

# The Messenger

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Little Bromley

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# THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all

After a period of chilly, wet weather, summer is finally making its presence known. We escaped the cooler temperatures at the end of July and headed to Tunisia. Whilst there we were able to visit my Grandad's grave in Sfax. The military cemeteries are well-cared for with the War Graves Commission ensuring not a blade of grass is out of place. The visit followed getting in touch a few years ago with the War Graves Photographic Project. The group is made up of volunteers who visit military cemeteries and capture images of each grave. You can then request the image for a small cost. Here's a picture of Imogen placing poppies on her great-grandad's grave.



This week I received a hand-written letter in the post and felt quite excited! It made me realise that a lot of us don't bother to sit down and write any more. It's all about the buttons and technology, which is a shame when you think about it. We were always encouraged to have a pen-pal when we were young but over time, and with the advances in technology, it's almost become a forgotten pastime - when was the last time you wrote a proper letter? Anyway, the letter was about the offer of an article for The Messenger in a few months time, which is always great news for me.

Awareness days this month include:

- 13th - Roald Dahl Story Day
- 15th - National Doodle Day
- 19th - Youth Mental Health Day
- 26th - European Day of Languages
- 29th - Thank you #Hiddenheroes Day

Good luck to those starting something new in September.

*Take care,  
Lizzie*

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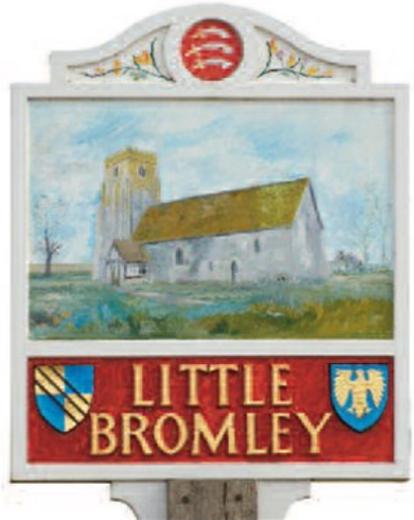
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Little Bromley Parish Council is here to listen to residents' concerns and act on them. We aim to support programs that benefit the Village and be responsive to any queries. We are proud to do this, whilst having one of the lowest precepts of any local Council.

Parish Council meetings are held every two months on the 3rd Thursday of the month at The Haywain, and are open to all residents of the Village. If there are issues you are concerned about, or ideas you would like to share, please come along and talk to us or email the Clerk on [littlebromleypc@gmail.com](mailto:littlebromleypc@gmail.com).

Join us - come along to the next meeting on Thursday 21st September or email us at:  
[littlebromleypc@gmail.com](mailto:littlebromleypc@gmail.com)

You can see all Agenda's and Minutes and Parish Council information at [www.littlebromley.org.uk](http://www.littlebromley.org.uk)

Great Bromley Women's Institute is the place for women to make friends, have fun, learn new things and share skills.

Each month we have an evening meeting on the first Wednesday, usually with a speaker, meet on the 2nd Wednesday at the Cheshire Home for Knit and Knitter, have lunch out somewhere on the 3rd Wednesday and have our Crafting Social on the 4th Tuesday morning where we socialise, work on projects and learn new skills from each other. Men are also welcome to join us:

Join us in September for the following events:

- **Wed 6th 7:30pm** Village Hall  
Monthly Meeting: A talk from Essex Blood Runners charity.
- **Wed 13th 2-4pm** Knit and Knitter
- **Wed 20th Noon** Ladies Lunch
- **Tues 26th 10-12:30pm.** Village Hall  
Crafting Social: Our usual get together for making things and chatting over coffee.

Our friendly darts team practise on Wednesday evenings at the Cross. New ladies always welcome.

For your calendar:

**Wed Oct 4th 7:30pm The Cross**  
'Give it a Go' Day. Open Night at the WI. Ladies, bring your friends and come along to try playing darts or snooker, have fun with some simple craft activities, meet everyone to chat and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

**Sat Oct 7th 10am Village Hall**  
Coffee Morning Fundraiser for Blood Runners charity and the WI. Stalls, games.

**Tues Oct 24th 10-12:30pm. Village Hall** .  
Crafting Social

For information or a chat call Carole 07979726384 or Dorothy 07791974053. You can find us on Facebook.



