

The Messenger



The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

June 2022



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

The very talented creator of our post box toppers has been busy again! I am delighted to include the latest efforts on the front of this edition and to also proudly announce that the Jubilee topper has been photographed for a book being presented to HM The Queen during Jubilee week.

There are Jubilee events taking place in our village, starting with the lighting of our beacon on Thursday 2nd June (see details further in) and finishing with a Hog Roast from 1pm on Sunday 5th June. There will never be another platinum jubilee in our lifetime so it's a good excuse to celebrate. I would suggest bringing a chair to each event if you can, or picnic blankets, and I look forward to seeing you there.

We've had some fabulous weather of late but today it's raining, with a threat of thunderstorms later. I'm off to collect my eldest from university shortly; the year has gone by in the blink of an eye. I'm wondering how she will adjust to being back home after a year of independent living.

There's still a whole half term and a bit more before my youngest finishes for the year at secondary school. She no longer looks like a small child and is

fast becoming the young adult she is aspiring to be. The current career goal is chief executive of an architectural company...I wonder how many times she will change her mind?!

We were driving along Hall Road one evening this week and were lucky enough to see one of the owls fly past right in front of us towards a barn. It made me think of the owl series we did last year, kindly written by Karen. I've seen videos of this year's owlets on the Facebook community page; and I know they have a good few followers.

Awareness days in June include:

- 1st - World Milk Day
- 3rd to 8th - Massage at Work Week
- 13th - Sewing Machine Day
- 14th - World Blood Donor Day
- 20th - International Surfing Day

Lastly, grateful thanks to all our contributors, advertisers, distributors, treasurer and my proof-reader:)

Wishing you all a very happy and eventful Jubilee weekend!

*Take care,
Lizzie*

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Leonard
Cheshire

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Hi Everyone,

This month I have included a photo of the Queen in celebration of the Jubilee. The photo is of the Queen and Leonard Cheshire at the opening of Park House, in July 1987.

Park House is used as a holiday home for residents of all the Leonard Cheshire homes and other disabled people around the country. We have residents who enjoy going to this home for a week (I think I'm right in saying this is where Princess Diana was born).

We are all looking forward to the celebrations and we have lots booked in for the jubilee weekend. An entertainer, BBQ and quiz afternoons to name a few. We will also be joining other residents of Great Bromley at the lighting of the beacon on Thursday evening and the Service of thanks and

celebration followed by the hog roast on the Sunday.

We have been busy making paper chains and bunting to go up around the home and this will be our first time in two years we have been able to have a BBQ inviting our residents' families.

In May we were able to go out and about in the lovely weather, sometimes just going to Dovercourt for an ice cream, other times going out for lunch. We hope that we will be going out more as the weather improves. We will be able to invite everyone back for events soon, so from next month keep a look out for our posters.

Until then we hope you all enjoy the celebrations and please say hello if you see us at any of the events.

***Take care until next time,
Liz x***

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



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STOUR VALLEY U3A

Make the most of life once you're no longer in full time work and explore new ideas, skills and interests. Across the UK, u3a members are learning, staying active and having fun in later life. It's local, social, friendly, low-cost and open to all.

Monthly meetings and lectures on the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm in Constable Hall East Bergholt. On 8th June Mu Garbutt lecture on "The Chelsea Flower Show and my experience as an exhibitor".

Our interest groups include singing, walking, garden visits, table tennis, canoeing and kayaking and amongst emerging new groups is badminton, Sunday lunch for singles, pubs-r-us, thinking out loud and art.

Coffee on the first Friday of the month at 10am in the Lambe School East Bergholt.

Visit our website for more information and contact details u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley

Stour Choral Society would like to invite you to their summer concert



'SCS Goes to the Movies'

This will take place on Saturday 25th June at 6.15pm at Old Hall East Bergholt, CO7 6TG

The concert will feature Medleys from Oklahoma, Les Mis and Disney on Stage, to name a few. It will be directed by Susie Hyman and accompanied by Stephen Smith on the organ and percussion will be provide by Ben Steinitz.

Tickets (Adults £10, children free) are available from Choral Society members, Howell's Hardware Store on Manningtree High Street or email info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening of entertainment.

