

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

August 2022



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

Firstly, a special message for our guests from Ukraine:

Привіт! Дуже тепло вітаємо наших друзів з України. Сподіваємося, що ви добре влаштуєтеся в нашому селі.

I hope that translates to a welcome!

It feels like we're flying though summer at top speed, but I guess that means we're at least having fun. We're off on our holidays next week and the preparation is in full swing; passports, tickets, vaccination papers and the list of bits and pieces we need to take - just in case - is getting longer by the hour. I'm trying to avoid catching Covid as numbers are on the rise again.

Sports Days are taking place in a number of schools and I miss going along to cheer the children on. At secondary school it isn't considered cool to have your mum shouting encouragement in front of your friends apparently. But I'm so proud that my youngest obtained a gold in the high jump today!

We're in for a spell of incredibly hot weather in the next few days, so by the time you read this I hope the

temperature has dropped back to something a little more comfortable.

This month's cover is one of the displays at the Flower Festival at St George's Church over the first weekend in July. Well done to all the organisers for three whole days of events and entertainment and fabulous floral displays.

Also in this month's edition there is a look back with Leonie, some interesting history from Hugh, and more photos from the Flower Festival. I've also included a couple of maps which relate to the East Anglia Green Project. If you haven't heard about it, it's worth having a look at the proposals at www.nationalgrid.com.

Awareness days in August include:

- 1st - Yorkshire Day
- 3rd - Playday
- 5th - Cycle to Work Day
- 8th-14th - National Allotments Week, and Afternoon Tea Week
- 15th - Cavernoma Awareness Day

Wishing you safe travels if you're off on holiday.

**Take care,
Lizzie**

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We support the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home in Great Bromley, work with St George's C of E Primary School, and we fundraise for the Manningtree Foodbank and other charities.

Open Every Day

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Little Bromley Church

St Mary's, Lt Bromley (owned by the Churches Conservation Trust) is also open every day and is a beautiful and peaceful spot to visit. The Lt Bromley Fund has provided two new benches so you can relax and enjoy the view in the churchyard.

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Update on Hare Green:

As Fred was on a well deserved holiday right now, it falls to me as Vice Chair to write the GBPC report for the Messenger. With that in mind, I thought I'd take the opportunity to update folks on the Hare Green improvement project.

By way of background and reminder, you may remember that GBPC conducted a user requirements survey in the Autumn of last year. This took the opportunity to gauge user's perspective on the current state of Hare Green playing fields and signpost where further improvement might be best centred. Whilst the response rate wasn't large, we did seem to attract a reasonably diverse set of responses which provided excellent insight into how concept designs might be developed and Hare Green further improved. The themes that emerged from the survey were:

- There is a shared desire to obtain more benefit from the space, whilst preserving and enhancing the green space and encouraging more use by wildlife.
- The park needs to cater for all age groups in the community, although satisfaction levels were reasonable, there is an acknowledgement for improvement needed across the age ranges.
- Features to enable and facilitate more uses that may bring the community together.

Since the point of survey has been conducted, the following actions have been taken:

- A review of the grounds maintenance routine for Hare Green; this has resulted in more regular cuts thereby enabling a better playing surface for ball games etc
- Purchase of bat boxes which await fitting as insurance arrangements are clarified
- Plans for maintenance of the existing goal posts
- A 'green survey' to confirm opportunity and limitations in pursuing further 'green' opportunities at Hare Green
- Invitation to specialist suppliers to tender proposals and quotes for additional play equipment to further enhance the children's play experience which Hare Green already provides

Right now, we have received some proposals and quotes from specialist suppliers. I have been consulting with the Hare Green sub-committee (who are Parishioners and local users) to ensure the optimal solution whilst achieving value for money. The current work in progress is to 'benchmark' those proposals with other suppliers; this will lead to supplier selection and instruction of works. I am anticipating those instructions to be made by GBPC in September and the works to be completed by Spring 2023.

I'll look to provide another update once works have been instructed.

Many thanks,
**Rob Lord (Vice Chair
and Hare Green Project Lead)**

IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

For all gardeners August should be a month of plentiful harvest but it is also a busy time both for work to be done and planning for the year ahead. As beds become empty think about what you wish to grow for next year following some form of crop rotation. A typical one is year 1 potatoes and tomatoes, followed by year 2 by root vegetables including leeks and onions followed in year 3 by peas and beans and in year 4 by brassicas.