## Autumn Coffee Morning

Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm  
Great Bromley Village Hall

In aid of the WI and Essex Blood Runners – a completely Volunteer organization delivering essential blood, plasma, medication to hospitals and patients across Essex

Stalls, Games, Crafts, Activities, Cakes and Produce.  
Fabulous refreshments, good conversation.

# ARDLEIGH SURGERY

Ardleigh Surgery is a training practice, we train GPs, nurses and allied health professionals. One of our first tutorials is how to get the best out of a GP appointment. The best way to do this is to break it into dos and don'ts.

**Do:** Make use of self-help before coming to see the clinician, so see what is on NHS choices, see the pharmacist, talk to a physio etc.

Make a list to what you want to talk about in order of your priorities, ie, your main concern should be first. We like the list because it allows the clinician to assess if the symptoms are related. More than three items will need a double appointment or two separate appointments.

Write your own notes stating when the problem started, anything that made it worse or better, any patterns noticed, effect on your family and work. Be accurate, concise and descriptive, give a narrative and use your own words. BE HONEST.

Bring your diary or phone so you can book follow up appointments and it helps with your narrative.

Prepare some questions, once you leave the room you will need another appointment to ask those questions.

Take a relative or carer with you if you feel you will not be able to understand or remember everything.

Come prepared to wait, 70% of the work GPs do is administrative, seeing the patients is the fast and easy bit. There are constant urgent messages, emails, telephones calls, advise to other health professionals and supervision during surgery.

Make sure you have a putative diagnosis and management plan when

you leave the room. For example, "The doctors said I have a possible viral infection; it should get better in 7 to 10 days but if it does not get better or indeed gets worse to come back".

Ask questions at the time if you do not understand anything.

If you are unhappy, please say so, clinicians do not mind getting immediate feedback and they will try and rectify the situation.

**Do not:** Ask the GP to look up whether your letter from the hospital is back, use our team effectively, phone the secretaries.

Expect clinicians to solve all the issues on one visit, most GP will see a patient several times for the same problem, each time looking at a different aspect of the problem.

**News** We have a new trainee Dr Osuji, a male GP trainee and he will be with us until February 2024. Dr Beninon left at the end of August to spend more time with her family. Mrs Taylor our GP assistant also left to work in a Nursing home. Flu clinics start in September please book your appointments ASAP. The target for patient to be seen by a specialist within 2 weeks of an urgent GP referral has been scrapped.

**Compulsory Surgery Training Days**  
The next compulsory Northeast Essex Surgery training afternoon will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Surgery will close from 12.30hrs and dispensary from 12.00hrs.

Future dates are:

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## Did you know that ...

You can have your say on how best to make the surgery work for you? You can do this by joining the patient participation group. All you need to do is fill in the form on the website, you can access the form by searching for **Patient Participation Group Ardleigh Surgery.**

**Radrie Cole**

## CREAM TEA AND SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> August the Friends of Little Bromley Church organized a Cream Tea with music afternoon for over 40 visitors.

Staying inside the church on this windy day an AGM started the afternoon off. Gregory Frostick, the Friends Chairman worked his way through the agenda to his audience of 21 people. A summary of the events held over the past year, the finances of the church and the re-election of the committee were the main topics covered. There was also mention of the new volunteer committee who will be helping to raise funds to restore the bells framework in the church, so that we can hear them ringing once again.

Afterwards, as more visitors arrived, we were provided with music by Neil on his

cello and Lynn Morley on her violin. They alternated with Dorothy and her son Jonny who provided more musical entertainment for us.

At the same time, everyone had the option of a hot drink or Pimm's, provided by Graeme. This was very popular. There were also cream and jam scones or cake, kindly served by Sue Orriss.

The relaxed afternoon in our lovely church, decorated with local flowers was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank all those who came, especially those who provided the music and the Pimm's. A very generous £225 was donated towards the church funds.

**Carol Cordwell**  
*on behalf of the Friends*

## ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society has changed the months that it holds its evening meetings.