**Would you walk across hot coals to support your local hospice?
Well now you can!**

**This November, join St Helena Hospice for a hot new event,
and take on a Firewalk!**

All participants will be fully supported with an in-depth training session led by a certified Firewalk instructor before walking barefoot across red hot embers to support local people facing incurable illness and bereavement.

After the walk you'll receive a finisher's certificate and there will be plenty of photos taken and shared on social media so you can proudly share them with friends and family.

St Helena Hospice supporter engagement fundraiser Lisa Chenery

said: "We're always looking to offer new and exciting ways for our supporters to fundraise for their local hospice and we're sure that taking on a Firewalk will be on a lot of people's bucket lists! Spaces are limited for this event so we encourage anyone wanting to sign up to do it soon!"

Registration is £25 which covers the cost of putting on the Firewalk and St Helena Hospice ask participants to raise at least £150 in sponsorship to help local people face incurable illness and bereavement. The event is not suitable for under 12s.

Sign up online at www.sthelena.org.uk/firewalk

Firewalk is kindly sponsored by Nested Colchester.



THE VALUE OF VERGES

This is the time of year when everything springs into life, including the miles of roadside verges. The distinctive white flower heads of Cow Parsley are usually prominent on verges, along with many less obvious grasses and flowering plants.

Roadside verges need to be managed to keep road users safe especially on narrow lanes. Currently Essex County Council who are responsible for managing verges usually make two cuts, one in late Spring and again in the Autumn. The current management is to make one mower width cut only, which increases visibility while leaving undisturbed longer vegetation closer to hedges and ditches (some verges do need to be cut back as far as possible to maintain safe visibility).

The roadside verge is a valuable habitat for many different species of wildlife providing a linear habitat for species to move through as well as a

refuge buffer zone alongside hedges and ditches. Flowering plants growing in verges provide nectar and pollen for insects and later in the year seeds and berries for birds to feed off. The majority of plants growing in verges are grasses, but these also are valuable for wildlife as foodplants for butterfly larvae including Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns. Flowering plants including Garlic Mustard, which is a tall early plant with small white flowers provides a foodplant for the Orange Tip butterfly larvae.

With so many pressures on the countryside and wildlife we need to value and conserve our verges where possible. With so many pressures on the countryside and wildlife we need to value and conserve our verges where possible.

Carole Mander



Photo credit: Pat Ainger

PLANNING DETERMINATION

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
22/00476/TPO Robinson	1 No. Horse Chestnut - reduce all face overhanging road to reduce risk of failure onto the road.	Land adjacent 24 Robinson Close CO7 7FW	Approval - Full 13.04.2022 Delegated

PLANNING APPLICATION

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
22/00607/FULHH Askew	Proposed single storey front and side extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Northgate, Frating Road CO7 7JW

The Flower Festival to be held at St. George's Church asks.....

Do you have any Memories of the Queen's Reign?

Elizabeth II has been Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth since 1952. Do you or your family have your own memories of the Queen during her reign? Have you ever met her or been at an event relating to her time on the throne?

If so, why not please write a short piece (no more than 2 sheets of A4) and tell us about it. The segment can be hand written or typed. It can include photos or pictures. (The photos can be returned after the event.)

All pieces sent in will be included in our display or put into a folder to be kept in the church. We feel that this will be a lovely addition to the Flower Festival weekend on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July. (Theme: Plant a tree for the Jubilee.)

There is a collection box in the back of St. George's Church for your work. You can then place it into a supplied A4 envelope along with your details. (There will be additional information inside the church.) All entries must be in the church by Friday 24th June, so they can be included in the display.

We would love to read your memories and share them with others.

If you have any queries please contact:

Carol Cordwell on 01206 395103 or Marion Bromfield on 01206 230089.



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



On Wednesday 11th May the Parish Council held three meetings. All members were present. The first meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting when the election of officers took place. Chairman Fred Nicholls and Vice Chairman Rob Lord were re-elected. The second meeting was the Parish Assembly and followed by our usual monthly Parish Council meeting. There were five local residents present - thank you all for coming. Apologies were received from our two District Councillors.

