

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

August 2023



"VILLAGE HALL," ST. BROMLEY.

Happy Centenary!



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all

This month we wish the Village Hall, its hardworking Committee and all the volunteers involved, a very happy Centenary! It's no mean feat to keep a building running for 100 years and everyone involved, past and present, must be congratulated in keeping the much-loved facility in the heart of the village.

We've had a week of much needed rain and now it's blowing a gale! The weather feels a mixed bag lately; I'm looking forward to getting away next week to warmer, calmer climes.

It's a bumper edition this month, following lots of events in the village. If you went along to any, thank you for your support. Articles this month include the Tendring Talking Times - a charity which provides a device for visually impaired people to listen to articles and news items. The Village Hall has some great pictures from its Centenary celebrations, and the Church has been busy too.

Last week my eldest daughter and I did the Colchester Race for Life 5K. Hundreds of runners assembled in Castle Park and followed a good route round, in light drizzle but still very

warm. My next target is the Clacton Carnival 10K in August, with a mix of running and walking.

We attended Beating Retreat at Horse Guards Parade in London recently, which is a fundraising event for the Household Division Charity. We were treated to a mix of military music, some traditional and modern, with horses, First World War guns and fireworks. It was an incredible display, with the salute taken by HRH The Princess Royal. Tickets for next year's event will be available in the coming months online.

As always, a very big thank you to the volunteers involved with the magazine, the article authors and the advertisers for making it possible.

Awareness days in August include:

- 1st - Yorkshire Day;
- 4th - National Dash Cam Day;
- 4th - Cycle to Work Day;
- 9th - National Opportunity Day;
- 24th - National Plum Day.

*Take care,
Lizzie*

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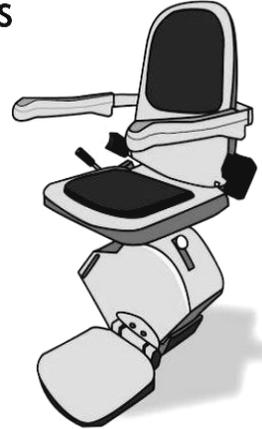
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At our July meeting Pat Chandler gave an insightful talk about how the Manningtree Food Bank is run, who is in need of help and how the trustees make sure the help is given in the right way. Most of us were not aware of the amount of work involved and the commitment of the volunteers. It was surprising to learn how many vulnerable people we have in our close community. Pat urged us to look out for signs of anyone who might be in need, but is unwilling to ask for help.

We brought along contributions for the foodbank and presented the first batch of fabric bags we had made for the food bank to use for deliveries. We will continue to make them, and welcome anyone who would like to

help to our crafting social on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Fabrics available.

Our WI women also enjoyed supporting the Village Hall Centenary Celebration on July 1st. We prepared a pictorial history of 75 years of WI in Great Bromley, craft displays, crafting activities and Jo came to demonstrate her wonderful spinning wheel. We also cooked up some tasty refreshments and plied the populace with tea and coffee throughout the day.



Forthcoming Events:

August:

- Wed 2nd 12 noon Garden Barbeque
- Wed 9th 2-4pm Knit and Knatter (Cheshire Home)
- Wed 16th Noon. Ladies Lunch
- Tues 22nd 10-1pm Crafting Social (Village Hall) Focus: Crochet with Irene Warner and Jan Crosby. All welcome to bring your project or learn a new skill. Coffee and cake and friendship.

September:

- Wed 6th 7:30pm VH A talk from the Blood Runners Charity
- Wed 13th 2-4pm Knit and Knatter (Cheshire Home)
- Wed 20th Noon. Ladies Lunch
- Tues 26th 10 -1pm Crafting Social: Focus: Lacemaking. Bring your project along. Skill sharing and connection. All welcome.



Great Bromley Village Hall



The Celebration to mark the Centenary of Great Bromley Village Hall took place on Saturday 1st July. The weather was fine and sunny for most of the day which enabled children to make the most of the outside activities provided for them and visitors to wander freely inside and outside the building and enjoy the lovely setting for which the hall is well known.

A short history...