Starting in October the meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the even numbered months, with the exception of August when the Show is held, so October, December, February, April and June. All events are at Ardleigh Village Hall and the evening meetings start at 7:45pm. Everyone is welcome. The programme for the forthcoming season of talks is:

**Thursday 12th October 2023** A.G.M. followed by a talk by Peter Jones "On the Bottle" (A history of Codd bottles and fizzy drinks)

**Thursday 14th December 2023** - Talk by Brook Chalmers "Tools with a Mission"

**Thursday 8th February 2024** - Talk by Barrie Sears "Gardening the World - The Horticulture of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission"

**Thursday 11th April 2024** - Talk by Lindsay Huggins "Allotments"

**May 18th 2024** – Plant & Cake Sale at the Village Hall 9:30-11:30

**Thursday 13th June 2024** - Talk by Pip Wright "Exploring East Anglian by Bus Pass"

**Saturday 17th August 2024** – Annual Flower & Produce Show at the Village Hall

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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We were pleased to have a new Councillor join the Parish Council at the July meeting - Tony Monger - and are looking forward to his help and contributions. We have another vacancy on the Parish Council so if you are interested in joining please talk to any of the current councillors or the Parish Clerk who will be happy to share what we try to do.

The Parish Council has responded to the National Grid Non Statutory Consultation and we have posted the response on the village website. We have been advised by Five Estuaries that they now propose to locate their planned substation on the West side of the village (near Grange Road) adjacent to the proposed sites for the National Grid and North Falls substation - they also considered the East side of the village. They stated the following -

Consultation feedback encouraged greater coordination with North Falls and National Grid. This site allows us to:

- Focus impacts in a single area when considering cumulative development.
- Have a lower overall land take with the SSA West co-located site when compared to locating the substations in different search areas.

It also allows for co-ordination of design, which includes the potential for shared temporary and permanent access roads, co-ordinated design and landscape mitigation principles to support reducing impact on the surrounding area.

The Parish Council position remains unchanged and can be found in our response to the Five Estuaries consultation on the village website.

With the many energy infrastructure projects being proposed in our area the Parish Council wish to ensure that as many of the trees in our Parish as possible are protected. We can secure protection for healthy trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is a legal tool to prevent harm being done to trees. It makes it a criminal offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy protected trees without prior written consent from your local authority. It also creates a duty to replant a tree removed without consent. While the aim of a TPO is to protect the amenity value which a tree offers, there are clear environmental benefits too, so it's a useful tool for protecting our local environment. Can you please let us know of any trees you feel should have a TPO applied. Let us know the tree location and any reason you feel the tree could be at risk. A photograph of the tree would be very helpful. We can then pass these onto Tendring District Council who would then carry out an inspection of the trees to assess their health, condition, and amenity value along with the degree of the threat to their retention.

At the July Parish Council meeting we discussed increasing the village amenity by locating a refurbished red telephone kiosk in the village carpark to be used as a Book Exchange. We would fit the kiosk with shelving and have already had some volunteers come forward who said they can provide books. This is likely to require

some funds to be raised as our initial investigations show that refurbished red telephone kiosks can be quite expensive. Please let us know your thoughts.

We have now installed the Queens Platinum Jubilee Plaque on the Parish Council noticeboard in the village carpark. To arrange the purchase and

delivery on the plaque took longer than expected. A picture of the plaque can be found on the village website and we hope you also notice it as you drive down Shop Road.

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

## HELP AN OLDER PERSON TO REMAIN SAFER IN THEIR HOME

Since 2019 Able Community Care, a Live-in Care Provider, has been offering older people a free door sticker to deter unwanted callers.

It is a fact that older people are targeted by fraudulent traders, workmen and fake 'professional' people such as conmen advising they are from the Water Board, Gas Board, NHS Covid Dept., etc.

As many people have told us, this sticker on a door does mean they walk back down the path.

To date we have given out nearly 70,000 door stickers and if you know of an older person who would like to have one, please reply to this email or call us on 01603 764567 telling us how many you would like and the address to send them to.





