

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

November 2023

For the Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon

THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all

I hope you don't mind but I'm writing the First Page this month as my mum has been busy looking after my grandad. He's had a minor heart attack and operation but he's ok now and is recovering at home. It's good timing as in English this week at school we have been learning about how to write a newspaper article so now I get a bit of extra experience.

In November, we think about Remembrance and this year Remembrance Sunday falls on the 12th. Two local groups, Knit and Knatter and the W.I. have been hard at work knitting and crocheting poppies for St George's Church. More info about what these groups have been up to is on page 5. My mum and I are volunteering with the Royal British Legion to sell poppies at the M&S food hall this year. I can use this as part of my volunteering element of my Duke of Edinburgh award. There's more information about a volunteering opportunity with Essex Libraries for a Duke of Edinburgh Award on page 31.

The weather has been unpredictable as always; one day we had a temperature of 27 degrees to less than a week later having a frost! We've

had our log burner on and this made our cats very happy.

By the time you read this we will have had the Autumn half-term. We visited a pumpkin patch and got lots of pumpkins, and we even got some knitted ones from our local charity shop. This year I'm going to carve my pumpkin in the outline of a leaf. If anyone is stuck for ideas on how to carve theirs, some ideas you could do are to make a cat face, a funny face, some stars or if you aren't too keen on carving, you could paint some patterns on.

Awareness days for November include:

- 1st - World Vegan Day
- 3rd - National Sandwich Day
- 13th - Odd Socks Day
- 19th - World Toilet Day
- 25th - White Ribbon Day

I hope you all have a nice month and thank you for reading my first 'First Page'. Mum will be back next month!

*Take care,
Immy
(Guest Editor)*

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THIS MONTH'S COVER

Laurence Binyon composed the well-known poem 'For the Fallen' while sitting on a cliff looking out to the Cornish sea. A plaque marks the location at Pentire Point, north of Polzeath. However, there is also a small plaque on the East Cliff north of Portreath, further south on the same north Cornwall coast, which also claims to be the place where the poem was written.

It was just a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War in mid-September 1914.

Laurence said that the four lines of the fourth stanza came to him first and it is these words which have become especially familiar, having been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women.

Laurence Binyon was too old to enlist in the military forces but he went to work for the Red Cross as a medical orderly in 1916. He lost several close friends and his brother-in-law in the war.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

Remembrance Sunday services - Everyone is welcome to attend:

- + Little Bromley - War Memorial at 10.45am
- + Great Bromley - War Memorial at 10.45am and afterwards in St George's Church.

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KNIT & KNATTER POPPIES

In April this year our group who meet at Seven Rivers every month decided to Knit or Crochet poppies to support the Royal British Legion. The poppies will be displayed in the Church porch. Visiting folk will be asked to make a donation towards this worthy charity. In October this collaborative project came to fruition as W.I ladies, friends and residents came together to sew the poppies on the Netting which will display them in the porch for all to see.



It was wonderful to see everyone working together on this project and we can't wait to see the poppies in position on November 12th, Remembrance Sunday.

Special thanks to our dear friend Jean who has made so many poppies for this project and is sadly not here to see the completion. We thank you Jean for all your help, hard work and advice.

Stour Choral Society Christmas Concert



Schubert Mass in G

and seasonal carols and readings with audience participation

Saturday 2nd December at 2pm
Mistley Parish Church, CO11 1ER

Musical Director, Susanna Rose,

Organist, Stephen Smith

Soloists: Anna Maria Rose, Nick Rayner and Gary Griffiths

Ticket £15 adults, under 18 free, from Howell's Hardware Store in Manningtree

Email info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk

Telephone 07511 908213

Hello Great Bromley,

Let's start with a big well done to Colchester FC for the valiant effort they made against Notts County on Saturday the 30th of September. Winning 5-4 and managing to hold onto the lead, even though they dropped to ten men for the last 20 minutes or so. I've started with this as it was one of the most exciting games that Lloyd and I have watched in years. The end-to-end play was more reminiscent of a pin-ball machine raking up points. The highs and lows that Lloyd experienced that afternoon was an image to behold, the colourful language was interesting too.