Given how high food prices are becoming, it is worth trying to maximise your output from the plot. As we dig out our main crop potatoes, we immediately plant some of the area with leeks from their nursery bed and there is still time to plant catch crops of saladings which are generally considered to be outside the rotation. You can also try a crop of green manure, grown through the winter and dug in during spring, it keeps down weeds and feeds the soil. If you have not yet planted winter greens it can be still done enabling the plants to become established in case we do have a colder autumn/winter than has become the norm in recent years.

Onions will be ripening this month and some of the foliage will be dying back. Initially you can assist the drying by using a fork to slightly raise the plants and snap the roots, allowing them to dry out for a while before harvesting them. If you decide to lift them early and air dry them before storing under cover please ensure they are not left in strong sunlight. We made this mistake a few years ago and damaged (baked) a lot of reasonable sized onions. Shallots can be treated similarly.

August is a good time to create new strawberry beds using rooted runners

from the existing strawberry beds providing they appear healthy. If in doubt buy in new plants. Although some strawberry beds will remain productive for many years, they will eventually need replacing. As it is advisable to pick very little fruit off a new bed it is better to plant the new bed before the old bed is exhausted. Running the two beds for a year or two is a reasonable way of ensuring continuity of supply.

August is the time to prune wisteria and many other summer flowering shrubs, such as lavender, once they have finished flowering. Wisteria pruning not only helps to keep the size of the plant under control, but done correctly, will improve the flowering for next year. The RHS website has a simple guide to wisteria pruning. Summer pruning of apple and pear trees training as restricted forms (cordons, espaliers and fans and pyramids) should be undertaken to allow sunlight to ripen the fruit and ensure good cropping for next year.

Ponds and water features are likely to require some maintenance, as well as keeping the water topped up to combat evaporation losses.

As show time approaches, a reminder of some dates: Arleigh show on Saturday 20th August at the village hall (2-4:30pm), Lawford show on Saturday 3rd September at the Ogilvie Hall (2-5pm) and Great Bentley show also on 3rd September which is not only a horticultural show in a marquee but includes other attractions on the village green. Why not try entering a class or two just for fun and of course children have their own special classes. Schedules are available from show secretaries.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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National Grid and Offshore Windfarms (Five Estuaries and North Falls) continue with their proposals and investigations into large infrastructure work in and around Little Bromley and surrounding villages. The Parish Council has sent its objections to National Grid plans, and we understand that objections have also been raised by Tendring District Council, Essex County Council and our local MP Sir Bernard Jenkin (who is working with other local MP's on a co-ordinated response and request for an alternative approach). Other councils across the pylon route that National Grid are planning have also sent in objections. The National Grid initial public consultation is now closed and current future timescales are for a Statutory Consultation in Spring 2023, Development Consent Order (DCO) application in December 2024, DCO examination and decision in 2025-2026, start of Construction in 2027, and fully operational in 2031. We will continue to work closely with all interested parties as this progresses.

Five Estuaries has also now published their initial consultation including a map of how their onshore work could affect Little Bromley. This shows possible cable routes and three potential sites for their substation location - one site will be

selected. Each of the sites is in Little Bromley and are of significant size. Five Estuaries has offered to organise a local meeting in addition to their Consultation Exhibition to explain their proposal. The Parish Council will request that this takes place and we will advise when dates are known. The map can be seen on the Little Bromley Community Facebook Page and on the council website littlebromley.org. We have until 12th August to provide feedback to Five Estuaries on their initial consultation and any comments you can pass to the Parish Council or directly to Five Estuaries would be great.

North Falls has yet to start its initial consultation and we expect this to be in the next weeks. The North Falls project is also likely to entail significant onshore work in Little Bromley.

A reminder that the Parish Council has created a Conservation Fund which can be used for projects in the Parish. Funds are modest at the moment but if you have any ideas on ways this can be used to improve the village please contact the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30pm at the Haywain on Thursday 15th September 2022.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at our June meeting with a delicious afternoon tea prepared and served by Diana and her husband. There was a wonderful selection of cakes and sandwiches to chose from, thank you Diana and hubby for your hard work. Later items relating to the Queen's Coronation belonging to members were on display for us all to peruse.