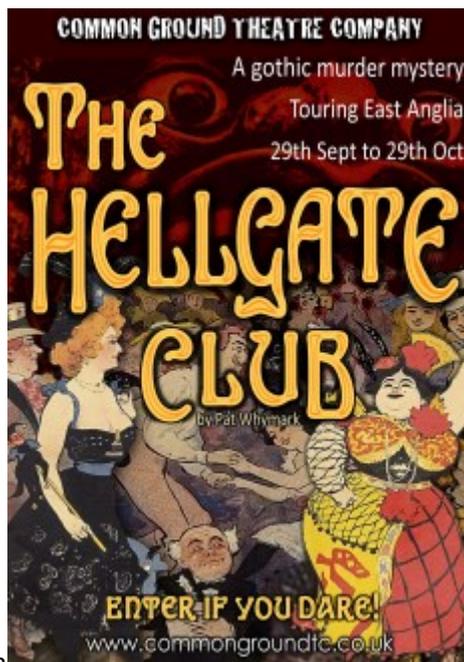
# Great Bromley Village Hall



There is nothing much to report during this traditionally quiet time of the year for the village hall and the management committee's focus is now on forthcoming events in the autumn. Of particular note is the performance by the Common Ground Theatre Company (CGTC) of their latest play 'The Hellgate Club'. This will take place at the village hall on Sunday 22nd October commencing at 7.30pm.

The CGTC have brought some highly entertaining shows to Great Bromley in the past and this one promises to be no different. Written by a founder member of the CGTC, it is a murder mystery play based on real events which took place in 1905 Paris and is suitable for ages 12 and over. Interval refreshments will be available.

Tickets are available from [www.commongroundtc.co.uk](http://www.commongroundtc.co.uk) priced at £13 (adults ) and £10 U21s. They will also be sold on the door if seats are still available on the night.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dedhamefclerk@gmail.com) or 07752201441.

Closing date for applications:- **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**



## GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

We are fast approaching flu vaccination season and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible to book in for their NHS flu jab. Text messages will be

sent out inviting patients to book via a link, or alternatively they can be booked by calling the Surgery on telephone 01206 250691. Flu vaccinations will be available this year for all patients aged 65 and over and those under 65 with chronic health conditions.

Our Flu Clinics will be starting in October 2023. We will of course continue to provide vaccinations opportunistically during normal routine appointments for eligible patients, so there is no need to book a separate flu appointment if you are seeing a clinician for a face-to-face appointment after the 1 October 2023.

Flu is an unpredictable virus that can cause mild or unpleasant illness in most people, BUT it can cause severe illness and even death among vulnerable groups including older people, pregnant women and people with an underlying health condition. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please give us a call. We are unable to provide private vaccinations, but many local pharmacies do.

***By having your flu jab, you are not only helping yourself, but you are also helping to protect the wider population from this nasty virus which can easily spread to***



***vulnerable people who are much more at risk from complications.***

**Autumn Covid Booster** The autumn Covid boosters will not be administered by the Surgery this year. At the time of writing this Newsletter, we do not have details of where patients will be able to attend to get their booster. We will however keep you updated once we have further information about this.

**September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month** Blood cancer is a type of cancer that affects your blood cells. Leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma are some of the most common types of blood cancer. There are also types called MPNs and MDS.

Blood cancer is caused by changes (mutations) in the DNA within blood cells. This causes the blood cells to start behaving abnormally. In almost all cases, these changes are linked to things we can't control. They happen during a person's lifetime, so they are not genetic faults you can pass on.

Some types of blood cancer affect children. Symptoms and treatment can be different between children and adults.

Over 40,000 people are diagnosed with a blood cancer each year in the UK, and over 250,000 people are currently living with blood cancer.

There are different types of blood cancer, including **leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN)**. They each have different symptoms, treatments and prognoses. (Prognosis is the medical term for what's likely to happen in the future.)

If you're diagnosed, you'll be told more

about the specific type of blood cancer you have. For example, types of lymphoma include Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Types of leukaemia include chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) and acute myeloid leukaemia (AML).

Blood cancers are sometimes described as acute or chronic. Acute means fast-growing and chronic means slower growing.

**People with blood cancer may experience a range of symptoms, including:**

- Weight loss that's unexplained
- Bruising or bleeding that's unexplained
- Lumps or swellings
- Shortness of breath (breathlessness)
- Drenching night sweats
- Infections that are persistent, recurrent or severe
- Fever (37.5°C or above) that is

unexplained

- Rash or itchy skin that's unexplained
- Pain in your bones, joints or abdomen (stomach area)
- Tiredness that doesn't improve with rest or sleep (fatigue)
- Paleness (pallor) – the skin under your lower eyelid looks white rather than pink.

**Surgery Training Afternoon** Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be closed from 12 noon on Wednesday 27 September 2023 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon please contact 111 for assistance.

