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The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

October 2023



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Local Government Act 1972 section 137,
Great Bromley Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each
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which will be of benefit to residents within the
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Applications to be considered in November 2023
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Monday 31st October 2023

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Please email the Clerk via clerk@gbpc.org.uk
for an application form

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All residents are warmly welcomed to attend Parish Council meetings and
speak about any issues they have.

Meetings usually take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm
at Great Bromley Village Hall.

At the October meeting we will have a representative from the Corbeau Seats
Rally who will be able to talk to residents about any concerns.

We had a fascinating evening in September with a representative of Essex Bloodrunners, a completely volunteer-run charity that delivers blood, plasma and life-saving medical supplies around the county.

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 Knatter, 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.

For more info:
gtbromleywi@gmail.co.uk or call
Dorothy 07791974053

Wed Oct 4th 7:30pm - Village Hall. '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 The WI Coffee Morning
HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

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

Wed Nov 1st 7:30pm Village Hall - We're having a go at Line Dancing. Women are welcome to join us!

Tues Nov 28th 10-12:30pm - Village Hall - Crafting Social



VILLAGE EVENTS PAST & THE SEVEN RIVERS FETE

The Village Hall (VH) Centenary event on 1st July was great fun, and very much enjoyed by those who came along to join in. I for one was rather surprised that more locals didn't take advantage of the occasion, and the superb free lunch! The overall consensus amongst the organisers was "times have changed."

I think Brumbellians used to punch above our weight when looking back a few decades. The Cheshire Home and Hamilton Lodge put on hugely popular fetes. The Tending Hundred show was held in Great Bromley for a number of years. Our annual Pantomime often sold out five shows each year thanks to very talented amateurs and keen helpers. The 1977 Jubilee for our late Queen Elizabeth saw the first village carnival procession, which carried on for some years with so much enjoyment. There were fancy dress competitions and bonfire nights at the Hare Green recreation field. There were Brownies & Guides activities, a Youth Club, a decent Badminton Club and Carpet Bowls (still

going!). The VH saw British Legion events and countless whist drives, dances and jumble sales. Successful Fun Days and Christmas Fayres greatly entertained us in latter years. There was certainly plenty to do and very high levels of local interest and involvement in the days when there wasn't so much on the tele, perhaps?

At the VH Centenary, various organisations put on lovely displays. One that particularly grabbed my attention was the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, as they had delved into their archive to find photos and items I had never seen before. One of these was the photo album for the visit by Florence Pitman, a blind resident with MS, who made a pilgrimage to Bethlehem. I sincerely thank the wonderful staff for letting me go through the entire archive afterwards.

People ask why the Cheshire Home was named Seven Rivers. Articles in the "*Cheshire Smile*" newsletter had this to



say. "There were quite a number of local protests when it was thought that we were going to change the name of Great Bromley Hall. These fears died down when it became known that the name of the Hall would remain unchanged, although the Cheshire Foundation had given it the extra name of Seven Rivers to prevent confusion with the existing home at Bromley in Kent." (and...) "The name Seven Rivers has often been described as something of a mystery. Some say it originated in a discussion between Group Captain Cheshire ("GC") and a Colchester archery enthusiast who mentioned the term "Four Rivers" used in his sport. It is said that GC adapted this with East Anglia in mind, but where the Seven came from we are still waiting for GC to reveal." I'd noted myself that another Cheshire Home was given the name Seven Springs - so perhaps seven was simply GC's lucky number?

In that archive was a marvellous record of the Cheshire Home fetes. It brought back memories of those marvellously dated ideas for fund-raising stalls: coconut shy, roll-a-penny, smash the crockery and sometimes even an old piano, and tip the lady out of bed. I recall Peter Wenden encouraging a young me to throw a wooden ball at a soup tureen set upon a sideboard, whilst my impeccable upbringing (ahem!) told me I should not really be smashing things up.

The fete attracted people from far and wide with big draw attractions such as The Red Arrows, Silver Stars Frefall parachute team and Sioux Indians as well as numerous bands and performers. The fetes were often opened by GC himself or TV personalities such as David Attenborough, Roy Castle, Magnus Magnusson, Leslie Crowther and Helen McDermott.