Sadly Beryl had to report the loss of two

long standing members and helpers, Jean and Pauline, and we send our condolences to their families.

We were also without the company of Pat who is at present in hospital and Coral who was unable to attend due to a nasty fall. We look forward to welcoming you both back very soon.

The competition for July is a flower cut from your garden.

WILLIAM IV POLICE TRUNCHEON

I was glad to be contacted by some visitors from South Essex with connections to the village. Octogenarian Kenneth Nutley has in his possession a marvellous decorated wooden police truncheon, bearing the words

WR IV

**Great Bromley
Essex**

Ken does not know what the connection is to his family, or perhaps to his wife Joan Johnson's family.

WR IV was the royal cypher for William (Rex) IV who was on the throne between 1830–1837, succeeding George IV and being succeeded by Victoria. So we have a rough date. Unfortunately the records in the Essex Police Museum for the Constables in Great Bromley only start from 1851. However, in a newspaper article of 1833 there is a William Norman mentioned as constable. Perhaps, however, this item had been a retirement present for the previous incumbent? Or belonged to a later one? Who knows.

Here is the newspaper article, out of interest:

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22 Feb 1833 Chelmsford Chronicle

On Tuesday last, the Adjourned Session for the County of Essex commenced at the Shire Hall. The several cases were disposed of as follows before The Hon. J. J. Strutt.

John Borritt Smith, 44, carter, was indicted for receiving three bushels of oats, the property of Thomas Hudson, at Great Bromley, knowing them to have been stolen. Prosecutor stated that James Clarke had been in his employ and had access to his oats to feed his horses: having missed some oats, he had a communication with Clark, after which he proceeded to the prisoner's house, and found a sack of oats in the kitchen; they were mixed with garlick and brank, and corresponded with those in his granary.

Clark, the accomplice, deposed that on the 13th Feb he carried 2½ bushels of bis master's oats to prisoner's house, for which he received 1s. Smith asked him to get the oats for him two days before. Wm. Norman, constable of Great Bromley, stated that upon hearing of the robbery, be suspected Clark: he proved searching prisoner's house, and finding the oats.

Guilty!

The Chairman commented on the serious nature of the offence, and remarked that there was nothing to contradict Clark's statement that he had stolen the oats at the prisoner's request.

The prisoner had been twice before convicted, and it was the duty of the Court to prevent him from any longer enticing farmers' servants - at any rate for some

years to come. He was then sentenced to 14 years transportation.

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The second local connection that Ken mentioned was that his family homes had been named Portlands, and one of them had been in Great Bromley, probably around the 1920s. I was able to show him Portlands on Harwich Road, but other than knowing that George Cockle was the orcharder there in the 1970s, I have no knowledge of earlier inhabitants.

The third fairly local connection was that one of the family was believed to be a "Clacton mayor". One of my very knowledgeable and helpful history contacts told me, "Clacton has never had a mayor. Pre 1974, it was an Urban District Council, and as such, had a Chairman of the Council who carried out duties, special public/private functions etc. Post 1974, it became part of Tendring District Council. Some places then had a town council in addition, and hence elected a mayor, mainly to carry out a ceremonial role, but Clacton had no town council status, just the individual ward councillors, thus no mayor for Clacton, now, or in the past."

I passed on a list of those Chairmen, and am waiting for the family to come back to me with more idea of the possible family names involved, once they have sorted the boxes in the attic! (How I know that feeling.)

But if anyone can shed any light at all on any of these three matters, I would be very pleased to hear from you, as always.

Dr Hugh Frostick hugh@greatbromley.org.uk 07722 253962



Photos:
Kerry &
Michael
Nutley with
Ken at
Portlands

The William
IV
truncheon



The Deanery Choir was formed in 2021 with the aim of supporting church music in the Tendring area. We sing in a four part harmony, both unaccompanied and with organ. We are able to provide music for various church services,

Including choral evensong, weddings and funerals, and for special festive times such as Christmas and Easter.

Experienced support can be given to those planning such services in the choice of appropriate music if required. We regularly lead worship at St George's Church, Great Bromley, on the second Sunday of each month.