Great Bromley Village Hall was built in 1923 for the use and benefit of the residents of Great Bromley by Percy Crossman, a benefactor to several village organisations including the Church, School and Cricket Club. Mr Crossman had provided land in 1920 to establish a village Cricket Club and the Village Hall was built on the edge of the cricket ground fronting the B1029 road.

The Village Hall initially comprised the Main Hall and stage as you see it today, a Billiard Room (which now

forms part of the Small Hall) together with cloakrooms either side of the main entranceway (now storerooms) and a kitchen/changing room. The venue proved popular from the outset and in 1925 Mr Crossman funded extensions to the building including a large addition to the Billiard Room (where the snooker table now resides).

For the next 40 years the village hall was very well used by parishioners. A large number of clubs and societies formed in the village and the Village Hall was a venue much in demand and the centre of village social activity. The particularly high ceiling made it ideal for playing badminton.

In 1946, Douglas Peter Crossman, who by then owned the building and cricket field following the death of his father, donated the Village Hall and Cricket Ground to Great Bromley Parish Council stipulating that it was to be used for the benefit of the residents of Great Bromley.



Later, in 1967, Mr Crossman and fellow members of Great Bromley Parish Council transferred control of the Village Hall and grounds to a third party trustee which, when formed, became the registered charity known as 'Great Bromley Village Hall'.

In the early 1970s, the managing trustees made major improvements to the hall to make it even more functional. A modern kitchen, back lobby and large storeroom were built at the rear of the building and the old kitchen converted into a changing room/ meeting room (the current Committee Room). The number of activities of all types remained steady throughout the 1980s and 90s. A new multi-purpose beech wood floor was laid in the main hall during this period and as the New Millennium approached the trustees embarked on an ambitious project to add a further extension to the building. Known as the Millennium Lounge, the extension was opened in 2001 and proved to be very popular with hirers. Further improvements to the building have taken place since then, which include installing a new roof, a modern kitchen, replacement windows, upgraded toilets, a fully equipped disabled toilet and refurbishing the wooden floors throughout the building.

The Centenary celebration...

The event was planned by the village hall management committee together with Great Bromley Women's Institute and some regular users of the village hall. The latter mounted displays in the Main Hall which gave details of their organisations and their activities. Comprehensive and informative displays were provided by the WI, Great Bromley Parish Council, St George's Church, St George's School and Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, with

smaller displays from the Badminton Club, Karen Mayze Yoga and the Solid Earth Band. The Men's Social Club had a small display which included their original silver challenge Cup dating back to the 1920s and their members entertained visitors by played non-stop snooker throughout the day. The WI crafting group, which meets monthly in the hall, provided a crafting area in which visitors could try their hand at making paper butterflies and flowers and also watch a spinning wheel demonstration.

Great Bromley WI provided a very popular cafe in the Small Hall, serving free food and drink for all tastes and ages. The excellent home-made food, for which WI members are well known, was much appreciated and resulted in donations of £300 to offset the cost of the fare.

Hugh Frostick, the local history recorder, co-ordinated a village history exhibition in the Millennium Lounge utilising display boards kindly loaned by St George's School. This proved to be very popular and informative and led to many happy reminiscences.

Outside, the Solid Earth Band played two 2 excellent sets on the veranda of the cricket pavilion. They have used the village hall for their rehearsals for several years and are becoming known for their local gigs. They played free of charge for the Celebration, which was much appreciated by those listening and in particular the large contingent of staff and residents from Seven Rivers who based themselves in the adjacent marquee for much of the afternoon.

Free activities for children included a bouncy castle, magician shows and balloon crafting. Annie Sands kindly provided a free face painting booth which, as usual, went down well with the children who wore their new liveries

with pride. The magnificent 1927 Sunbeam car parked by the front entrance to the hall gave an appropriate reminder of the historical significance of the occasion and times past.

The Village Hall Management Committee are most grateful to all those who gave freely of their time to plan the event and set up the activities on the day. Team spirit and hard work was much in evidence and was a fitting tribute to all those who have worked hard and played hard at the village hall over the years and made it into the fine facility it is today.