The biggest attraction that everyone seems to remember was the Wombles in 1975, where the crowds of over 9,000 flooded in to see Madam Cholet and Orinoco. This caused a headache for police traffic control and parking!

MEET THE WOMBLES
at the
CHESHIRE HOME FÊTE
on
Saturday 7th June
at
SEVEN RIVERS · GT. BROMLEY

ALL DAY FROM 11 a.m.

- * Stowmarket Schools Concert Band
- * Vintage Cars * Tug of War
- * Boating * Trampoline
- * Miniature Railway
- * Paintings by Gerald Fisher
- * Handicrafts
- * Build a Lighthouse

Bring your silver paper & bottle tops to fill our

- * Monster Milk Bottle

MAGNIFICENT STALLS REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY

Entry — Adults 10p, Children 5p. (or by Lucky Programme).

Bus from Colchester Car Park at 1.05 p.m.
Buses from Clacton & Walton will be met at the Kings Arms, Framing at 11.38 a.m., 1.38 p.m. and 2.38 p.m.

Entrance was a massive 10p for adults and 5p for children, but £3,000 was raised (to be doubled by a benefactor). Those were the days!

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

If anyone has any memories of the fete to share, or happen to have kept any flyers or programs to fill in some gaps in my copies, I would love to hear from you.



SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Hello Great Bromley,

I'm pleased to say we've had somewhat of a musical month, plus Lloyd and I were able to witness a Colchester FC 2-0 win against Tranmere rovers. Annika who's the first of our two singers this month was brilliant, her repertoire is extensive and she's an extremely professional singer, everybody loved her. We also had another old favourite Brian, again very professional and knows how to work the crowd, including me. I had to do the twist once or twice with varying degrees of success, more less than success, that's the life of an activities guy, always the court jester.

I'd also like to make a little request on behalf of T.W. one of our clients who's extremely fond of trains and tractors. He would absolutely love it if anybody locally could possibly pop in with a tractor, this would absolutely make his day, and mine. I'm sure watching his face light up when it turns up would make anybody's day, he's just that kind of character, lovable. If we're able to achieve this that would be brilliant, if not it'll be a long train ride for me ☐.

As always, I'm open to any suggestions that may brighten the day for our friends here at Seven Rivers.



I'll end it here for this month and wish you all good health and happiness.

Lee



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



As I type this report, residents will be enjoying the tail of our Indian summer. Whilst this spell has brought higher temperatures than normal, one cannot help but to observe how our Parish is looking so much greener than it might do typically at this time of year. This is further illustrated by the fact the Farmers of this Parish have faced later and longer harvests. We wish them luck in concluding the harvest and their preparations for the season ahead.

On that theme, the management of our physical environment is something GBPC takes very seriously. We devote a significant part of our budget to this responsibility, and we are proud of the excellent work that our Parish Maintenance Team and contractors do in our collective name. As an example of that, it is great to see the recent play additions to Hare Green playing field maturing in their setting. Contractors have also continued to cut the grass over the summer to ensure playable surfaces. I'd encourage folks to signpost this excellent facility to new arrivals to our Parish.

I'm hopeful that residents will have also observed the speed limit signs and other controls appearing on the Harwich and Frating Roads. For those sensitised to the more serious traffic accidents and numerous 'near misses' that have occurred on these roads, they will be a very welcome change. In that context, I take this opportunity to publicly thank Cllr Fred Nichols and ECC Cllr Carlo Guglielmi for all their personal efforts over eight years to drive for this outcome. I know many others who have lobbied or been impacted by the road safety issues will be delighted by this achievement. Furthermore, our Speed Watch team will be conducting speed monitoring on these roads in due course.

On behalf of GBPC, I hope everybody has enjoyed their summer and we express our best wishes to our younger residents embarking on their new educational chapters. We wish you luck and good fortune.

Thank you.

Rob Lord

GLASS RECYCLING AREAS

Great Bromley is fortunate to have two recycling areas for glass located at Church Meadow and the Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road.