For further information please email our choir organiser,

Graham Bell
grahambell493@gmail.com

THE DEANERY CHOIR

CHORAL EVENSONG

**All Saints Church
Church Road
Wrabness
CO11 2TQ**

AUGUST 7th 2022

6.30pm start Walmisley - Nardone - Ferial

THE DEANERY CHOIR

CHORAL EVENSONG

**St Nicholas Church
Church Street
Harwich
CO12 3DS**

AUGUST 21ST 2022

6.30pm start Walmisley - Nardone - Ferial

ESSEX LIBRARY - SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge – Gadgeteers – is running until Saturday 3 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

To take part, children will need their own library card, so if anyone in your family is not a library member pop down to your local library to join or join online now.

The challenge for children is to read six books over the summer. If they do, they'll earn a certificate and medal.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022





GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

SURGERY NEWS We are very pleased to welcome Kerry Noonan, Advanced Nurse Practitioner to our Surgery Team. In addition to all her normal Nurse Practitioner duties, Kerry who is an experienced Nurse Prescriber will be assisting the doctors with daily triage, home visits and seeing patients for minor illness conditions.

SURGERY TELEPHONE SYSTEM We have recently had an upgrade on our telephone system and have received some feedback from our patients saying that they are having problems either getting through to, or leaving messages for our Prescription Clerk.

The number to call for the Prescription Clerk hasn't changed and if you have a prescription query then you can ring through on the direct line number which is 01206 257557. When you phone this number you will receive the normal greeting message. If you continue listening to the message you will then need to press 2 for prescriptions.

Our prescription line is manned between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday to Friday. If you ring during these times and the prescription clerk is busy, then you will go into a queuing system. If you would rather leave a message than continue to hold for her, you can press 1 at any point which will then allow you to leave a message. If you call out of the above hours, then you will receive a message saying the prescription office is closed. If you continue to listen to the whole

message, you will be given the option to press 1 and leave a message.

I hope this information helps patients who are trying to contact our prescription line.

Please remember that this line is only for patients who have a prescription enquiry, as we are not able to take requests for prescriptions over the telephone.

COVID BOOSTERS We will not be holding any Covid booster clinics at the Surgery during August. If you are due to have your booster and need to book an appointment, you can find details on the Great Bentley Surgery website or telephone 119.

At the time of writing this Newsletter we have not had confirmation as to whether patients will be offered a Covid booster in the autumn. If this does go ahead then we will contact patients about booking this.

SURGERY TRAINING AFTERNOON Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 31 August 2022 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon then they can contact 111 for assistance.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING There will not be a meeting of the Patient Participation Group held in August.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager



Dates for your diary



AUGUST

- 03 WI Garden Tea Party 2pm
- 09 Crafting Together drop-in - All welcome - Village Hall 9.30am-Noon
- 10 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society Annual Flower & Produce Show
- 25 & 26 Clacton Airshow

SEPTEMBER

- 07 WI - 'War, Waiting and Welcoming: Family Life with Ukrainian refugees' Village Hall 7:30pm
- 13 Crafting Together drop in Village Hall 9.30am-Noon
- 14 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 15 Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain - 7.30pm
- 18 Great Bromley Antiques & Collectors Fair - Village Hall - 9am-3pm

OCTOBER

- 12 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 20 Great Bromley Antiques & Collectors Fair - Village Hall - 9am-3pm

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving in your local library this summer!

Children across Essex are being challenged to help the Gadgeteers by reading six books and earning cool stickers. Along the way they'll discover amazing science and innovation in the world around us. If they complete the challenge they receive a certificate and medal. Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website:

libraries.essex.gov.uk

Saturday 16 July to Saturday 3 September
Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP | IGNITING IMAGINATION INSPIRING INNOVATORS | THE 20th YEAR READING AGENCY

Little Bentley Coffee & Cake

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



Great and Little Bromley villagers
are very welcome

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.



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.

MEMORIES OF THE QUEEN'S REIGN

A few months ago, we thought it would be an interesting idea to find out if anyone had some personal memories of the Queen during her reign. It seemed quite a few people were able to recall events which involved the Queen, but were reluctant to write them down.

Eventually we had a few special memories of the Queen's reign.

Some remembered the actual moment when King George died, others remembered later periods during the Queen's service, such as the Queen's visit to Colchester in 1958.

A display was set up for our Flower Festival weekend in St. George's Church. We were loaned some hankies given out at the Coronation, along with

some perfume, books and some coronation pieces.