Another pleasant surprise was Brenda and Elaine, who popped in during the afternoon to play guitar and sing for us. I say surprise because they played down as to just how good they were, I can

Both Brenda and Elaine were lovely and their easy-going nature, as well as a great sense of humour made the whole experience all that more enjoyable.

A quick mention about our monthly knitter and natter group which had a good turn out and is as always something our friends here look forward to. Jenny as always has been entertaining our friends with her sing-along sessions on most weeks, but to my horror she took some time off to have a break. I did panic for a bit but managed to compose myself and find an alternative activity, they're a tough crowd and I barely made it out alive, makes me appreciate Jenny all that more, so Jenny, don't do it again!

A bit of sad news, traditionally we hold a fireworks display and invite the local community to join us for the evening. Unfortunately, this year for one reason or another and admin issues, our

funding hasn't been cleared in time for us to arrange this event in time. It's a bitter blow but that's the nature of our business, no money no honey. We'll still put on a small display for our friends here at Seven Rivers, but it won't be the same without you all. However, we have every intention in putting on a bigger and better display next year when we hope you'll all turn up to support us.



honestly say that all our friends here at Seven Rivers and I include myself in this, thought they were top notch and we're looking forward to the next visit.

All of us here would like to wish you all a happy Halloween and a sparkling 5th of November.

Lee

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



As we move from Summer into Autumn, summer holidays will be a distant memory of hopefully happy times. Children are now back at school and Church Meadow is a very busy area during the school start and finish times. Please remember there is additional car parking in an area at Robinson Close. A number of people are parking along Badley Hall Road which causes problems for heavy goods vehicles that use this road for access to farms and other businesses. Please do not park in Badley Hall Road, your vehicle could be damaged.

Please remember the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November at the War Memorial at 10.45am. Everybody is welcome to come along and take part in this service and afterwards in the Church.

The Parish Council will be supporting the Community Carol Service in St George's Church on Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm and all residents will be welcome.

The Parish Council at its recent meeting agreed to continue with providing Christmas teas for its senior or vulnerable residents within the Parish. Please contact our clerk if you would like to be included this year. The delivery date will be shown in next month's Messenger.

A representative of the Corbeau Seats Rally was due to attend our recent Parish Council meeting but failed to turn up, our Clerk is trying to make contact with him to ensure he attends our November meeting.

Our County Councillor and two District Councillors were in attendance at our October meeting. We are aware there seems to be a shortage of recycling bins. If you do require a bin or a lid please contact your District Councillor, Gary Scott or Ann Wiggins.

Great Bromley Parish has a Speed Watch group and they are always looking for additional members. If you are interested please contact our Clerk. It appears the new lower speed limit along Harwich Road is reducing the speed of vehicles.

At our October meeting the developers of Hamilton Lodge gave an update of their intentions for the development which included affordable properties and an amount of open space. They were however unable to show any firm detail where the open space would be located until final agreement has been agreed with TDC Planning department. The Parish Council has requested they return and share once details have been submitted in order that the Parish Council can comment before final approval is agreed.

All residents are most welcome to attend our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, when you can raise any matters that are of concern and/or interest.

Cllr Fred Nicholls
Chairman

ECC CONSULTATION

Have your say on recycling centre bookings

Since March 2023, a booking process has been trialled for vehicles visiting any Essex County Council (ECC) recycling centre.

The booking process aims to improve the overall experience when visiting recycling centres by reducing queuing and congestion. Recycling centre staff now have more time to assist users which the council believes will help maximise segregation of waste for reuse and recycling.

Following an evaluation of the trial and responses to a user feedback survey, ECC are now proposing to keep the booking process at recycling centres permanently.

Resident feedback is really important when it comes to making decisions about council services, so make sure you have your say!



The consultation is open until 19 November 2023 so there is plenty of time to share your views.

Go to www.essex.gov.uk and search for Recycling Centre Bookings consultation

LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

Great Bromley has two Defibrillators available for public use in cases of emergency, provided by the Parish Council. They're sited at The Courthouse and The Great Bromley Cross Pub on outside walls so are readily available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

There is also a Bleed Kit on the wall of the Great Bromley Cross Pub. This is for use in cases of severe injury from cuts and so on, involving significant blood loss. In both cases, there are emergency telephone numbers to call for professional assistance in using the equipment.



LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Major Anthony Downes MBE. Tony Downes lived in Little Bromley and served on the Parish Council in the roles of Councillor, Chairman and Parish Clerk over many years. He started many of the initiatives in the village bringing residents closer together and led the work around the installation of the Village Sign which was unveiled in May 2005. Mr Ken Hatch, a previous Councillor and Chairman gave a moving tribute to Tony Downes at the September Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council sends their condolences to Tony Downes family and we are planning to install a permanent tribute to commemorate his contributions over many years.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on the 12th November. There will be a short service and laying of wreaths at the village War Memorial, gathering around 10.45. The Service will be led by Gregory Frostick. All are welcome to join.

At the September Parish Council meeting we considered a planning application for Harlequins Shop - Single Storey side extension to form store and extension of parking area - Ref. No 23/01205FUL. After discussion no issues were raised and the Parish Council supported the application.

The Parish Council attended the Public Information Event at Ardleigh Village Hall covering the various Energy Infrastructure projects proposed for Little Bromley and neighbouring villages. This took place on the 15th September. Our MP, County Councillor, District Councillor, planning officers from County and District as well

as Rosie Pearson from Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk Pylons all gave their views to a full house followed by Q&A. Please talk with any of your Parish Councillors and we can provide an update on what was discussed in an excellent session.

We have received the September 2023 Project Update Newsletter from Five Estuaries Offshore Windfarm. The main takeaway for Little Bromley is that the western search area has been selected as the preferred location for their substation (near Grange Road) which overlaps with the area chosen by North Falls. They state - "This site allows us to focus impacts in a single area when considering cumulative development effects and have a lower overall land take when compared to locating the substations in different search areas. It also allows for coordination 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. We are now working with North Falls to confirm the location of the substation within the wider search area." They also note the raised concerns on local water supplies, loss of farmland, and levels of disturbance during construction. And following comments on the suitability of the local road network they state - "In order to reduce the potential impact of construction period traffic on existing users, the Project is developing proposals to widen part of Bentley Road and improve its junction with the A120. Further details will be available on this when we present our updated plans later in the year." Your Parish Councils position on these developments is unchanged and we will

continue to press for an Offshore Solution which would remove the need for such infrastructure in the village.

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



The Village Hall Management Committee met on 28th September to review the Centenary Celebration held in July, to monitor how the hall was performing at the halfway point in the financial year and to discuss activities and priorities in the coming months.

Overall, the Committee considered the Centenary Celebration to have been successful. It provided an opportunity for members of the public to familiarise themselves with the history of the village hall, to find out more about some of the current activities routinely held in the hall and to socialise in a relaxed atmosphere whilst children could enjoy the free refreshments and entertainment provided. A 'Whats On' summary sheet of activities regularly held in the hall was distributed at the event and is now displayed in the village hall and on the village notice board in Church Meadow.

The facility continues to be popular and well used with bookings for the winter period now picking up, particularly for weekend events. The charity remains profitable and hall users will be pleased that the management committee saw no need to increase hire rates in 2023/24. However, hire rates will continue to be regularly reviewed by the Committee to ensure that they

remain fair and competitive yet providing sufficient income to balance the books.

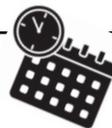
It would appear that development of the Hamilton Lodge site is now gathering pace and the management committee is looking forward to discussions with the developer regarding possible assistance with village hall car park improvements and the final designs for a new footpath and bus stops in the vicinity.

The Committee looks forward to you participating in one of the many regular club, society and fitness activities which take place at the hall and also to providing hall accommodation for you whether it be for a birthday party, meeting or musical event. As the hall is fully licensed, there is scope to undertake a wide range of activities in the accommodation - all at competitive hire rates. If you want to know more about what the hall can offer or if you wish to make a booking please contact the bookings manager Jackie Lear on gbromleyvillagehall@gmail.com or 07543974751. A tour of the facilities can be arranged on request.

Martin Frostick

villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk or 01206 250263

Dates for your diary



NOVEMBER

1	WI Line Dancing, Village Hall	7:30pm
5	Light a Candle Service, St George's Church	3:00pm
8	WI Knit & Knatter, Cheshire Home	2:00pm-4:00pm
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
19	Antiques & Collectors Fair, Village Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
22	WI Ladies Lunch	
28	WI Crafting Social, Village Hall	10:00am-12:30pm

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY 2024

10	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
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The Mobile Library visits every three weeks at Church Meadow on a Thursday - next dates are:

- 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.