Please take care when using the bins. Do not leave glass bottles on the ground surrounding the glass container as this is a safety risk to other users, and is considered fly-tipping - a criminal offence. It is advisable to check the container for available capacity. If the skip is full, please visit another glass recycling site.



STOUR VALLEY U3A - learn, laugh, live

Make the most of life once you're no longer in full time work and come and explore new ideas, interests and skills with University of the Third Age. Across the country U3A members are meeting new people, learning, staying active, and having fun later in life. It's local, social, friendly, low cost and open to all.

We have over 40 interest groups including walking – from strollers to 5+ milers – theatre trips, garden visits, art appreciation, curry club, science group, languages, keep fit, pickleball, overseas travel...there's something for everyone. It costs only £15 a year.

Monthly coffee mornings are held on the first Friday of the month 10am – 12pm at the Lambe School, East Bergholt. Our monthly talks are held on the second Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4. On 11th October our guest speaker Raymond Simmons, principal trumpeter for 20 years with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, will talk about his life in classical and jazz music. On 8th November we have Steve Lester " Insights of a Provincial Auctioneer " .

Please take a look at our website www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for more information and contact details.

LITTLE BENTLEY HALL SON ET LUMIERE

On Friday 8th September we had 550 people coming from all over East Anglia to a wonderful concert on the lawn overlooking the lake when Orlando Jopling and the Wild Arts Company and Players entertained us to a magical musical evening. Four singers, Joanna Songi, Martha Jones, Richard Dowling, Tim Nelson and the orchestra took us through a wonderful programme of music starting with the Merry Wives of Windsor to the Barber of Seville and Cinderella to Oklahoma and ending with Somewhere from West Side Story.

The lake and surrounds were lit by our professional lighting experts to complement the music and add to the wonderful ambience of the evening.

The event was in aid of the local churches and Alzheimer's Society, and will have raised many thousands of pounds for these good causes. The event was very kindly sponsored by

TLC Chartered Accountants from Clacton, Essex Stairlifts Ltd of Great Bromley and Boodles.

Hot and cold food was provided for all from our concessions and drinks flowed all evening from our donation Bar and East Coast Distillery.

Many thanks to the huge number who came to support this wonderful fund raising event. Thanks to friends from the village, our neighbouring Churches, also Wix Young Farmers who helped with the parking, and Manningtree Stour Rotary Club for running the raffle.

A very big thank you must be given to Christopher and Virginia Palmer-Tomkinson.

Nigel Dyson

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

We hope you see the notices that we publish on both Facebook and the Little Bromley website. Notices for September included the Church Road planned closure by UK Power Networks for pole replacement from the 25th September, and the Public Information Event at Ardleigh Village Hall covering the various Energy Infrastructure projects proposed for the village and area on the 15th September. We will continue to publish information as available and we encourage you to check on regular basis to see if there is anything of interest.

We plan to provide an update from the Public Information Event in the next Messenger article.

North Falls Offshore Windfarm has sent out their latest Community Newsletter for the Autumn 2023. In the Newsletter they share some key changes to the Project following feedback. The main takeaways for Little Bromley seem to be reduction in cable trenching width as now only 2 cables are needed rather than 4; reduction in substation size from 8 hectares to 6 hectares; an acknowledgement of concerns on well

water dependence in Little Bromley; an acknowledgement of concerns on traffic; and delay in submission of DCO until 2024 (early in the year I would expect). They also state that they have signed a 'good neighbour agreement' with Five Estuaries that enables closer liaison, information sharing and joint planning. And towards the end of this year, both projects will jointly engage with local communities, particularly those near the onshore substation location (planned for Little Bromley), to present how the infrastructure could look in combination and to provide an update on the project proposals. Your Parish Council will work with all parties to continue to press for an Offshore Solution which would remove the need for such infrastructure in the village.

We are looking to plan a Remembrance Day event at the village war memorial and will provide further information through Facebook and the Little Bromley website.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 16th November 2023 at The Haywain. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cllr Jon Buxton

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>23/01192/</u> <u>FULHH S</u> Gilby	Proposed single storey rear extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Winton, Mary Lane South Great Bromley
<u>23/01213/</u> <u>FUL</u>	Proposed agricultural building and extension of a farm track. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Wood Barns Land to North of A120 Great Bromley

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



Well, another cricket season has finished and a very successful one it has been.