**Patient Participation Group** The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

**Sue Mitson**  
Operations Manager

## BUILD, CODE AND PLAY WITH LEGO® IN LIBRARIES!

If you're a parent or carer with a child aged 6-11 who loves LEGO®, why not sign up for our free LEGO® in libraries project? Your child will get the chance to improve their maths and English skills, while having fun playing with relatable LEGO® characters!



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Libraries

Using a combination of LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Essential kits and Lenovo Chromebooks, children will guide characters through compelling stories and use problem-solving, literacy and coding skills to complete each unit.



Book on to a session and come along to build, code and play!

(Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/lego-in-libraries-new-sessions-available>)

Hello Bromleys!

Just a quick update, not a lot to report really, routine stuff and the usual activities. The one thing that was a big disappointment for L.J and me was our trip to the Colchester football match on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, the first game of the season and it got postponed because of a waterlogged pitch. Typical British weather, sunny when you don't have any plans and rain when say barbecue. Having said that we enjoyed our brief trip out and L.J was surprisingly philosophical about our plight, which came as a big surprise as he's a huge fan, it was the ref's lucky day.

Let's not forget the knit and natter group which is an ongoing monthly session which is usually held in our tranquillity room and is always well attended by our residents. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies that have been supporting this group over the years. We're always open to suggestions and would love to hear your ideas about groups that could be set up within our home. Another group that we have is our sing-along session which is hosted by Jenny on the piano (synthesizer). It's probably the best attended group we have and that's all down to Jenny, always smiling and always has time for everyone, plus she knows how to play the piano which helps hehe. Jenny is a huge part of our circle of Seven Rivers Friends and has been for years, I often wonder where she gets the energy, whatever it is Jenny put it on YouTube, you'll make fortune.

I was also able to spend the day out with T.W. in Colchester, we had a great time watching the trains go by at the crossing as he's a huge train fan.

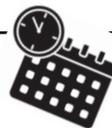


That's probably the only time I didn't mind getting caught by the crossing, just watching his huge smile and excitement was a joy to behold. We also popped into shops to do a bit of shopping, mainly looking for books that must be bought in sets of five, don't ask me why only T.W. knows the answer to that question. T.W. also wanted to watch the buses and wave at the passengers, the nice thing is that they all waved back. We ended our trip out at Castle Park where T.W. and I got a great response from everyone that passed, T.W.'s huge smile and friendly nature is a big draw, a great way to end our day.

If anyone has time to spare or any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me, I'm more than happy to chat about anything that could improve or enhance the social lives of our residents/friends.

**Lee**

# Dates for your diary



## 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-12.30pm

## OCTOBER

- 4 'Give it a Go' Open Night at the WI. The Cross - 7.30pm
- 7 Coffee Morning Fundraiser, Village Hall - 10am
- 11 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 24 WI Crafting Social, Village Hall - 10am-12.30pm



**The  
Post Office  
at  
The Cross**

Wednesdays  
10.00am-12 noon



**Community  
Library**

**at  
The Cross**

Wednesdays  
10.00am-12 noon

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

- 07 Sep
- 28 Sep
- 19 Oct
- 09 Nov

**9.45am to 10.15am**



**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](http://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.

# MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



During the summer months we enjoyed several club workshops and field trips and we are now looking forward to the start of our new 2023-2024 season.

The first meeting of the season is on 14<sup>th</sup> September with our 'Chairman's Welcome Meeting', where members are invited to share their photographs taken during the summer months.

Our first competition, on 28<sup>th</sup> September, is a PDI competition - 'Reflections', which will be judged by Peter Norris DPAGB, AFIAP, BPE3.

Please visit our website for details of our full programme together with competition results, photo albums and further club information.

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 is 'Jazz on the High Street' by Pat Ainger, which won an 'Open' mono print competition.