Our County Councillor, Carlo Guglielmi outlined Essex County Council budget plans for the forthcoming year. The recent Corbeau Seats Car Rally was discussed at length and it was agreed that representation concerning the rally would be made to TDC and the organisers. The Rally divides opinion amongst residents with support from some and totally against by others. Within the Parish there were at least three separate accidents this year which caused a great deal of anxiety for those on the route.

A resident raised concerns regarding Pallet Plus. They were informed this is an ongoing planning matter that is due to be discussed by TDC Planning Committee in the near future. They also expressed concern regarding vehicles speeding along Frating Road and a lack of footpath to the shop.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was also discussed. Residents are reminded the festivities will start on Thursday 2nd June, with the lighting of the Beacon in Church Meadow. Alternative parking will be available in Seven Rivers Meadow. A free BBQ provided by the Parish Council will commence from 7.30pm, Black Cactus Choir will provide some

entertainment and a Piper will "pipe" the lighting of the beacon. There will be some chairs available, however if you prefer please bring your own, also please bring your own drinks. Suggest as this is an evening event that you bring torches as well.

A church service will be held on Sunday 5th June at 11.30am where the Rev'd Canon Ann Easter, previously Chaplain to HM Queen Elizabeth, will be assisting. Following the church service a free Hog Roast provided by the Parish Council will be available to all residents, not just be for the congregation but available to all. Great Bromley Cricket Club are providing a bar. Tables and chairs will be provided in the marquee. Entertainment by the Motley Crew. A children's entertainer will be present, as will face painting. Please support this event. If you are planning on attending please let our clerk know via email, clerk@gbpc.org.uk or telephone chairman Fred Nicholls at 01206 230688 which will assist in catering purposes.

Hare Green sub committee has met and discussed the way forward for new equipment and picnic benches. The lead councillors were asked to also look at providing some low-level children activities in Church Meadow.

National Grid's East Anglian Green Energy projects was discussed. The Council was pleased our MP, Sir Bernard Jenkin, was against the project as suggested, the Leader of Essex County Council Kevin Bentley, and TDC leader Neil Stock OBE, are also against the scheme. Public consultation is being held in the area, please look out for venues in the local newspapers.

Cllr Fred Nicholls
Chairman



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

June Opening Hours

The Surgery will be closed on Thursday, 2 June and Friday, 3 June for the Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's amazing 70 year reign. As always if patients need urgent medical help this can be obtained by calling telephone number 111.

Surgery News

I am very pleased to let you know that Dr Rebecca Lloyd-Jones joined the Surgery team as a Salaried GP on the 6 May 2022. She replaces Dr Sayomi Gunawardena who worked with us at the Practice for 2 years.

Holiday Check List

As more and more people start to travel abroad, I thought it would be helpful to remind patients about some important information.

- Please ensure you download the NHS app in good time, so you have your Covid travel passport available for your travel date. This is normally required along with your passport at the airport when you check in. A paper copy can be requested for anyone who is unable to download the NHS app by telephoning 119. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to do this before your holiday as it can take at least two weeks to receive the paper copy.
- For anyone who has changed their

name since receiving their passport, please ensure you get your passport updated prior to your travel date so that the details on your passport match your Covid travel passport.

- If you need to check if your vaccinations are up-to date for travel, a Travel Risk Assessment form can be completed and submitted via the Great Bentley Surgery website. For patients who do not have access to the internet, a paper copy can be collected from reception for completion. Please remember to do this at least one month in advance of your holiday, to ensure you are able to receive any vaccinations in time for your holiday.
- Please remember to order any repeat medication prior to your holiday ensuring you allow at least 3 working days for us to process your request.
- Don't forget to buy your sunscreen!

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 22 June 2022 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then this is available by contacting 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group Meetings

There will not be a Patient Participation Group meeting in June.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager



IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

In June we should no longer have to worry about frost and will be able to plant out tender plants but as we are told to expect the unexpected these days it is worth checking the weather forecast for the next 14 days to make sure an overnight frost is unlikely. June is a busy month, harvesting produce, ours will mainly be new potatoes, broad beans and peas, as well as making new sowings and planting out either your own seedlings or plug plants. If you planted your shallots on the shortest day they should be ready to harvest on the longest day. Use a fork to gently lift the bulbs to break the roots and leave them to dry off in situ before lifting them a few days later. Clean off any soil and store them in a dry sheltered place to allow any remaining green foliage to wither. After that they should be separated and prepared for storage and or immediate use.