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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council held an Extraordinary meeting on 29th June to discuss the North Falls windfarm proposals and how they will affect the village. Many residents attended the meeting and we also received apologies from residents who couldn't attend due to prior commitments.

There was a good discussion and the Parish Council received great feedback which we have incorporated into our response to the North Falls Consultation - this has been posted on the Parish Council website. The consultation for North Falls has now closed.

We are now in the middle of the National Grid consultation for their plans for a large substation (18Ha to 23Ha in size) to the West of the village. This will affect both Little Bromley and our neighbouring village of Ardleigh who will also be impacted by underground cabling and 50m pylons.

This is part of the National Grid Great Grid Upgrade - Norwich to Tilbury scheme. We will be sharing our thoughts on the National Grid proposal with Ardleigh Parish Council. It is worth noting again that the only reason that Five Estuaries and North Falls are looking to locate their infrastructure in Little Bromley is because National Grid are choosing to locate their new substation on the Little Bromley/Ardleigh border. In the latest National Grid documentation they now state that

they have also 'contracted' with another energy provider to connect into their proposed substation. This is a company called Tarchon who will construct an interconnector between the UK and Germany to share electrical power. The technologies used require that a Converter substation is built and also a Connection substation will be needed to allow connection into the National Grid substation. Tarchon will need to consult on their design but we have real concern that this will further affect Little Bromley and surrounding villages.

The National Grid consultation ends on the Monday 21st August and we encourage you to visit one of the drop in events and also respond with your views. We discussed the Parish Council's views on National Grid plans at the July Parish Council meeting.

After a wait of many months we have finally received the Jubilee Plaque - we ordered this back in October 2022! Even though it doesn't exactly meet what was ordered we will be installing it on one of the noticeboards in the near future.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 21st September at the Haywain - we look forward to seeing you.

***Cllr Jon Buxton,
Chairman***





GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Patient Consent We often have people contacting us on behalf of family members. Due to patient confidentiality, we are unable to discuss information about a patient with anyone else unless we have written consent from them. This includes even just confirming an appointment time or date. Our staff can sometimes experience disgruntled patients as a result, but they would be breaking the law if they complied and are absolutely right to refuse. If there is frequently a need to discuss someone else's details and they are happy for us to do this, they just need to write to us expressing consent to talk to the named family member and we will note this on their record. There is also a form which can be collected from reception and completed if you do not wish to write a letter.

Change of Contact Details If you change your address, email address or phone number, please remember to let us know so that we can update your records. It is really important that we have up-to-date details for you in case we need to contact you.

Prostate Awareness Prostate cancer is cancer that occurs in the prostate. The prostate is a small walnut-shaped gland in males that produces the seminal fluid that nourishes and transports sperm. Prostate cancer is one of the most common types of cancer. Prostate cancer does not usually cause any symptoms until the cancer has grown large enough to put pressure on the tube that carries urine from the bladder out of the penis (urethra).

Symptoms of prostate cancer can include:

- Needing to pee more frequently, often during the night
- needing to rush to the toilet
- Difficulty in starting to pee (hesitancy)
- Straining or taking a long time while peeing
- Weak flow
- Feeling that your bladder has not emptied fully
- Blood in urine or blood in semen

These symptoms do not always mean you have prostate cancer. Many men's prostates get larger as they get older because of a non-cancerous condition called benign prostate enlargement.

Further information:

Prostate Cancer UK: about prostate cancer

Cancer Research UK: prostate cancer symptoms

If you are experiencing any symptoms of the above or if you have concerns, please call your GP Practice on 01206 250691

SURGERY TRAINING AFTERNOON

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Tuesday, 22 August 2023 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

ESSEX LIBRARIES



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is arriving in all Essex libraries on Saturday 15 July!

The children's challenge is to read six books over the summer holidays to help a superstar team and their animal mascots make their way through a summer obstacle course, collecting

golden books along the way. If they complete the challenge, they receive a certificate and medal!

Sign up in any library between Saturday 15 July and Saturday 2 September.

Find out more about how to take part. Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-2023>

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 2 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.