Back-to-back promotions for the Saturday XI means that next year the team will be playing in Division 3 of the Two Counties Cricket league. It will be a test but one that everyone is looking forward to. This is a third promotion in four seasons which shows how the club is progressing and optimism and enthusiasm is high to challenge again next season.

The Sunday XI team saw a number of under 13 Colts take part in the longer format of the game for the first time. They stepped up incredibly well and more importantly enjoyed themselves. Long may that continue as they are our future first team players and ensures the continued future of the Club. The team finished 4th overall. The home games also saw the return of Cricket teas since COVID19 had stopped what is fundamentally an integral and quintessential part of the game. The cost-of-living crisis has certainly added to the cost of putting on a tea and huge thank you goes to everyone who Sponsored a game to cover that cost.

The Wednesday night T20 competition also provided to be a great success. The Club won the League and Cup double so a few trophies for the cabinet this year.

Our yearly Cricket week went surprisingly well, considering the forecast which predicted rain all day every day for the week. All but the Wednesday night game which was completely washed out saw a full games of cricket. Cocktails and Karaoke on the Thursday night following the Phil Allam Memorial Cup was a great success and it was lovely to see people from the Village join us and have a good time. That will certainly be

something to do again. I would like at this point to thank the Courthouse who provided a superb cricket buffet for one of the games which was thoroughly enjoyed by all with enough to go round for spectators to finish off. Also to Becky Butchers who always “looks after us” for our BBqs and the Chairmans day lunch.

The Club would like to see Cricket teas return also for the Saturday Home games too next season and we are looking to any persons or companies that would like to Sponsor a match for £50.00. The person or Company would be advertised over all our social media for the week leading up to and including the game, invited to watch, join in the tea and partake of a glass of Prosecco. Please contact Adam Cuthbert on 07795 320304 for more information.

A new team was also formed during the later part of the season in a ladies soft ball cricket team. It is great fun and is played by ladies ranging from 16-60. The team has played several friendly games, has entered a winter indoor league team and will be preparing to enter a competitive league next season. A big thank you to Sophie Earley for promoting this and becoming team captain and James Bees and Ed Fairley for assisting with training nights and their general support and enthusiasm. We welcome anyone who would be interested in joining to get in touch with the club for more details.

The Friday night training for our younger players aged 5-11 saw a slight change as we joined the ECB scheme to hold All stars and Dynamos sessions. An upfront fee but plenty of goodies given away to the players saw a real uptake in

Dates for your diary



OCTOBER

4	'Give it a Go' Open Night, Village Hall	7:30pm
7	Harvest Festival Service, St George's Church	10:30am
11	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
22	The Hellgate Club, Village Hall	7:30pm
24	WI Crafting Social, Village Hall	10:00am-12:30pm

NOVEMBER

1	WI Line Dancing, Village Hall	7:30pm
5	Light a Candle Service, St George's Church	3:00pm
8	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
12	Act of Remembrance, Great Bromley & Little Bromley War Memorials	10:45am
16	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm
28	WI Crafting Social, Village Hall	10:00am-12:30pm

DECEMBER

9	Festive Coffee Morning, St George's Church	10:00am-12:00pm
13	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
25	Christmas falls on a Monday this year	

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

- 19 Oct
- 09 Nov
- 30 Nov
- 21 Dec

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.



Post Office & Community Library

The Cross

Wednesdays

10.00am-12 noon



Did you know? Great Bromley has two Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG or
- The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL

Also at the Cross Inn is a Bleed Kit. The kit, provided by Great Bromley Parish Council, contains specialist equipment to help stem extreme blood loss before ambulance crews arrive.

Bleed control kits, also known as emergency trauma packs, are similar to first aid kits but include trauma dressings, gauze, chest seals and tourniquets to help stop serious bleeding. They can help victims of violent crime, those involved in road traffic accidents or workplace accidents, and could be particularly useful in rural areas where ambulance response times may be slower.