Water conservation will be important as you need to try and make any water in the soil last as long as possible. In some cases this will be by mulching. There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is best to water in the morning or evening. We prefer to water the greenhouses and coldframes in the morning on the basis that we do not want them to be too humid overnight and possibly provide ideal conditions for fungal spores. All other areas such as raised beds, pots or open ground plants will wherever possible, be watered in the evening to allow the water to penetrate the soil before the sun warms the soil and causes the water to evaporate.

As ever, with any 'rule' there are always exceptions. One is

chrysanthemum plants in pots. These are always watered in the morning and only if the leaves are looking limp. It is easy to cause root rot in potted chrysanthemums by over watering and this is the reason for trying to be sparing with watering. On a related subject you should never feed a plant that has dry roots. It should be watered first and when turgid, fed. This applies to both granular and liquid feeds. When using slow release fertilisers just try and ensure plants fed in that way do not get too dry.

We have been fortunate to have good harvest from sprouting broccoli, rhubarb, asparagus and swiss chard this spring. Owing to the building works we have missed the sowing dates for winter greens. It will be interesting to see if the later sowing materially affects the quantity of the harvest or only puts it back by a few weeks.

If you have been part of the #No Mow May you will have to decide whether to leave the area 'wild' for a longer period. In many ways, it is similar to leaving the mowing of grassed areas with naturalised bulbs until the foliage has died down thus returning the goodness to the bulbs for next year's growth.

When you do mow the grass, it will at first look very pale and blanched but can recover quite quickly especially if you give a nitrogen based fertiliser (preferably organic) to green it up. The cessation in mowing may be slow to produce a significant increase in wild flowers unless there is natural seeding adjacent. You can always introduce wild flowers to some areas in seed or plug form.



Great Bromley Parish Council is pleased to host ...

Jubilee Events in St George's Church Meadow



EVENT 1: Thursday 2nd June from 7.30pm
A BBQ, Piper and the Black Cactus Choir leading up to
the lighting of our beacon at 9.45pm

Bring a chair!



EVENT 2: Sunday 5th June from 1pm
Hog Roast/vegetarian alternative, a bar,
children's entertainer, face-painting

Bring a chair!



Parking is available at Seven Rivers

Let us know which event(s) you'd like to attend by emailing clerk@gbpc.org.uk

Both events are made possible with National Lottery funding

Donations to Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

We started a Craft and Chatter group in the Gt Bromley Hall this week!



Dates for your diary



JUNE

- 1 WI - Jubilee fish and chip supper with a shanty band - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 1 Coffee & Cake Church Hall, Little Bentley 10am - 12 Noon
- 2 Beacon lighting, choir, piper and BBQ - Church Meadow - from 7.30pm
- 5 Queen's Jubilee service - St George's Church - 11.30am
- 5 Jubilee Hog Roast and entertainment - Church Meadow - from 1pm
- 8 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm

JULY

- 1, 2 & 3 Flower Festival, St George's church - see articles for times
- 1 Spectrum Ladies Choir, St George's Church - 6pm
- 9 Tending Show, Lawford Hose Park
- 13 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 21 Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain - 7.30pm

AUGUST

- 10 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society Annual Flower & Produce Show

GREAT BROMLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL - CO77TS

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

INVITE YOU TO COME AND SEE



**KATHRYN CAVENDER &
HER LADIES CHOIR:**

SPECTRUM

WHO WILL BE PERFORMING ON

FRIDAY 1ST JULY 2022

AT 6PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER AT 7PM

ALL DONATIONS TO THE FESTIVAL FUND

Tending Village Open Gardens and Wildlife Day



Saturday 11th June
10.30am - 4.30pm

£5 per person - U16's free

*Tickets on sale on the day at the
Village Hall, The Street, Tending, CO16 0BG*



At St Edmund's Church:
Filled with floral arrangements
Observation bee hive
Plant sale
Seed swap
Wildlife photography display



Open Gardens throughout the village

At the Village Hall:

TICKET SALES (CASH/CARD)

Tea/coffee/homemade cakes

Cubs/Guides wildlife displays

Toilets

Free Parking



LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleycc@gmail.com

The Council is discussing the proposal by National Grid to put a new substation in next to the existing substation in Ardleigh Road. This is called the East Anglia Green project. The proposal is to use 23 hectares of land which is in addition to the land that has been allocated for the battery farm. Details of this latest proposal can be found at:

www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure-projects/east-anglia-green

There is an interactive map which shows the land that is marked out for this project.