ST. MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Mark's, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ
Holy Family Church, Ipswich Road, Brantham CO11 1TB
Parish Priest: Rev Fr Luke Goymour
The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ
Tel: 01473 684963 Email: revgoymour@googlemail.com

Weekday and Sunday Masses and devotions

All are very welcome to attend services; it is not necessary to be a Catholic. The following are the usual mass times but please check the parish website for updates in case of changes: www.stmarksparish.org.uk or the noticeboards outside the churches.

In November Father Luke has been called for jury service and daytime weekday services may well be cancelled. Please check the newsletter on the parish website. Usual mass times are:

Saturday	17.30 St. Mark's vigil mass with confessions from 17.00
Sunday	09.00 Holy Family Brantham 11.00 St. Mark's
Tuesday	10.00 Holy Family mass with Adoration from 09.20
Wednesday	09.15 St. Mark's
Thursday	09.30 St. Mark's
Friday	12.15 St. Mark's mass with Adoration from 11.40

Father Luke's Sunday sermons are available at anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour

Events & Diary Dates

The popular **Bring & Buy Coffee Morning** at Viv Sztasi's home, Paddock Gate, Whitehorse Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TR will take place on **Thursdays October 26th and November 30th** 10.30 to 12. Everyone is most welcome.

11th November Renewal Day at St. Mark's with Father Simon Penhalagon
10am - 4.30pm. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.

Alpha Course: Starts November 15th with lunchtime and evening sessions - please check the parish newsletter/website for more details or the noticeboards outside the churches.

Living Stones prayer group meet on the first, third and fifth Mondays each month at 6pm at St. Mark's, beginning with guided adoration and at St. Mary's, Ardleigh (CO7 7LD) at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. New members welcome.

The Sick & Housebound Please let Fr Luke know of anyone who is ill at home, housebound or in hospital, so that they may receive appropriate pastoral care, he may be contacted at The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ on 01473 684963.



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

WINTER DEMAND – Please help us to help you! As we head into winter, demand for our services usually increases substantially. We really do need all of our patients to consider whether they really need to see a doctor before calling and consider using other local services such as your local pharmacy, which might be more appropriate. Of course, if you consider your problem is urgent we are always here to help and our daily on call doctor triage system will ensure you are contacted by a clinician in a timely manner.

COVID BOOSTERS This is just a reminder for patients that as the Surgery will not be administering the Covid boosters this autumn, anyone who is eligible can book this on-line at NHS.uk, via the NHS App or by calling 119. For further information and details of Walk-in Clinics these can be found on-line at sneevaccine.org.uk.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness month. Lung cancer is one of the most common and serious types of cancer.

There are usually no signs or symptoms in the early stages of lung cancer, but many people with the condition eventually develop symptoms including:

- a persistent cough
- coughing up blood
- persistent breathlessness
- unexplained tiredness and weight loss
- an ache or pain when breathing or coughing

Less common symptoms of lung cancer include:

- changes in the appearance of your fingers, such as becoming more curved or their ends becoming larger (this is known as finger clubbing)
 - a high temperature (fever) of 38C (100.4F) or above
 - difficulty swallowing or pain when swallowing
 - wheezing
 - a hoarse voice
 - swelling of your face or neck
 - persistent chest or shoulder pain
- If you have any of these, you should speak to your GP.**

Types of lung cancer Cancer that begins in the lungs is called primary lung cancer. Cancer that spreads from the lungs to another place in the body is known as secondary lung cancer.

There are two main types of primary lung cancer. These are classified by the type of cells in which the cancer starts. They are: non-small cell lung cancer – the most common type, accounting for more than 80% of cases; can be either squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma or large-cell carcinoma small-cell lung cancer – a less common type that usually spreads faster than non-small-cell lung cancer.

The type of lung cancer you have determines which treatments are recommended.

Who's affected Lung cancer mainly affects older people. It's rare in people younger than 40, and the rates of lung cancer rise sharply with age. Lung cancer is most diagnosed in people aged 70 to 74.