Closing date for applications:- **31st October 2023**

Hello Great Bromley,

My name is Lee, the activities worker at Seven Rivers, and I'll be taking over Liz's role as well as my own for the foreseeable future. I'm not new to the activities role, I've been here for ten years now. Some of you would have seen me around but I tended to be in the background which gave me the opportunity to spend more time with our residents/friends.

A little bit about me, I was born in South London and moved to Edgware in North London at the ripe old age of three. I've lived in Essex for 20 odd years now and with my background in fashion it was difficult for me to adjust to the move, I spent a long time pondering on what I could do. I'd been through all the traumas of running a business so I was looking for something that would be less stressful and more fulfilling. I did a few odd jobs to keep myself occupied, but they didn't satisfy my need for a connection with something special. By chance a friend that knew I was having difficulty settling in suggested a charity for befriending, this sounded intriguing and piqued my interest. I gave this a go and found that I had a knack for bringing people out of their shell and found that it gave me a feeling of satisfaction to know I was helping people to get to a better place in their lives.

Then ten years ago Seven Rivers advertised for an activities coordinator which sounded interesting, and with the newfound confidence that I now had due to the befriending, I decided to apply for the role. I've always considered myself a people person and it seemed to me that this could be the path which could allow me to continue my journey, I got the job,

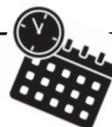
and the rest is history. I knew I made the right decision when I booked my first annual leave for two weeks, before I got to the end of the first week, I started missing everyone and couldn't wait to get back. It was the strangest feeling and something that I'd never experienced in any other job before, it's at that moment that I truly felt settled and confident that I was in the right place. It's a great feeling to go home at the end of each day with a smile on my face and look forward to the next.

Finally, I'd like to share my hopes for the future, it's simple, to be more connected to the village and try to get back some of those old connections we had once upon time. Seven Rivers has proudly been part of the community since the late fifties and is well established within the Great Bromley community. Covid changed a lot of things for residents and staff alike and it's a tough journey to get back to life as it once was. We, the staff, are committed to achieving this, we just need some support from you. I have an open-door policy so please don't hesitate to pop in see me, just ask for the good looking one, many thanks in advance.

Lee:)



Dates for your diary



AUGUST

- 2 WI Garden Barbeque - 12pm
- 9 WI Knit & Knatter, Seven Rivers - 2-4pm
- 9 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 16 WI Ladies Lunch - 12pm
- 17 Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross Inn - 2-4pm
- 19 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society's Annual Flower & Produce Show - 2pm
- 22 WI - Crafting Social, Village Hall - 10am-1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 6 WI A talk from the Blood Runners' Charity, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 13 WI Knit & Knatter, Seven Rivers - 2-4pm
- 13 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20 WI Ladies Lunch - 12pm
- 21 Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross Inn - 2-4pm
- 21 Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain 7pm
- 26 WI Crafting Social, Village Hall - 10am-1pm

OCTOBER

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





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- 07 Sep
- 28 Sep
- 19 Oct

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- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG

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MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



During the summer months we have held club workshops covering themes for competitions scheduled in our new programme, which begins in September. In addition, we are looking forward to our annual Photomathon in August followed by a Barbeque.

We continue to have fun with our Facebook Challenge and our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image, 'Bright Lights, Big City', by Andy Soar, won a recent digital 'Long Exposure' competition, which was judged by Peter Norris DPAB, AFIAP.

We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of

photographic experience and knowledge. The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their photographic skills through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals

If you are interested in photography, at whatever level, you would be very welcome at M&DPS. We meet at Mistley Village Hall, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact our Secretary, Pat Ainger, 01206 231242 - madps@post.com

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/>



GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The season started with Pip Allam stepping down as Chairman of the club and handing the reign over to Clive Earley. The Club thanks Pip for all the work he has put into over many years whether it has been as Chairman or Club Captain, it has certainly grown and improved during his time involved. Pip whilst taking a rest from Committee duties and retired as a player is still involved and you will see him often on the tractor cutting the outfield.

The season is in full swing, with the Saturday team sitting in a good position to win back to back promotions. The team have yet to lose a game unless you count the weather which unfortunately interrupted the start of the season.