A Public Information event was held on Saturday 28th May at the Lawford Venture Centre but comments can be

made on the above website until the 16th June.

This proposal will have a significant impact on the rural nature of Little Bromley so its important that all residents take the time to read through the information and familiarise themselves with it.

As the next Council meeting is after the cut off date for public comments, please make representation direct on the website but the Council would still like to have residents comments/ feedback so please also send your comments to us before the next meeting which is on the 21st July at 7.30 at the Haywain.



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.

INSPIRING WOMEN

Our May meeting at the village WI was our AGM, but aside from the business of the day, we still managed to have a very interesting talk about a country that is not often mentioned in the news anymore.

Rwanda does not immediately spring to mind as a country to visit repeatedly, but for Maralynn Bambridge, her love affair with Rwanda goes back 20 years.

She became aware of a charity – Engalynx – which was founded to bring practical aid and comfort to widows and orphans in Rwanda. Maralynn had heard so much about the genocide there that she felt that she had to get involved to help somehow.

Rwanda is roughly the size of Wales with a population of about 13 million people. The charity works to supply practical items such as workmen's tools like chisels to give men a trade and a craft. It also works with hospitals to supply medical equipment and protective equipment. It even partners with Care International to distribute goats to the poorest people to give them the opportunity to make a living.

Diabetes is rife in Rwanda as health education is poor. There are many uneducated children in the country with undiagnosed diabetes who are not

getting the chances they need to get on in life.

Maralynn works with many projects, supplying sewing machines and overlockers to train tailors, training local boys welding skills so that they can fix and maintain out of date equipment. The Charity even works to build buildings and install solar panels and running water to try and improve the lives of people living in the region. In 2019 a feeding program started to ensure that the children at school had a nourishing breakfast so that they could concentrate and learn more effectively. Maralynn has visited Rwanda each year since 2002 and has no plans to stop her visits just yet. There is so much to do and the people of Rwanda certainly do need our help. She certainly does have a love affair with the people of this country – and they love her too.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday evening June 1st, where we will celebrate the queen's jubilee with a fish and chip supper, and we have a Shanty Group "The Hoolies" coming along to entertain us.

If you would like to join us, please contact Carole Newman on 07979 726384 to place your order for fish and chips, and don't forget to wear your patriotic hat!



Can you walk and raise money for Headway Essex?



Headway
Essex

For many people with an acquired brain injury (ABI), every day can feel like the longest day adjusting to change after their injury. That is why Headway Essex is asking the public, family, friends, carers and service users to walk in solidarity and raise vital money for anyone with an ABI in our Longest Day Walk on Sunday 19th June.

Headway Essex will host two walks, a 5k and accessible 2k departing from our Day Centres in Colchester and Benfleet at 10am. For those unable to walk with us on the day, you are welcome to complete a distance of your choice in any way you want.

All registrations cost £5, and under 16's are free and must be accompanied.

At Colchester the 5k is a scenic stroll over the gentle hills of Highwoods Country Park.

In Benfleet the 5k is a trail walk offering amazing Thames estuary views from Hadleigh Country Park.

We encourage people to use their walk to fundraise. You can ask for donations online by creating a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/campaign/longestdaywalk or using the sponsor form provided in your welcome pack. Because these walks are part of Funwalk Essex, The Fun Walk Trust will make a further donation to Headway Essex depending on the total raised for us.

To sign up or learn more information, visit [www.headwayessex.org.uk/headway\[1\]events/longest-day-walk](http://www.headwayessex.org.uk/headway[1]events/longest-day-walk).

Once registered, you will be sent a free wristband (while stock lasts) in the post with your welcome pack.