Although people who have never smoked can develop lung cancer, smoking is the main cause (accounting

for over 85% of cases). This is because smoking involves regularly inhaling a number of different toxic substances.

If you feel you have any of the above symptoms, please contact your GP surgery on 01206 250691

SURGERY TRAINING AFTERNOON

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 for

Nov 12th

The Deanery choir will be singing at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ** at the 10.30am Remembrance Sunday service that will start at the roadside War Memorial.

The historic church of St Georges has a massive tower housing a variety of bells still in use. The north aisle and north arcade of the nave, the south chapel and the south porch are of the 15th century. The clerestory windows ranged above the arches of the nave were built in about 1500, as was the magnificent double hammerbeam roof that spans the nave. The Church was once known as the Cathedral of Tendring.

The anthem that the Deanery choir will be performing is, 'Be still my soul' arranged by Alan Troy Davis, a beautiful setting that is rarely performed and is to the Finlandia melody, sung unaccompanied and is very evocative and poignant for this service.

Dec 16th

A date for your diary:

The Deanery Choir will be performing 'A living Christmas '23' at **St Mary Magdalen Church, Clacton Road, Thorrington CO7 8HA** at

staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then they can contact 111 for assistance.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP – MEETINGS RESTARTING The next Patient Participation Group meeting will be held at 6.30 pm in the Mitchell Room, at Great Bentley Village Hall on Thursday, 17 November 2022.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

7pm. A concert of music by arrangers and contemporary composers with readings reflecting the Christmas message. More details will follow in the December issue.



Graham Bell
Deanery Choir


ST MARY'S CHURCH
GREAT BENTLEY
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 
Theme - 'Christmas Songs'
SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER
10.00am - 4.00pm
SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER
11am - 4.00pm
 Christmas Food Stall: Bottle Tombola:
 Christmas Gifts/Crafts:
 Tombola & Raffle: Teddy Stall:
 Light Lunches and Refreshments:
 Christmas Music:
 Pre-order your Christmas Wreath
 ring Mary 01206 250524 or
 Jackie 01206 250717
Entrance £1.00 Children free


MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



Last month we enjoyed a field trip to Wivenhoe Woods, a club workshop and our first prints competition of the season - *'Open Colour'*, which was judged by Vic Hainsworth ARPS, DPAGB, APAGB.

Meetings for November include:

- November - Field Trip to Green Island Gardens
- 9th November - Presentation by Barbie Lindsay - *'Pick n Mix'*
- 23rd November - PDI Competition - *'Open Mono'* Judge: Tony Bramley FRPS
- 30th November - Presentation by Roger Hance - *'People, Portraits & Photojournalism'*

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 also features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image, *'A New Day'* by Andy Soar, won a recent PDI Competition - *'Reflections'*.

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/>



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 Great Bromley CO7 7JW	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 Great Bromley CO7 7US	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, Great Bromley CO7 7TP	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 Great Bromley	Approval Non Material Amendment 04.08.2023 Delegated Decision
<u>23/01129/</u> <u>NMA</u> Mr L Foster – L K Developme nts Ltd	Non Material Amendment 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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>23/01192/</u> <u>FULHH</u> S Gilby	Proposed single storey rear extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Winton, Mary Lane South Great Bromley CO7 7UD
<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

INSPIRING WOMEN

The October Social Evening was a huge success. Many thanks to Maurice and the Men's Club who came along and taught us how to play snooker, and to our own Darts Divas who showed us the ropes, and let us all have a turn at flinging darts in the general direction of the dartboard, occasionally uncovering a hitherto undiscovered talent... We also tried our hand at various crafts and enjoyed some delicious refreshments.



Our next events:

Wed Nov 1st.

7:30pm Line Dancing at the Village Hall. Women participants and tea-drinking cheerleaders welcome to join us and have a go!

New to the village? Looking to meet new friends? Women are welcome to join us at any of our events.

gtbromleywi@gmail.co.uk

Wed 8th 2-4pm Knit and Knatter at the Cheshire Home

Wed 22nd Ladies Lunch

Tues 28th 10 - 12:30
VH Crafting Social - all are welcome to come along and join us.