The Sunday side have been impressing too and we have seen many a colt stepping up to the longer format of the game and doing extremely well in all aspects of the game. They are a confident bunch and gives great hope for the future of the club.

We have resurrected our Wednesday Evening League T20 participation and currently are one win away from making it into the finals.

We also have U11, U12 and U13 Colt teams who train every Friday along side our Dynamos and Allstar cricketers. Should you have a child interested in playing cricket please contact Adam Cuthbert on 07795 320304 for more information.

Our Kwik cricket tournament was a great success in June, the weather was beautiful all 20 teams from Clubs in the area turned up and we had over 150 children competing and having a great time.

This is one of many vital fundraisers too for the Club which this year sees the sad demise of our Triple mower and the need to purchase a replacement with funds and donations going to the cause.

Our next major event is the Cricket week. Please come along, watch some Cricket and support your local team. The bar will be open from the start of all games and there are a couple of guest ales making an appearance during this week. You will be most welcome to join us as you are for any games that you see being played.

Tues 1st August

The Great 100 game 6.00pm & BBQ

Wed 2nd August

T20 6.00pm buffet by Court House

Thur 3rd August

Phil Allam Memorial 2.00pm plus evening of Karaoke ,cocktails and BBQ

Fri 4th August

Chairmans Day 11.00am plus BBQ from 6.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you at any point during the season.

Tracey Wareing



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DEANERY CHOIR

August 13th

The Deanery choir will be singing at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ** at the 10.30am communion service. The anthem that they will be performing is 'Hear the voice and prayer' by Thomas Tallis.

Thomas Tallis (1505 –1585) was an English composer of High Renaissance music. His compositions are primarily vocal, and he occupies a primary place in anthologies of English choral music. Tallis is considered one of England's

greatest composers and is honoured for his original voice in English musicianship.

Tallis served at court as a composer and performer for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I. He was first designated as an organist at the Chapel Royal after 1570, although he would have been employed as an organist throughout his career.

The choir will perform this work unaccompanied.

Graham Bell

TENDRING TALKING TIMES

The current Chairman of the Charity which produces Tendring's Talking Newspaper, Hollis Drake retired at their 47th Annual General Meeting held this week after 14 years in the chair as well as being a Producer and Reader.

The Charity produces a weekly summary of local news primarily for people who are blind or visually impaired which is recorded onto Memory Sticks which are posted out to the listeners. Each listener is provided with a simple device on which the recordings can be played and once listened to the Memory Stick can be mailed back to the Charity at no cost to the listener using the same envelope as it arrived in.

Hollis Drake was thanked by everyone present for his service and hard work on behalf of the Newspaper and Hollis Drake in return wished his successor Adrian Robinson an enjoyable time in the Chair even if it may at times be challenging.

Recordings are created by the

volunteers in their own studio premises by rotating teams comprising of engineers, producer, editors and readers on a Thursday evening and other volunteers. The Charity is now very keen to hear of others who can give some time mainly on a Thursday afternoon to join these teams as some are quite short of people but despite these shortages there is a good spirit within the teams.

Adrian Robinson also stressed that the Charity is keen to learn of visually impaired persons in the Tendring area who do not already receive this weekly digest. There is no charge for this service which is largely funded by legacies. Unfortunately, during the pandemic the number of listeners dropped from 400 to a current 75 so the Charity feels there must be many more people out there who would enjoy using this service.

To request to go on the list then please call 07831 704078 or e-mail: tendringtalkingtimes1976@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
23/00834/ FUL	Proposed erection of one dwelling in lieu of 22/01217/COUNOT. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Willow Farm, Hilliards Road
23/00845/ FULHH	Proposed replacement detached garage / outbuilding, single storey. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Great Bromley House, Hall Road

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council display at the Village Hall Centenary Celebration was well received by those residents that attended. Great Bromley is very fortunate to have such a wonderful, well-maintained and popular Village Hall

I have received an unsigned letter from a person who is concerned about non-payment Council Tax by certain people. Those people that know me would be aware that I do not act upon anonymous letters or telephone messages. If the writer of the letter wishes to raise council tax matters I suggest they contact Tendring District Council and inform them of the issue that is of concern to them.