For any other questions email fundraising@headwayessex.org.uk or telephone 01206 845945 (option 5).

Registered Charity Number: 1008807

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Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society is holding its Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday 20th August. Why not pick up a schedule from Ardleigh Convenience Store at the village cross roads or from Craft Nurseries, and think about entering one or more of the classes at the show.

GREAT BROMLEY CROSS PUB

The Great Bromley Cross Pub is a community pub saved from closure in 2016 by more than 150 shareholders and run for the community by volunteers.

Since then, the building has been completely refurbished and several improvements made. We added an extension, which includes a “radar key” accessible disabled toilet, available for use by both our customers and the public alike. We have a coffee morning every Wednesday between 10am and noon, during which we have outreach public library and Post Office facilities. We also host other community activities like the local Friendship Club, music nights, quizzes, darts teams and village litter picks. The premises also have a defibrillator on the outside wall (arranged by the Parish Council) in case of medical emergencies.

Current opening times are Thursday 6:30 to 10:30pm, Friday 5pm to 10:30pm, Saturday 6:30pm to 10:30pm and Sunday Lunchtime Noon to 3pm. On the first Thursday in the Month we have an Open

Mic Music Night and on the third Thursday in the Month we have a Quiz Night.

We'd like to increase our opening times but are dependent on volunteers to manage and run the pub. We're always looking for volunteer help in all sorts of ways, including serving behind the bar and cleaning and maintaining the building (which sadly is beginning to show its age). If you have any skills (or would like to learn some) and are interested in joining our team please contact Owen at owen.blowers@greatbromleycross.co.uk or pop into the pub and chat with the team there.

We're not really a food pub but customers are welcome to order takeaways for delivery to the pub. We cook on the premises on Friday evenings but our chef has recently left for pastures new. If you're interested in helping us to continue to provide food, or know someone who would be interested, just let us know.

Our thanks to all our supporters, on both sides of the bar!

Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society

Evening meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Ardleigh Village Hall 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.

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

Little Bentley Coffee & Cake

1st Wednesday in month,
Church Hall, Little Bentley
10 - 12 Noon



Great and Little Bromley villagers
are very welcome

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY

What a busy month we have had. We began the month with some Services of Morning Prayer on the mornings of the 11th, 12th and 13th of April. Although only a few attended, these short services led by Gregory Frostick were a very nice time to reflect and pray quietly.

On Saturday the 16th April we held an Easter Vigil at 8pm. Stephen Carter led the service which began outside and involved the lighting of a fire, lots of candles and bells. It was a different service but rather nice. We had around 30 people attend and they were able to enjoy the wine provided afterwards before they left.

On Saturday the 30th April the Friends

of Little Bromley Church held our first Social Afternoon since covid. We were pleased to welcome around 30 people through our doors including some children. We saw some familiar faces as well as some visitors who were born in Little Bromley with lots of interesting history to tell us about. We also met some of the newer residents of the village, two of whom even brought us some tasty cake. Gregory played the organ whilst everyone enjoyed the refreshments. We would like to thank everyone who made cake and decorated the church or helped. We had a lovely afternoon and raised £155.

In May, there will have been a play by My Theatre 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. I am sure it will be as popular as it normally is.

Between **12 noon and 5pm on Sunday June 19th** we would like to suggest a trip to 24 Erskine Road, Mistley, CO11 1LU where Gavin (one of our Friends) is going to open his lovely garden for us to visit. There will also be refreshments and some stalls to enjoy. All money raised will go St. George's Church and St. Mary's Church.

Finally, we would like to let you know that on **Wednesday 22nd June at 7pm** in St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley we will be holding our **AGM**. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

Carol Cordwell
on behalf of the Friends

Saturday 2 July at 5pm

St James's Church, Tower Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1DA

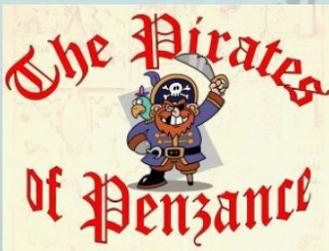
An Informal Concert Performance of Highlights from

Gilbert & Sullivan's

Clacton Choral Society

Peter G Dyson – Conductor

David Mitchell – Piano



Book Online: www.clactonchoral.org.uk

Tickets: £10.00

Also available from Roger Broomfield

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St. George's Church, Great Bromley (CO7 7TS)



Flower Festival on 1st, 2nd and 3rd July 2022

All around the church you will see our wonderful flower displays based on the theme; '**Plant a tree for the Jubilee**'.