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.

participants. We will certainly look to carry that on next year so if you have child interested or wanting to try cricket, please contact the club to get more information and we look forward to seeing more new faces next season.

The cost of running the club gets more expensive every year and this year saw a large one-off expense to dent the budget, having to purchase an outfield mower. Fundraising therefore is vital and the Club is holding its annual quiz on 25 November at Great Bromley village hall at 7.30 pm. Teams of 6 at

£5 per head. Please contact Tracey on 01206 251434 to book your table. Its always popular and its s good to see people from several of the local villages attend. Please book early to reserve your table.

Finally, if there are any Companies or persons looking to support the club with either an advertising board around our perimeter fencing to promote their business or get involved in any form of sponsorship, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey on 01206 251434 for more details.

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**

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As our Treasurer has now sadly resigned we have been lucky enough to find a replacement, Beryl's daughter in law, Jane. Thank you Barbara for all your hard work over the years keeping our Club finances perfectly balanced and taking care of our funds.

The competition for next month is a favourite novel.

The speaker for October is a gentleman from Essex University who will talk on robots.

Dates of next meetings:

- 19th October
- 16th November
- 21sr December

All meetings start at 2pm at
The Cross Inn.



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Appointments are now on the system for those who are eligible to book their flu jabs. These can be booked by following the link sent out to you by text, or by contacting reception on the main Surgery telephone number 01206 250691.

Covid Boosters As the Surgery will not be administering the Covid boosters this autumn, patients who are eligible for this can book this on-line using NHS.uk, via the NHS App or by calling 119.

Surgery News We are very sorry to let you know that Dr Corinne Mangan one of our Salaried GPs is leaving the Practice, as she is taking up a new job in Suffolk. She has been a wonderful colleague to work with and will be sadly missed, but we want to wish her every success in her new job.

NHS App We are trying to encourage as many patients as possible to download and use the NHS App, as this is the easiest way to order repeat medication and view medical information such as test results and immunisation records. If patients need help with using the NHS app then they can visit nhs.uk/helpmeapp for further information.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month Who has breast screening?

Each year more than 2 million women have breast cancer screening in the UK. The NHS Breast Screening Programme invites all women from the age of 50 to 70 for screening every 3 years. This means that some people may not have their first screening mammogram until they are 52 or 53 years. If you are older than 70, you can still have screening every 3 years, but you won't automatically be invited. To make an appointment, talk to your GP or your local breast screening unit.

If you are younger than 50, your risk of breast cancer is generally very low. Mammograms are more difficult to read in younger women because their breast tissue is denser. So, the patterns on the mammogram don't show up as well. There is little evidence to show that regular mammograms for women below the screening age would reduce deaths from breast cancer.

Breast screening is also for some trans or non-binary people. Talk to your GP or Gender Identity Clinic about this.

What is breast screening? Cancer screening involves testing apparently healthy people for signs that could show that a cancer is developing.

Breast screening uses a test called mammography which involves taking x-rays of the breasts. Screening can help to find breast cancers early when they are too small to see or feel. These tiny breast cancers are usually easier to treat than larger ones.

It is important to remember that screening will not prevent you from getting breast cancer but aims to find early breast cancers.

Overall, the breast screening programme finds cancer in around 9 out of every 1,000 women having screening.

Surgery Training Afternoon Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Thursday, 19 October 2023 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group The Patient Participation Group will not be meeting in October.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



We started our new 2023-2024 season in September with our 'Chairperson's Welcome Meeting', where members shared their images taken during the summer months. We also reflected on our Photomathon and barbecue, which are always popular events.

Last month we held our first PDI competition of the season – 'Reflections', judged by Peter Norris DPAGB, AFIAP, BPE3.

We are looking forward to a workshop on the 12th October and our first Prints competition of the season – 'Open Colour' on the 26th October, which will be judged by Vic Hainsworth ARPS DPAGB APAGB.

Please visit our website for details of our full programme together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. Our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page also features various club news and activities.

We continue to have fun with our Facebook Challenge and this month's

featured image (one the cover of Amanda Bancroft, the winner of a recent FB Challenge).