A copy of our local memories is in a book which will be kept in the church, should you care to read it. However, for the moment we are leaving the display on view in the church for everyone to enjoy.



We would like to thank all those who shared their history with us.

Carol and Marion

THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees invite applications from residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St. Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories:

Secondary Schools & Sixth Form Colleges

Applicants must be at least 12 years old on the 1st August in the year of application.

Universities & Colleges of Further Education

Applicants must have lived in one, or more, of the five Parishes for at least two years prior to the application date.

For an application form, or further details, please contact the Clerk to the Foundation, Mrs. Claire Arculus, at dedhamefclerk@gmail.com or 07752201441.

MRS MARALYN BAMBRIDGE AWARDED AN MBE

Mrs Maralyn Bambridge of Brantham was awarded an MBE in the recent Queen's Honours List. Maralyn founded the charity ENGALYX and she has almost single handedly raised over £150,000 for the support of Rwandan widows and particularly infants since then. Over 100 million children and adults were murdered in 100 days in the 1994 Rwandan Genocide; the Nazi's murdered a similar number of Jews in WW2!

It was a personal contact with a news reporter, who had been sent to a refugee camp following the 1994 Genocide, which motivated her to investigate the terrible plight of children and orphans in Rwanda.

The charity was formed in 1998 with early support from Manningtree High School pupils who proposed the Charity's name.

To date Engalynx has:

- Trained street boys in welding and unskilled girls in tailoring and others in hairdressing in Kigali.

- Supplied school uniforms, books and other items to schools in Gisenyi.
- Designed, built and equipped a Maternity Unit in Mwulire.
- Trained 30 young women in tailoring and set up a co-operative for them to work in Muniyinya.

ENGALYX has now initiated a feeding project for vulnerable infants at Bihembe Nursery School in the Nyakayiro Sector of the Rwamagana and is currently feeding 186 children.

Just £8 a month sponsorship will feed a child for a month, Maralyn would be delighted if you would support the good work being undertaken with their programme to feed and educate malnourished infants. Donations can be sent to ENGALYX at Barclays Bank A/C 30443980, sort code 20-22-67

If you would like further information please contact maralyn.bambridge@yahoo.com or telephone 01206 393022

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying this lovely hot weather and it lasts for a while into the school holidays.

What a busy few weeks we've just had - the lovely Jubilee celebrations in the home and thank you to the Parish Council for the hog roast and the beacon lighting that we were able to attend. I would also like to thank the Parish Council and all those who put money in the buckets which was donated to Seven Rivers. We also had the wonderful flower festival and we not only had a display but were able to take a few residents over to enjoy all the lovely displays. Today we are getting ready for a cream tea with Elvis. It's so nice to be able to do all these lovely things again after the last two years.

We are lucky that at the bottom of our land there is a lake. This does not belong to the home, but we get to enjoy its beauty and the wildlife that lives on it. For years, geese have been bringing up families on the lake and we are able to watch these tiny little things just about able to walk, and then grow into big birds like their parents. The residents love them, me not so much as they come up and poo everywhere! We ask the residents not to feed them but of course they do; the babies are too cute. I get told that they need feeding so what can you do? They are wild animals so they feed up and fly off to warmer climates in the Autumn. The other day a lady popped in

to say she had permission to put some baby ducks on the lake, so we are hoping they will stay. I'm sure they will with our residents looking after them, and don't worry they are never fed bread. We also see other wildlife down on the lake; dragon flies, and sometimes we see a Heron. It's such a restful place to sit for even a few minutes. We are very lucky to have this so close to us, so thank you to the family who owns this beautiful area, by allowing us to share it.

I must fly as I have to get ready for Elvis, or known to others as Gary King. Take care until next time.

Liz x

ARDLEIGH AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2022

Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh, CO7 7RS
From 2.00pm - 4:00pm

Admission - Adults £1
Children Free

Refreshments
Raffle



Show schedules & entry forms available from:
Ardleigh Convenience Store or Craft Nurseries or
online: <https://e-voice.org.uk/ardleigh-horticultural-society/>

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LOOKING BACK WITH LEONIE

How lovely it was to see one of A.H.C.'s wonderful poems published again in last month's Messenger. Seeing it again triggered memories as I met and chatted to him on various occasions when he walked up to post through my letterbox his handwritten poems full of humour and insight into human thoughts, feelings and behaviour. They always made me chuckle. I think he left his bike by the road so that he could quietly walk down the drive and with no fuss pass on his pieces. He was a very private person who was determined to remain anonymous.