The Parish Council still has one vacancy which we can co-opt to. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact either myself or Lizzie, the Clerk.

Our Village handymen have been very active recently keeping the Parish looking tidy, especially our open spaces. There has been a complaint regarding some overgrown hedges, I would remind landowners to maintain their hedges and trees to ensure they do not

impede pedestrians or cyclists and motorists. Should they fail to do so it is possible that Essex County Council will become involved resulting in residents having a bill for maintenance as the council is forced to act.

Our Flower Tubs, of which sponsors are acknowledged by having their details attached to the tub, have received very favourable comments. Our thanks go to the staff at Deans Nurseries for the excellent displays. The Parish Council is always open to any companies or individuals who would like to sponsor a tub.

The speed limit reduction along Harwich Road is still with Essex County Council Highways, we are assured it will take place in quarter four of this financial year.

It has been raised by a resident that a noticeable drop in water pressure occurred during the recent fire at Hamilton Lodge. Our Clerk has written to Affinity Water expressing our concern. We await their response.

Cllr Fred Nicholls
Chairman

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>23/00216/</u> <u>LUEX</u> Mr and Mrs Beech	Proposed application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use to establish that the occupation of the dwelling at The Bungalow can be occupied without complying with an occupancy condition imposed upon planning permission TEN/97/1073. Namely condition 2 restricting the occupation to a person employed solely or mainly employed in agriculture locally.	The Bungalow Hilliards Road CO7 7US	Lawful Use Certificate Granted 23.06.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/00534/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr and Mrs John Butcher	Proposed single storey rear extension	Orchards Frating Road CO7 7JW	Approval - Full 19.06.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/00168/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr William Kempster	Demolition of precast concrete single garage and construction of new brick double garage.	Newhouse Farm Hall Road CO7 7TP	Approval - Full 27.06.2023 Delegated Decision



CHURCH JOTTINGS

Last month I promised that I thought I had some very exciting news to share with you all, here it is:-

It was announced on Sunday July 9th that the Rev John Saxon will join the team (called at the moment) "The Harwich Nine" and work alongside Phillip 'as our second' Rural Missioner. John and his wife Dawn will live at Great Oakley, and we wish them great happiness in this new ministry. John and Dawn know this part of Essex very well and we look forward to working together with them.

So, the first weekend in July has been very busy, many of us helped in the Church Tent, at the Tendring Show held in Lawford, Yvonne and I served teas and coffees, delicious cakes and savouries donated by many, many churches in the Harwich Deanery. Childrens Messy Craft Activities were also on offer and were very popular coordinated by our very good friends from Great Oakley. The footfall was fantastic and the positive comments most encouraging. The weather was scorching, the Church Tent was popular, and it was well supported by the Deanery Clergy, Rural Dean and the Bishop of Colchester. Congratulations to all those hard-working friends and Clergy who worked on Friday and Saturday at the show ground in the very hot conditions.

Our Parish Meal followed the next evening, 6.30pm Sunday evening at The Court House. Twenty-four of our Church Family gathered for a sumptuous meal. Thank you to Coleen and her staff for a very warm welcome and thanks to Stephen for organising. Much laughter and fun conversations with very dear friends.

Our next meal together may be in October for our Harvest celebrations, so watch this space for more information and come and join us. This time the meal will be at midday and maybe a new venue?

This weekend on Sunday July 16th in the afternoon we have been kindly invited by Phillip and Louise to tea in the Rectory Garden at Dedham. A wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know members of the Harwich Nine Parishes. Let's hope the sun shines for Phillip and his family. Phillip has also planned a tea party next month August 20th 2pm-4pm and all of you are very welcome.

St G's Helping Hands Group have again been very busy and in action, this time helping the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. For some time now (maybe two or three decades) the wonderful, gated entrance at the Cheshire Home has become smothered with rampant ivy. Helping Hands decided to "Save The Gates" Thursday morning. Six keen "Helpers" met together to try and restore the gate posts and gates to some of their former glory. What a transformation! Two hours of sawing, pruning, pulling and tugging and at least fifteen wheelbarrow loads full the wonderful brick work of the entrance is exposed! Well done Team!! Grateful thanks to Lee who organised coffee and biscuits and to Linda who carried the coffees so expertly and to Tony, who helped take several barrows loads to the bonfire.