There will also be a large raffle, refreshments, and a variety of stalls to tempt you.



Friday 1st July (10am-5pm) In the morning there will be music from the local school. In the evening from **6pm, Spectrum** (a Ladies choir) will be performing for us, followed by light refreshments. Donations welcome to the Festival Fund.



Saturday 2nd July (10am-5pm) This will be a full day scattered throughout with organ recitals and the Deanery Choir.



Sunday 3rd July. At 10.30am there is a Thanksgiving Service led by Archdeacon Ruth.

(The church reopens from 12 noon)

We have a Pet Praise Service at 3pm in Church Meadow and at 5pm we will draw our raffle (1st prize £100).



Free Admission/Donations Welcome Plenty of Parking

We look forward to seeing you.

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CHURCH JOTTINGS

Looking at my diary I think we have some very exciting and busy times ahead here at St. Georges Church. We are preparing for two weddings, a baptism, Jubilee celebrations for the Queen and a Flower Festival!! Wow!

But firstly I must tell you about our newly formed "Helping Hands." A group of like minded members of our community who have come together to work in the churchyard at St. G's once a month, By the time I took the photographs in May, the rain was torrential but still we worked on, refreshments, coffee, tea and of course cake in the porch. Each month a list of "jobs to be done" appears - clearing branches and overhanging ivy from around the storage shed and the Lych Gate - tidying the graves, removing dead flowers and plastic pots blowing in the wind. Trimming the hedge on the western boundary and much more. The best thing is that we are becoming good friends while we work and we do laugh a lot. Come and join us, you will be very welcome. (We are setting up a "WhatsApp" group which will keep us all in touch.) Usually we meet on first Saturday in the month at 10am in all

weathers (if we can't work outside there are jobs to do indoors such as cleaning the brasses). Hope you enjoy the photos of Sue and Dave working in the rain. Because the first Saturday in June and July are busy (Jubilee in June, Flower Festival in July) our next meet is August 6th at 10am.

The plans for our Jubilee Service at 11.30am on June 5th are complete. The service will be quite memorable and we have included many of you from our Parish. Do come and join us and then stay and enjoy the Hog Roast and entertainment planned in Church Meadow, provided free of charge by the Parish Council. Please note that parking will be in Cheshire Home Meadow on that day.

"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" is the title of our Flower Festival this year. Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of July are the important dates for your diary.

Already as I write this in May, an exciting programme of events is beginning to emerge, a lot with a musical theme. St Georges Church will be bursting with Flowers, Fun and Food. Folk from our community and beyond are very kindly volunteering to arrange flowers, to sponsor and to support us. Cheshire Home, St. Georges School, Acorn Village, Blenheim Nurseries to name but a few.

Friday July 1st - The children from St. Georges will entertain in the morning, in the evening we are delighted to welcome



Spectrum, a ladies choir from Clacton. Spectrum will sing for us at 6pm until around 6.45pm and there will be delicious nibbles and wine to follow this concert. This event is free but we are asking for your kind donations towards our Flower Festival. Please come along, enjoy and support.

On Saturday July 2nd there will be many Stalls delicious refreshments and again Musical Treats throughout the day from 10am to 5pm.

On Sunday July 3rd we are pleased to announce that our Archdeacon Ruth will lead our Service of Worship and Praise at 10.30am, everyone is welcome. The Flower Festival opens its doors at 11.30-12.00 in the afternoon. You are all invited to join in at our "Pets Praise Service" in Church Meadow at 3pm led by Stephen Carter. Again

there are musical treats to enjoy with live backing music for our Songs of Praise for our Pets.

About 5pm on Sunday 3rd July the Grand Raffle will be drawn. The first prize is £100 with lots of other hugely exciting prizes. Make sure you buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

As with all these large events your support and help are vital, we are looking for Stewards, Tea makers, Cake Bakers, Raffle Ticket Sellers so please give me a ring. Come and join us, we are a happy team, you might have some good ideas for future fund-raising - please come you are very welcome.