Indeed when I took over the editorship of the magazine in the early 1990s, with my brand new state of the art Amstrad computer with a very noisy daisy wheel printer, I received everything by hand through the letter box at all times during the day and sometimes well into the night as well as by post. Sometimes typed but usually handwritten in varying degrees of legibility, all material had to be re-typed, laid out, proofread and finally posted to Hot-Line Printers in Coggeshall. As computer technology improved with programmes becoming more and more sophisticated I began to lay out the copy as I wanted to see it displayed. Initially I left space for pictures which were glued on to the pages after printing the finished compilation and quite often hand drew pictures, particularly puzzles etc, for the Children's Page. When copied and pasted together off it went by post to the printers with the occasional panic when it didn't get there in time. Deadlines were deadlines!

Emails were introduced, publishing programmes were invented and then pdf files came along. It took a few months

of trial and error together with posted copies (just in case) to get the magazine successfully sent across to the printers via the Internet. At this time most articles were still brought to my door and we got to know the regulars very well; both my husband and I enjoyed wonderful chats with contributors on the doorstep.

As email became the norm I no longer met my contributors personally but we did still get to know one another well via back and forth messaging. Everything by now was done electronically which mostly made things easier until the computer went wrong or I accidentally deleted everything, a glitch got into the works or, complete disaster, the Internet went down. There were a few hairy moments when people were cross with me and threatened to sue for libel. I accidentally infringed somebody's copyright once and on another occasion I managed to get in the cross fire of articles written by opposing viewpoints. I was even accused of peacock theft when I wrote in my editorial about my own peacock! All these problems were smoothed over.

Whatever the technology just remember, dear reader, if you have stayed with me thus far that it was an honour and a delight to be a part of the production team of your village magazine and that it also takes time to put it together each month. The editor (with whatever technology there may be to hand) will therefore always be grateful when copy arrives by the time of the deadline!

LMH

FLOWER FESTIVAL - "PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE"

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you are the only words to express how grateful we are to the team who produced the first fabulous Flower Festival since 2019 at St George's Church, Great Bromley. Thanks to the team who helped to make this event such a success. Thanks to all of you from our village and community who came, visited, stayed and enjoyed this event throughout the first weekend in July 2022.

As with the Jubilee celebrations in June it has been a great privilege and opportunity to meet our friends and also many new members and their families here in Great Bromley. Three action packed and enjoyable days have filled the church with love, friendship and great fun. The school children singing, the Deanery Choir, Organ recitals, music of clarinet, flute and keyboards and a concert by a super ladies choir from

Clacton called Spectrum. Three days of music. Thank you to all our musicians and to all of you who came to listen and enjoy. Everyone agreed that our Flower Arrangers had done a fantastic job. "Plant A Tree for the Jubilee" certainly tested their skills and imagination. Displays depicting the Rain Forest, Tie a Yellow Ribbon, poems and rhymes cleverly depicted in floral art. What talent!

Our very busy and exciting programme of events for the weekend began on Friday 1st July. St George's School children came to perform and entertain for family and friends. The morning was filled with singing, prose and poetry. Well done to children and staff.

Following on at 6pm we welcomed a ladies choir from Clacton ably led and conducted by Kathryn Cavender. The



choir is called Spectrum and the ladies delighted us with a fine celebration of music ranging from Abba to Les Miserables, and much more. Wine and nibbles followed for all, a very special evening.

On Saturday July 2nd we had many visitors, all eager to enjoy the Flower Arrangements and the music planned that day. Our own Deanery Choir gave two professional interludes at lunch time, especially enjoyed were



lunch for all, provided by Steve and Liz sitting in the wonderful sunshine on the South side of St Georges. Poached salmon, new potatoes and salad. The afternoon music was led by our friends Peter and Judith Clayton, flute, clarinet and keyboards filled the air.



the Owl and the Pussy Cat, Country Gardens and a John Rutter piece called For the Beauty of the Earth. Organ recitals throughout the day were enjoyed by all. At 3pm Debbie Millar had organised a Line Dancing show on Church Meadow.