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 2nd, 4th and 5th 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

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

ESSEX LIBRARIES

We're dedicating our next Love Your Library Day to our offer for young people!

Come along to your local library on Saturday 7 October to find out about our free resources, entertainment, events, groups, and, of course, books!



Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/love-your-library-day-for-teens>

CORBEAU SEATS RALLY 2024

Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 12 (1A)

Chelmsford Motor Club

Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2024

27 & 28 April 2024

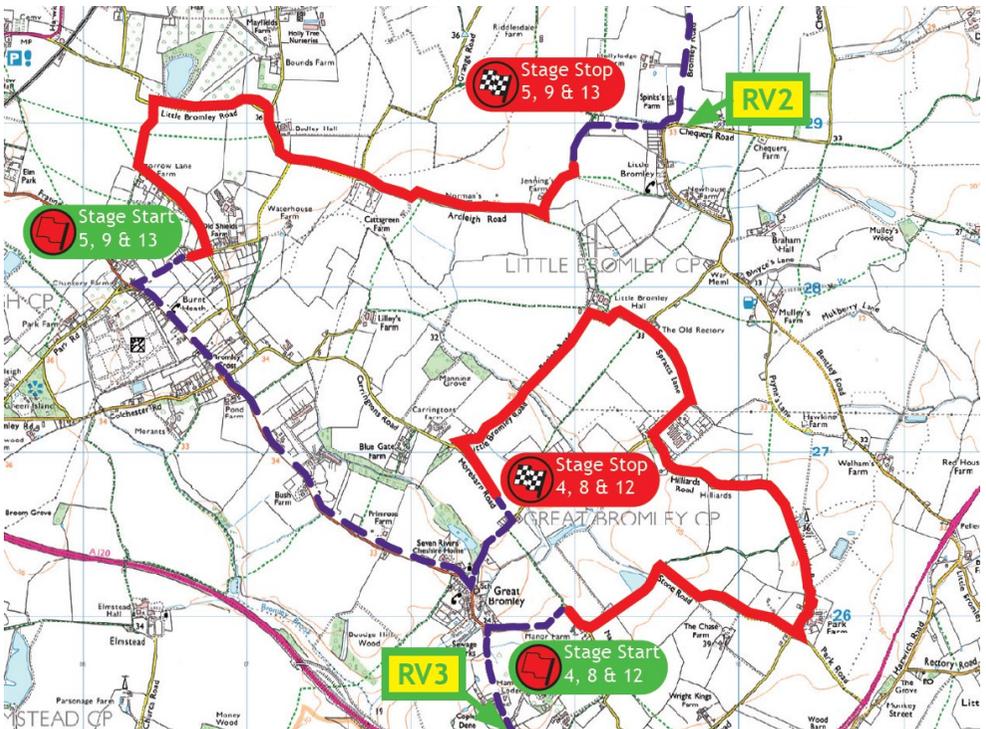
Chelmsford Motor Club has applied to Motorsport UK for an Event Organising Permit to organise and promote a Stage Rally on roads closed for the purpose under the powers provided for in the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 12(1A) as

amended by Section 73 of the Derogulation Act 2015.

A representative of the Rally will be at Great Bromley Parish Council's meeting on Wednesday 11th 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.

PROPOSED ROUTE



PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>23/00606/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr Askew	Proposed single storey front and side extension.	Northgate Frating Road	Approval – Full 03.08.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/00834/</u> <u>FUL</u> Mr Roger and Mrs Lynda Craven	Proposed erection of one dwelling in lieu of 22/01217/COUNOT.	Willow Farm Hilliards Road	Refusal – Full 09.08.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/00845/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr and Mrs Pratt	Proposed replacement detached garage / outbuilding, single storey.	Great Bromley House, Hall Road	Approval – Full 08.08.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/00959/</u> <u>NMA</u> Mr C Rouse	Non Material Amendment to application reference 22/00489/FUL for alteration to approved floor plan and roof lights added.	Land Adj Police Mast Hilliards Road	Approval Non Material Amendment 04.08.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/01129/</u> <u>NMA</u> Mr L Foster – L K Developme nts Ltd	NMA to application reference 20/01055/FUL for changes to window frame colour from grey to white to match existing 5 dwellings (allowed on appeal under ref: APP/P1560/W/22/3292186).	Land Between Fieldside and Eltone, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JW	Approval Non Material Amendment 31.08.2023 Delegated Decision

Save The Date - St Georges Church

Saturday 9th December 2023
Festive Coffee Morning 10 – 12

Friday 1st March 2024
World Prayer Day – Time TBA – Come and Join us.