Helping Hands usually meets every month on the first Saturday in the church and graveyard to help with the many tasks involved in the day to day running of our beautiful church. If you would like to join us, please do, you are so, so welcome.

Finally –

Just to mention "Save The Date" in June 2024 for our next Fabulous Flower Festival at St Georges. More information to following September. Have a super summer,

Jenny
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LITTLE BENTLEY HALL SON ET LUMIERE

This event takes place on Friday 8th September from 4.30pm til 10.30pm, and is in aid of our nine Rural Churches including Great Bromley and Little Bentley. The Gardens will be open from 4.30pm for visitors to look around these magnificent Private Gardens of the Palmer-Tomkinson family which are considered as one of the finest gardens in East Anglia.

Tickets are now on sale for a donation to the event's charities and Invitations can be obtained either from your local church, by emailing nigel@garden-shows.com or calling 07802 282193.

From 7.30pm the lake at Little Bentley

Hall will be bathed in magical lights, and Orlando Jopling and his singers and Orchestra will present a selection of informal music including Rogers & Hammerstein, Mozart, Bernstein, Rossini and Verdi. Seating is provided for all and Food and Drinks will be available all afternoon and evening. Evening closes at 10.30pm.

We are also seeking help and support on the afternoon and evening from anyone who would like to help with Car Parking, be on the Entrance Gate or another duty. Can you help with a Raffle Prize? Contact Nigel on 07802 282193.

ST HELENA HOSPICE - APPEAL

Will you support St Helena Hospice so patients and their loved ones can receive compassionate care at the end of their life?

While she has been staying at the Hospice, Victoria Oliver has been missing her gelding fell pony, Dan the Man aka Greenholme Falcon, so Dan paid a visit.

Victoria said: "It means the world to me to see Dan. I last saw him a couple of months ago, so it's been a long time since I have been near a horse, the longest time ever, so it means a lot to me.

"The other patients came out to see him too and stroke him, and that melted my heart. We managed to put smiles on so many faces."

St Helena Hospice helps families to make the most of the time they have together in a compassionate and caring environment. By donating to our

spring appeal today, you can give more people the chance to live life how they choose, just like Victoria.

We urgently need your support to continue to provide vital care to people across north east Essex and ensure we are here to support and care for future generations. Please donate today at www.sthelena.org.uk/spring



ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society is hosting the Ardleigh Annual Flower & Produce Show on Saturday 19th August 2023, 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), we have some useful Hints & Tips for exhibitors online as well.



THE CHURCHES
CONSERVATION TRUST

The Friends of **St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley, CO11 2PP**

Invite you to a **Cream Tea and Summer Music** afternoon



Saturday 12th August 2023

Starting at 3pm with a Friends AGM, all welcome
and then 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Tea and Music
Free admission
Donations welcome

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Little Bentley Coffee & Cake

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



Great and Little Bromley villagers
are very welcome

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club meets every third Thursday in the month at the Cross Inn at 2pm. All members send a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for a couple of hours. We have a speaker as often as possible, and the meeting finishes with delicious refreshments provided by Jane and Dinah. You would be made most welcome, so please come along.

The competition for August is a rose from your garden (if possible).

RIDE & STRIDE 9TH SEPTEMBER - VOLUNTEER, PLEASE!

Saturday 9th September is the day when lots of people walk and ride their bikes around churches to raise money for **Friends of Essex Churches** and their own parish church. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this for St George's, Gt Bromley. The churchwardens would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you.