Sunday July 3rd was a very busy day, but so memorable never to be a forgotten programme. Our 10.30 service of Celebration led by Archdeacon Ruth was followed by





At 3pm Stephen Carter led us in the Pet Service (now becoming an Annual Event). Thirty five joined together in a service of thanksgiving and Praise for our cuddly friends. Stephen Cheek accompanied on the violin. Wow what a magnificent weekend!

Thanks to your generous donations (all events were free). I think we may have made some money to continue the very necessary maintenance and upkeep of our special church. But the most important and memorable memories for me will be that you came, we met and we have made lasting friendships!

St. Georges is your church, in our village, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Jenny Nicholls





PLANNING DETERMINATION

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
22/00541/FUL Mr Matthew Amodio - Amobox Ltd	Proposed full planning permission for B2 commercial building.	Park Farm Hilliards Road Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval - Full 23.06.2022 Delegated Decision

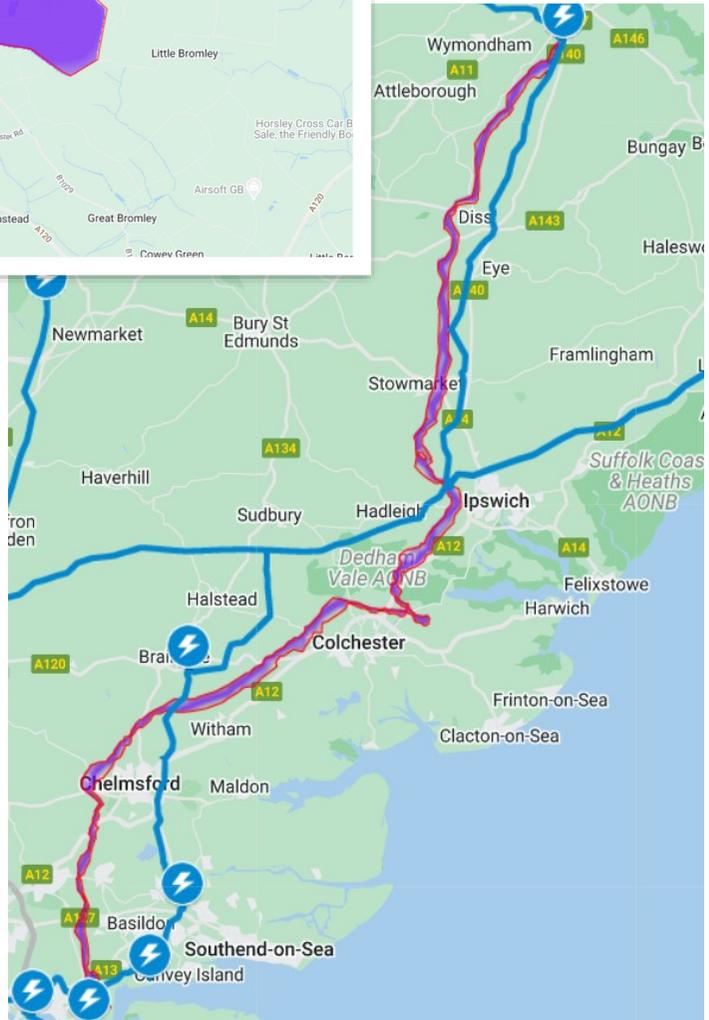
PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
22/01054/FULHH Mr Neil Atkinson	Proposed erection of cartlodge and annex. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Badley Hall, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UU
22/00956/FULHH Mr Olivier Burfoot	Proposed two storey side extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Grange Hall, Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TS

EAST ANGLIA GREEN PROJECT

We thought it would be useful to include some maps to demonstrate just how much of an impact this project could have on the land it intends travel through.

More information and interactive maps can be found at nationalgrid.com along with a presentation on the proposals.



STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY NEWS

50th Anniversary On June 11th former and current Choir members were able to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of singing together with afternoon tea at The Oak Room, Acorn Village. We were lucky enough to have in attendance all three conductors of the choir, past and present- David Shearmur, Duncan Archard and Susie Hyman, and also Stephen Smith, our original accompanist, and sometimes conductor.