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2024
St Georges Church Flower Festival 2024 'BEE FRIENDLY' Come and join us, share in this community event. More info to follow.

October 8th

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, 'Thou crownest the year with thy goodness' by Arthur Berridge. (1855-1932) Born in London, St Pancras he was a Marylebone organist and choirmaster and in 1890 became organist/choirmaster of Highbury Hill Church, and for 25 years of Westbourne Gardens (Grove) Baptist Church. His compositional output began to grow rapidly and in the 1900's was an active private teacher of music. Between 1904-1932 he was secretary of the Nonconformist Choir Union. He died at Middlesex Hospital in Marylebone in 1932.

October 22nd

The Deanery Choir will be singing at **St Edmund Church, Tendring CO16 0BN** at the 3.00pm Choral Evensong service. An introit anthem by William Byrd will be performed, followed by a Cathedral setting of psalm 121. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimitties will be an unaccompanied setting by Orlando Gibbons and the second anthem will be 'View me Lord' by Richard H Lloyd.



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

October 29th

The Deanery Choir will be singing at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ** at the 10.30am communion service. This is a special service in support of Macmillan Cancer Care and all present will be invited to contribute to the collection towards this very worthy and important charity.

Composer Jamie W. Hall has written a choral piece, 'O Nata Lux' to be performed by church choirs from now until Christingle. Jamie has waived any copyright fees provided a collection is taken after the performance for Macmillan Cancer Care. The choir will also sing 'O taste and see' by R. Vaughan Williams as an introit.

The Deanery Choir is proud to be part of this venture and invite all parishioners in the Tendring area to support this event.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir

OLIVE SPARLING 1934-2023

We are sorry to record the death of Olive (14th August). Her funeral took place at St George's on Tuesday 19th September. It seems like the end of an era for people of her generation at Great Bromley church; she and Dennis were involved in so much until they retired and moved away. The Revd Claire Scargill recalls the parish pilgrimage in 1999 to the Holy Land. People from Great Bromley, inspired by

Olive, got together to purchase the olive wood nativity figures which are still used in the church. At Christmas that year, those who had travelled were given a recording of the highlights by Olive and Dennis, and the crib figures were blessed at the midnight communion. Olive's time in Great Bromley will be remembered fondly and with thanks. May she rest in peace.

THE BELLS OF ST GEORGE'S

In this village, it really is the bells of St George's whereas in Little Bromley, Ardleigh, Mistley and Great Bentley, the bells really are "The bells of St Mary's"

St George's Church, Great Bromley is pronounced to be one of the finest churches in North Essex. Sir Nikolaus Pevsner in his "Buildings of England" called it 'A fine sight' noting the 'spectacular' tower and one of the most magnificent roofs in Essex. To add to this the bells are considered by many to be one of the best peals of six in the county.

The tower is made of mixed brick, rubble and knapped flint with the tower buttresses being carried to the foot of the pinnacles. At its base there is the fine West window from the 1840's and there are then forty-six steps by a spiral stone staircase to the ringing chamber with its unique beam access and bell ropes. Further up, is the bell chamber with its seven bells, six hung for change ringing and one for tolling. Another flight of narrow steps ends on the tower roof with the flagpole.

The lightest bell is the Treble at 5 cwt and the heaviest (and newest dating from 1930 and cast by Alfred Bowell in Ipswich) is the Tenor at 15 cwt. The oldest bells date from the early eighteenth century and were cast in Sudbury and the rest were cast in the nineteenth century in London. The bells were rehung in steel frames with modern fittings in May 1930 at the expense of Percy Crossman of Great Bromley Hall, now Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. The old Tenor became the tolling bell and the old wooden frame is against the east wall. Tower restoration took place between 1989 and 1992 and recent work has been done on the lighting and some stone steps. Further work is to be done to improve safety on the tower steps and cut down the noise in the ringing chamber.