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 most welcome at M&DPS and we would like to invite you to come along to a free club meeting. We meet at Mistley Village Hall, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact our Secretary Pat Ainger on 01206 231242 and email: [madps@post.com](mailto:madps@post.com)

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



# CORBEAU SEATS RALLY 2024

## Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 12 (1A)

Chelmsford Motor Club

Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2024

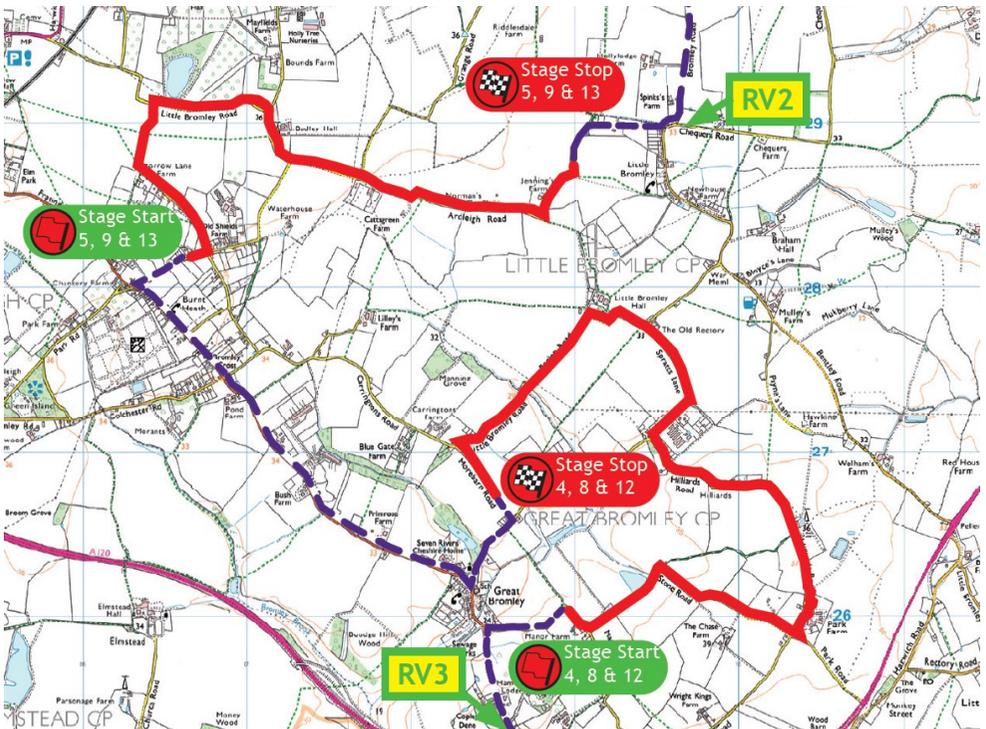
27 & 28 April 2024

Chelmsford Motor Club has applied to Motorsport UK for an Event Organising Permit to organise and promote a Stage Rally on roads closed for the purpose under the powers provided for in the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 12(1A) as

amended by Section 73 of the Derogulation Act 2015.

The organisers of the Rally have been invited to attend a Great Bromley Parish Council meeting in either September or October, for anyone wishing to ask questions about the event. If anyone wishes to receive the full consultation via email (it's in the region of 52MB) please contact Lizzie Ridout, Parish Clerk via [clerk@gbpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@gbpc.org.uk)

## PROPOSED ROUTE



# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Chairman Notes August 2023

At long last we seem to be enjoying some Summer weather!

Great Bromley Cricket Club had a successful cricket week at the beginning of August, despite the rain that fell at times. The cricket club is an excellent facility within the village. A large number of youngsters enjoy taking part in the various practices and games at the cricket club especially during that week. As a Vice President my wife and I attended the match against Springfield Cricket Club, who are based in Chelmsford, the match was part of the Cricket Clubs cricket week. An excellent lunch was provided and enjoyed by both of us, and other Vice Presidents, the hospitality second to none.

At the end of July St Georges School organised a very successful event on the school playing field which had good support by parents and other residents. It was a pleasure speaking with a large number of people during the day and seeing the children enjoying themselves. A new business, in our village "Bromley Brook Vineyard" were represented and seemed to be happy to present their new venture.

Several people have remarked about our flower tubs this year, I must agree they are looking splendid, a big thank you to Sarah Deane and staff from Deans Garden Centre.

July & August has been a quiet month regarding planning applications with just one application in our Village, in fact the month has been generally very quiet for the Parish Council.

Following the recent fire at Hamilton Lodge, I have been trying to obtain a statement from the current owners of, Elemento Group, however a comment from them has not been forthcoming, hopefully there will be some information in time for the next Messenger, we are very concerned regarding lack of action and information. Elemento purchased Hamilton Lodge from the original developers several months ago.