It was a very happy occasion, with entertainment from choir members, toasts and heartfelt reminiscences from David and Stephen, and two beautiful cakes featuring pictures of the choir were made by Sue Halsey.

Summer Concert Our Summer concert, which was postponed due to covid among key performers has been rescheduled. Tickets purchased for the June 25th concert will be valid for this performance.

Join us for an entertaining evening of songs from the musicals, with contributions from local young musicians.

'STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY GOES TO THE MOVIES'

Conductor: Susie Hyman, Organist: Stephen Smith: Percussion: Ben Steinitz

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022, 6.15PM

OLD HALL, EAST BERGHOLT, CO7 6TG

Tickets £10, under 18s free from Howell's hardware store,
Manningtree High Street (3 weeks before performance) from SCS
members or email: info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk

Come and join us! Stour Choral Society is a thriving and friendly choir. We are looking for new members- especially tenors and basses. With new interest in 'singing for health'- what better way is there to meet new people, feel part of the community, and sing away your daily stresses?

We are offering an **OPEN REHEARSAL** on
MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022, 7.30PM
At **The Oak Room, Acorn Village, Mistley CO11 2NJ**

Come and experience what it is like to sing in a medium sized mixed voice choir. You can get in touch via our email: info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk, or via our Facebook page, or just turn up. Why not visit our website?
www.stourchoralsociety.co.uk

RECTOR'S LETTER - FORTY YEARS ON

In July, I commemorated the 40th anniversary of my ordination as a priest. I have never been a great one for celebrating anniversaries (as my wife will confirm!); but I have found myself reflecting a great deal on my ministry over the last forty years. There have been huge changes in the Church and in society during this time. Some changes I have welcomed and others I regret. But I would echo the words of John Betjeman, as I thank God for "The Church of England of my birth, The kindest church to me on earth."

I value the Church of England, because it has never seen itself as a church just for the paid-up members. As the national church it has always endeavoured to serve all those in the community who turn to it. One of the greatest privileges of ministry has been sharing the joys and sorrows of people's lives, particularly through baptisms, weddings and funerals. Over the last two years since I retired, I have been grateful that the churchwardens have allowed me to continue to exercise a ministry here in the Bromleys.

One of the biggest changes I have witnessed since my ordination has

been a steady decline in clergy numbers. Forty years ago, most parishes still had a resident priest living among them. I was appointed to Maldon as incumbent of one parish and ended up looking after three! At the time of writing, representatives of this parish, along with those from other parishes, are preparing to interview two "Rural Missioners". The two priests appointed will be responsible for ministering to nine rural parishes in our corner of Essex.

I am sure we will all support and welcome those who will be appointed to serve among us. They will certainly face many challenges as they strive to minister across nine very different communities. As the Church responds to a rapidly changing society, we may have to embrace changes and new ways of thinking. But the Church of England's vision of itself has not changed. Its parish churches stand as symbols of God's love for everyone in the community. And the Church's vocation is still to welcome all those who turn to it in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

Stephen Carter

ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Ardleigh Annual Flower & Produce Show

Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society is hosting the Ardleigh Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday **20th August 2022** at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh (CO7 7RS). Open to the public from 14:00 with prizes presented at 16:15.

There are classes for Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Dahlias, Flower Arranging, Homemade Wine, Cookery, Handicraft, Photographs and Children's exhibits.

Refreshments are available. Schedules for anyone interested in exhibiting are available at Craft Nurseries, Ardleigh Newsagents and online (just google Ardleigh Horticultural Show).



St George's Church Great Bromley



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Parish of The Bromleys

August 7th *Trinity 8* Parish Eucharist (BCP) **10.30am**

August 14th *Trinity 9* Parish Eucharist **10.30am**

August 21st *Trinity 10* Evensong (BCP) **6.30pm**

August 28th *Trinity 11* Parish Eucharist **10.30am**

St Mary's Little Bentley

August 7th Morning Prayer 10.30am

August 21st Holy Communion 10.30am

Service details for Lawford/Mistley, Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze
can be found on their websites

Would you like to receive our email newsletter?

All our news and events are in the full-colour, monthly newsletter. You can subscribe on the 'Welcome Page' of the church website:

www.greatbromley.org.uk

New to church or new to Great or Little Bromley?

Do get in touch for more information; we'd like to welcome you.