At the base of the tower high up on the east wall, the hats of former Tower Captains have been hung, the oldest dating from 1716 and the most recent from 1972. There are also four peal boards, a peal being a continuous ring of nearly three hours. The earliest peal was in April 1907 and was the first on the bells. This was commemorated in April 2007 with a peal on the one hundredth anniversary. A third peal board was rung after the rehanging of the bells in 1930. The fourth peal board concerns the achievement of the present Tower Captain, David Wenden who rang his first peal here in September 1966 and has rung faithfully for well over fifty years since then. Two other members of the current band (as the team is called) were also in the original peal.

Many of the current band of eight learnt in the 1960's so we are desperately in need of some new blood. If you would like to take on the challenge of Campanology and work together in a band, we would love to hear from you. You will need to persevere for a while to learn how to handle a bell (it is not as easy as it looks!) It is technique rather than brute force-anyone over eleven years can learn to ring. There is a ringing school at Ardleigh on Tuesday evenings to help you with this and once you have achieved bell control, there are lots of methods to learn and you will be welcome at any belfry in the country. Friday nights at 7.45 p.m. are practice nights and we aim to ring at two Sunday services per month.

Why not come along and find out more? Just contact David Wenden on 01206 250260. We would love to see you and you would be serving our lovely village and church of Great Bromley.

Sue Orriss

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

"[The LORD] will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows." Isaiah 30:23

Well here we are: summer holidays a distant, largely forgotten past and well and truly back to school, university, work or just the daily 'grind' of life in these autumnal months. But September and October mark that time in the year when we give thanks for the harvest that has come in – the produce of the land, the labour of our hands and the goodness of God evidenced by these.

Few of us can have avoided the hubbub of activity around us as fields have been ploughed, combine harvesters have worked overtime and tractors have made their way, filled with produce, through our villages and on to their next port of call. It's one of the blessings of being part of a rural community to observe the reality of the production of the food we eat on a daily basis.

But it can also be an exhausting and

stressful time for those involved in the harvest itself. Early mornings run in to late evenings as labourers strive to get the most out of every hour of daylight – I even observed, travelling back at around 10 o'clock one evening, some work in the fields in the dark!

It can be exhausting, it can be stressful, but it can also be rewarding, as the fruits of the labours of the harvest are more visible in the agricultural sector than in other sectors of the economy, such as the professional services. And in light of this 'reward', it is timely to remember that none of the good crops, the fresh produce and the healthy livestock come about 'by chance', as it were. Yes there is a lot of hard work as it is 'all hands on deck', but the healthy growth and finished product are gifts from God. So the harvest hymn (which has become in The Vicarage one of our preferred ways of giving thanks at mealtimes) reminds us:

All good gifts around us, are sent from heav'n above,

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love!

With best wishes for a happy Harvest!

Phillip

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our August meeting was very well attended and we spent an enjoyable afternoon listening to Brenda and Elaine who entertained us with a variety of songs from the 1960's era, many of which members were able to sing along with. We were then treated to delicious refreshments from Jane

and Dinah, after which the raffle was called.

We do hope to see more members joining us for an afternoon in the months to come.



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October 1st	Trinity 17	Parish Eucharist BCP	10.30am
October 8th	Trinity 18	Harvest Fest. Eucharist	10.30am
October 15th	Trinity 19	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
October 22nd	Trinity 20	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
October 29th	Trinity 21	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
November 5th	All Saints	Parish Eucharist BCP	10.30am
	All Souls	Light a Candle	3.00pm
November 12th	Act of Remembrance	Great Bromley and short service in church	10.45am
	Act of Remembrance	Little Bromley	10.45am
November 19th	Trinity 24	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
November 26th	Trinity 25	Parish Eucharist	10.30am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

October 1st	Morning Prayer	11am
October 15th	Holy Communion	11am
October 29th	Joint Service at Gt Bromley	10.30am
November 5th	Holy Communion	11am
November 19th	Morning Prayer	11am

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

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