The Corbeau Seats Rally looks as if it will be taking place again next year. The Parish Council are looking to invite the organiser to one of our Council meetings. If you would like to attend our meeting when he is present please keep an eye on the Parish Council Notice Board for details. Councillors are aware of the views of residents, some support the Rally others are firmly against it. You are all most welcome to attend any of our meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Our County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi and our two District Councillors Gary Scott and Ann Wiggins are usually present.

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council; please do not hesitate to contact our clerk if you are interested.

Consultation regarding the A120/A133 link road, (Garden Village) is open to all residents to make comments to [essex.gov.uk/highways](http://essex.gov.uk/highways)

A number of our residents are registered with the Ardleigh Surgery who are experiencing pressure to deal with all patients who require consultations. There are two full time

partners; Drs. Cole and Outtridge, who will be seeing patients on three days of the week with the rest of the week dedicated to administration and telephone calls. Other doctors are available on other days as are two nurse practitioners.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer. If you are going away on holiday I hope you have an enjoyable time wherever you are going.

**Cllr Fred Nicholls**  
**Chairman**





## St Mary's Church Great Bentley

# Flower Festival & Art Exhibition



**Saturday 16th September**  
**10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Sunday 17th September**  
**11.00am - 4.00pm**



TOMBOLA - RAFFLE - LUNCHES  
REFRESHMENTS - CAKE STALL  
& PRODUCE

Floral Theme:  
'A Book'

## PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>23/00608/</u> <b>FUL</b> Mr S Brazier - Toad Hall Free Range Eggs	Proposed stationing of mobile home for temporary period whilst work is undertaken on the conversion of an agricultural building into two dwellinghouses agreed under application reference 23/00249/COUNOT.	Land at Barn A Bush Farm Hall Road CO7 7TR	Approval - Full 04.07.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/00351/</u> <b>OUT</b> Ms Vivienne Penney	Outline Planning Application (scale to be considered) for proposed erection of house within the grounds of host house, involving the demolition of existing garage and provision of 2 parking spaces onsite.	Eileen Cottage Parsons Hill CO7 7JF	Refusal - Outline 12.07.2023 Delegated Decision

# DEANERY CHOIR

## Sept 10th

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, 'Almighty and everlasting God' by Orlando Gibbons. (1583-1625)

Gibbons was an English composer and keyboard player who was one of the last masters of the English\_Virginalist School and English Madrigal School. The best known member of a musical family dynasty, by the 1610s he was the leading composer and organist in England, with a career cut short by his sudden death in 1625. As a result, Gibbon's *oeuvre* was not as large as that of his contemporaries, like the elder William Byrd, but he made considerable contributions to many genres of his time. He is often seen as a transitional figure from the Renaissance to the Baroque periods.

Gibbons was born into a musical family where his father was a wait, his brothers - Edward, Ellis and Ferdinand were musicians and Orlando was expected to follow the tradition. It is not known under whom he studied, although it may have been with Edward or Byrd, but he almost certainly studied the keyboard in his youth. Irrespective of his education, he was musically proficient enough to be appointed an unsalaried member of the Chapel Royal in May 1603 and a full-fledged gentleman of the Chapel Royal as junior organist by 1605. By 1606 he had graduated from King's College, Cambridge with a Bachelor of Music degree.

## Sept 24th

The Deanery choir will be singing at **All Saints Church, Walton-on-Naze CO14 8BU** at the 4.00pm Choral Evensong service. The anthem that they will be performing is, 'View me Lord' by Richard H Lloyd. (1933-2021) After National Service he was organist and choirmaster at SHAPE near Paris.

From 1957 to 1966 he was assistant organist of Salisbury Cathedral under Christopher Dearnley. In the year 1966 he was appointed Organist and Master of the Choristers of Hereford Cathedral. He was chief conductor at the Hereford Three Choirs Festival in 1967, 1970 and 1973. In 1974 he moved to Durham on his appointment as Organist and Master of the Choristers of Durham Cathedral. In 1985 he became deputy headmaster of Salisbury Cathedral School. Ill health forced his early retirement in 1988.

***Graham Bell  
Deanery Choir***

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY - ESSEX LIBRARIES

To celebrate the summer of volunteering campaign we want to showcase some of the opportunities available to volunteer at your local library. Whether you're looking to volunteer for a couple of hours or something more regular, there are opportunities for everyone.

(Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/a-summer-of-volunteering/>)

# CHURCH JOTTINGS

A bit of a back story; I am a childminder and was with some children due to start at St George's school in September. They were waiting for their settling session at 09:30 so we were using the church to wait for 30 minutes or so.

As we were tidying up the toys in church, my friend Lucy (whose son is also due to start at the school in September) found a bat weak and on its back. This was on Wednesday inside St George's Church, Great Bromley.

I carefully moved the bat to the porch area and called the Essex Bat Rescue team. They suggested I take it home in a box. The children I had with me and I affectionately called the bat 'Buddy' and we have created a poem we would like to share.

This is '**Buddy the Bat**'.

In Great Bromley Church's ancient walls,  
A tale of rescue there befalls,  
A tiny creature, lost and weak,  
A bat in need, her future bleak.

Upon discovery, hearts did fret,  
To help this creature, none would forget,  
With gentle touch and loving care,  
A call went out to seek repair.

The bat rescue team, swift they came,  
To aid the bat, restore her name,  
While waiting for their timely flight,  
The children from Twinkle

Childminding's light,

Became fast friends, their bond was true,  
And named the bat, "Buddy" she grew,  
With giggles, laughs, and joyful play,  
Their love for Buddy came to stay.

Then, like a hero from the night,  
In place of Batman's famed great light,  
A man named David, kind and wise,  
Answered the call to dry our eyes.

No Batmobile, nor cape of black,  
But in his car, he found the track,  
He explained that Buddy, weeks young,  
A pipistrelle bat, her song unsung.

To the centre, David took flight,  
Where Buddy would find strength and light,  
In caring hands of Ana's grace,  
She'd learn to fly, find her own space.

And in this tale of love and care,  
A bond so strong, beyond compare,  
With Gill's advice and Ana's touch,  
The future for young Buddy seemed much.

In Great Bromley's embrace, they'd find,  
A family born of hearts aligned,  
For Buddy, once a soul in need,  
With love, she'd thrive, her spirit freed.

By Twinkle Childminding. July 2023



# RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I hope this finds you well and having enjoyed a safe, happy and refreshing summer holiday (hopefully not too distant a memory by the time you read this!).

Towards the end of last month (28 August), the Church remembers the life and ministry of an extraordinary north African Christian leader from the fourth century: Augustine of Hippo. He was a very real figure who, in the honesty of his journey to finding God, famously prayed, "Lord, give me chastity and self-control – but not yet!"

He confronted many lies and half-truths of his day with great clarity and warmth. He is known by many today as the "Doctor of Grace" because of his focus on the need for humanity to experience God's kindness before we could escape the reality of our fallen condition. His battle against the wayward desires in his own soul are reflected in the lives of many of us today who acknowledge that we are not the people we want to be, still less those we were made to be. And his journey provides hope, because of the goodness of God, that change is possible. Real change.

Part of the key to this change is the

insight that the only way we can effectively combat the desires we see in ourselves that we prefer we didn't, is to replace them with a stronger and healthier desire. Much like the person who exits the rather toxic group on social media (WhatsApp or elsewhere) and initiates a regular meet up (in person or online) with some of his or her friends so they can catch up and 'check in' with each other more regularly.

One of my personal favourites from this ancient writer is another honest testimony of his that gets to the heart of the change God had brought about in his life. He puts it like this: "In my weakness I ran after the beauty of the things You have made... [But] You have sent forth Your fragrance, and I have breathed it in, and I long for You."

Augustine longed for God because he realised that, in Him, he had found a healthier object for his passions and energies in life and he was keen to let it challenge and transform him. Could this be the time for you to engage in the kind of 'spiritual check-up' of which Augustine wrote so warmly?

***Best wishes,  
Phillip***

## PLANNING APPLICATION

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
23/00984/ <u>FULHH</u> Mr Andrew Wendon	Proposed extension to garage for private use.  Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection.	Plot 6, 8 Paddock House Little Paddocks, Frating Road CO7 7JL



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September 3rd	Trinity 13	Parish Eucharist BCP	10.30am
September 10th	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**

September 3rd	Holy Communion	11am
September 17th	Morning Prayer	11am

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

## **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.

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