HENRY FAIRLEY RETIRES FROM ST GEORGE'S PCC

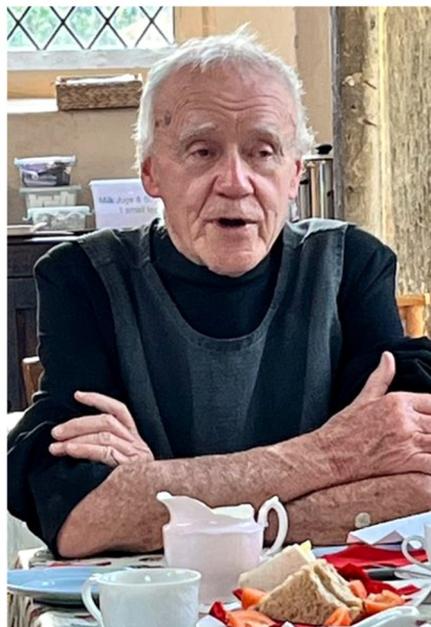
At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting earlier this year, Henry Fairley retired from the PCC after many decades of generous service to St George's. To mark the occasion, the PCC commissioned Sally Pudney (a calligraphic artist responsible for notarial faculties for the Archbishop of Canterbury) to create a 'thank you' worthy of Henry's years of work on the PCC and on so many, many practical aspects of St George's parish life and the fabric of the building. The picture is Henry with family members, the churchwardens and the Revd Sally Morris, who graciously made the presentation on Sunday 25th June.



TARIRO WEEKEND

Here is Fr Nicolas Stebbing of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. He led our **Tariro - Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe** weekend in June. At tea on the Saturday he told us about his wonderful project to bring hope, a home, and education to destitute young people. On the Sunday Fr Nicolas celebrated and preached at the Eucharist.

St George's parishioners have individually responded very generously to Fr Nicolas's appeal and in addition the PCC of The Bromleys has made a standing order annual donation of £100 to the project, which is the cost of a whole year's primary education for one pupil. If you would like to join our parish effort for Tariro, please pick up a Tariro leaflet in church or ask one of the churchwardens.



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I wonder if you're a sports buff. Many of us will be watching (and some going to) the Ashes. Others might be heading to Wimbledon to catch a glimpse of the action. It's hard to believe that only two summers ago we were wondering if that might ever be possible again.

It's funny how quickly things can change – and how quickly they can go back to the way they once were! The prophet Isaiah (writing over 2,500 years ago) likened this changeability of the human condition to grass and flowers: "The grass withers and the flowers fall". But he didn't finish there, because he realised that, while the human condition was changeable, there was one thing that remained through it all: "The grass withers and the flowers fall, *but the word of our God endures for ever*" (Isaiah 45:8).

The Apostle Peter picks up this verse from the prophet Isaiah in his letter to the Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire in the first century and

applies it to the word of the Gospel "that was preached to [them]" (1 Peter 1:25). The Gospel that, by believing, we can become a new creation. The Gospel that, by the merits of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be forgiven and have a fresh start in life. Our human condition changes all the time, but God's Gospel does not and He is constantly inviting us in to a living relationship with Him through it.

And as part of that invitation, I wanted to share with you news of the appointment of Revd. John Saxon as another Rural Missioner to our parishes here in the Harwich Deanery. He will be arriving later this year (and you will probably be hearing from him directly in one of these columns in the coming months!). He is joined by his wife Dawn. They have four adult children and are really looking forward to getting to know us all and sharing something of that Gospel, or 'good news', with us in the months and years ahead.

**Best wishes,
Phillip**

PET SERVICE

Canon Stephen Carter conducted this annual open-air service with happy owners bringing along their pets for a blessing.

The music was a real treat, provided by Julie, Jenny, Sue and Tanya. Afterwards there was tea and cake.

Thank you to all who helped.





St George's Church Great Bromley



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August 6th	Trinity 9	Parish Eucharist BCP	10.30am
August 13th	Trinity 10	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
August 20th	Trinity 11	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
August 27th	Trinity 12	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
September 3rd	Trinity 13	Parish Eucharist BCP	10.30am
September 10nd	Trinity 14	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
September 17th	Trinity 15	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
September 24th	Trinity 16	Parish Eucharist	10.30am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

August 6th Morning Prayer 11am

August 20th Holy Communion 11am

September 3rd Holy Communion 11am

September 17th Morning Prayer 11am

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

In June, St George's made a delivery of food to the value of £101. Thanks to all those who contributed the money. Currently the fund stands at £122 which we will spend in late July, and further donations will be very welcome for the August delivery.



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