we are close to Christ, we are close to all those who rest in him. So, on November 7th I will be remembering in St George's, all the people I love but see no longer. In the hope of the resurrection, my prayer for them is simply that God will hold them in his love. I do hope we will be joined by many others from the parish and beyond. You will be most welcome.

Canon Stephen Carter

Saints days in November ~ St Edmund and St Andrew



On 20th November we remember **St Edmund**, King of the East Angles, martyred in 869AD by the pagan Danes. He refused to renounce Jesus Christ and they tied him to a tree and shot him with arrows. For a long time he was patron saint of England and pilgrims visited his shrine at Bury St Edmunds. Did you know that the St Edmund's Way for pilgrims starts at Manningtree? And which church in our Deanery is dedicated to St Edmund?

The 30th November is the Feast of **St Andrew**. An apostle and brother of St Peter, he was present at many of the important moments in Jesus's ministry and he was at the Last Supper. He was martyred on Patras in 60AD on a saltire cross. Andrew's relics were brought by St Regulus to Scotland and he is the patron saint of Scotland.





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Parish of The Bromleys

Nov 7th Trinity 23 All Souls	Parish Eucharist (BCP) 10.30am 'Light a Candle' & tea 3.00pm
Nov 14th Act of Remembrance	Gt Bromley 10.45am & church service 11.05am Lt Bromley 10.45am
Nov 21st Sunday next before Advent	Evensong (BCP) 6.30pm
Nov 28th Advent Sunday	Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am 'Darkness to Light' 4.00pm

Services at St Mary's, Little Bentley

Nov 7th	Morning Prayer 10.30am
Nov 21st	Holy Communion 10.30am

Services at St Mary's, Lawford

Nov 7th	Holy Communion 10.30am
Nov 14th	Holy Communion (BCP) 8am Remembrance Service 10.45am
Nov 21st	Holy Communion 10.30am
Nov 28th	Family Service 10.30am

Helping Hands ~ Saturday 6th November at 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to join some friends of St George's. We will share a cup of coffee and cake, and tidy the churchyard or help the 'big church clean'. Newcomers are welcome to join either group.

Festive Coffee Morning ~ Saturday 4th December, 10am-noon

You are invited to a Festive Coffee Morning in St George's church on Saturday 4th December. There will be coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac, bargains, raffle, and time for a chat and a catch up.

New to church or new to the village?

Do get in touch for more information; we'd like to help to welcome you. See the St George's contact details.