So I think that's all for now.

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BROMLEY 10K RUN 2022

On Sunday 17th April, we finally held our 10K Run around the Bromley's. After a cold start, the sun shone and we began. The car park at Park Farm was rapidly filling up and the registration was very busy, before the runners made their way to the start line. Running around the back roads with a lead cyclist and a sweeper at the finish, they made their way following the course until they reached the finish line down Paynes lane, Little Bromley. Here Graeme and his timing team made sure that their chip times were recorded.

James Petterson came 1st for the men and Samantha Bilbie came 1st for the ladies. Several prizes were also awarded for the first three winners, team prizes and several age categories for both men and women.

Expecting around 700 runners, we had only 461 finishers, probably due to covid increasing the drop out rate. It was really nice to see so many smiling faces at the finish, a perfect day for a run. It was also good to see so many spectators and local residents enjoying the event.

There are many people to thank, not least Justin (our new race director) and Roly who made sure that everything ran smoothly, Graeme and his timing team and of course all the marshals and helpers who enabled us to hold the race.

All profits from the run this year will be donated to the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. Our planned date for next year is Sunday 16th April 2023. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

POLITICS AND THE CHURCH

The Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon on Easter Day caused quite a reaction among politicians and in the press. Though his sermon did address the invasion of Ukraine, and the cost-of-living crisis in the United Kingdom, it was his comments on the government's new immigration policy that have generated the greatest discussion. He said in his sermon that the Church cannot be a passive observer of the policy whereby asylum seekers crossing the channel would be sent to Rwanda for "processing".

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Reverend Guli Francis-Dehqani has also raised this subject in the House of Lords. Bishop Guli can speak with some authority on the experience of seeking asylum. Her father, who was an Anglican bishop in Iran, fled with his family to Britain, when the Ayatollah Khomeini came to power during the revolution in 1979.

There are some people who feel very uncomfortable when bishops put their heads above the parapet and become embroiled in political issues. It is often said by some politicians and sections of the press, that the Church should confine itself to "spiritual matters", and by implication therefore should not be engaged in the affairs of the world. When this accusation was levelled against Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in his fight against apartheid, he famously said that he did not know which Bible his critics had been reading.

I happen to agree with what the Archbishop has said about the government's immigration policy, but this is not my main point. It seems to me that in a nation which most people

still regard as a "Christian country", the Church not only has a right, but also a duty to question and challenge those in power. The Queen is both head of state, and "Defender of the Faith" and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. The senior bishops sit in the House of Lords. There is a Christian conscience written into our democratic system of government.

Whether or not you agree with the Archbishop's Easter sermon, thank God we have the freedom in this country to speak out for the values that are important to us. Contrast what Archbishop Welby has said with the recent pronouncements of Patriarch Kyrill, head of the Russian Orthodox church. In Kyrill's defence of the invasion of Ukraine, and the atrocities committed there, we see the worst example of a church that has no prophetic role; and functions merely as the mouthpiece of the state.

As we celebrate this month the 70-year reign of our Queen, give thanks for the democratic freedom we enjoy in this land, and for the values of justice and the rule of law that for many centuries have shaped and influenced our traditions and institutions.

Canon Stephen Carter



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Parish of The Bromleys

June 5th	<i>Pentecost/Whitsunday</i>	Holy Communion at Lawford 10.30am Jubilee Service 11.30am
June 12th	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
June 19th	<i>Trinity 1</i>	Evensong (BCP) 6.30pm
June 24th	<i>St John Baptist</i>	Sung Holy Communion (BCP) at Little Bromley 11.30am
June 26th	<i>Trinity 2</i>	Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Services at St Mary's Little Bentley

June 5th Morning Prayer 10.30am
June 19th Holy Communion 10.30am

Services at St Mary's Lawford

June 5th Holy Communion 10.30am
June 12th Holy Communion (BCP) 8am
Family Service 10.30am
June 19th Holy Communion 10.30am
June 26th Morning Worship 10.30am
June 28th Holy Communion 9.45am

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