Wed Dec 6th WI Christmas Lunch at the Courthouse

Tues Dec 12th 10-12:30pm
VH Crafting Social: making wreaths and sharing ideas for Christmas decorations



ESSEX LIBRARIES

Are you taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award? We're here to help!

Not only do we have a whole range of books that can support you with what you need, tips and tricks on orienteering and camping... but we also have a great volunteer opportunity to really help 'build' your skills!

If you loved Lego as a child (or still do), this volunteering opportunity will be perfect for you.

All you need to commit to is one hour of volunteering a week. We'll do the rest! You'll be given full training and have a network of support from other students volunteering with us.



(Link: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/duke-of-edinburgh-award-in-the-library>)

This comes as we look to launch the next phase of our Lego in Libraries sessions and rollout in new areas. Make sure you're following us on social media and keep an eye on the news page of our website to be the first to know!

WASTE STRATEGY CONSULTATION



Everything we throw away has a cost, not just for us but for our environment too. So, we need to work together to reduce waste, protect our planet and conserve valuable resources.

The Essex Waste Partnership has set out how it plans to manage recycling and waste in Essex over the next 30 years in a draft strategy. Residents and

businesses are being encouraged to share their views on it and help to inform the final version.

Read more about the strategy and please encourage your communities to share their views.

(Link: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/waste-strategy-for-essex-consultation/>)

St. George's Church of England Primary School

Working Together, Learning for Life



WE NEED YOU!

Are you passionate about children's education?

Are you passionate about your village school?

Have an interest in **Finance and Accounting**?

Then you are who we are looking for!

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Co-Opted Governor.

We meet as a full governing body once each term at 6.30pm at the school for two hours.

The Governing Body has two Sub Committees (Curriculum & Resources),

each of which meet on a termly basis.

The Resources Committee meets at 9.00 am during the week for two hours.

So, if you have 12 hours in the school year to spare and can answer yes to the three questions above, please get in touch!

If you would like to know more, please contact me and I will gladly speak to you about the role.

Nigel Rowe (Chair of Governors)

NRowe@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk

**Give the gift of
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Seven 13–24-year-olds are diagnosed with cancer every day in the UK. They will face a miserable winter with the cost of living crisis biting hard.

Your donation could help provide simple home comforts like mattresses, bedding, food, heating, and electricity.

Donating to The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation supports young people and families, nationally, undergoing cancer treatment, offering them a lifeline during a challenging time. Your donation has never been needed more.

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FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY

October has seen great celebrations at St George's, "Thank You For The Harvest, Join the Song of Harvest Home". Our church looked absolutely stunning, thank you so much to all of you who helped to decorate St G's with flowers and fresh produce. Every arrangement different, imaginative and exciting.

Nearly fifty congregation came together to celebrate and pray for the safe gathering of the harvest so important to the farmers in The Bromleys and surrounding countryside. The PCC voted to support Manningtree Food Bank during this time of celebration, Baked Beans, Cereals, Pasta and Tinned Meat were high on the list. We heartily thank our congregation for their kind generosity, not only collecting food stuffs but also £80 in cash to Donate. Thankyou all very, very much.

Our service was followed by a Harvest Lunch hosted by The Court House organised by Stephen. A delicious meal enjoyed by twenty eight of our congregation.

The following Thursday we were delighted to welcome St George's School to the church for their annual Harvest Festival Service.



The church was fit to bursting not a seat left! Excited children, ecstatic parents, many arriving in time for a delicious tea or coffee. The school was led ably by Class 4, narrated eloquently by some very talented and confident children. The singing of the Harvest songs was brilliant, I particularly liked "Push Little Seed" and the John Rutter "For The Beauty Of The Earth". Our thanks to Mrs Keitch, her staff and the children for a wonderful celebration of this special time in our countryside.

We are looking forward now to their next visit for Remembrance in November and Christmas Carols on December 15th at 2pm. Come and join in.

Don't forget to save the dates for our Festive Coffee Morning on December 9th 10am – 12pm and our Flower Festival next year June 14th – 16th 2024. All are welcome to join us.



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I hope by now the shorter days and colder weather are not as much of a shock to the system as they were not too long ago! It feels very much like the time of the year when we 'batten down the hatches', ready for the long haul that will see us fast approach long, dark days and much chillier climes than the Indian summer we were enjoying until only recently.

And so, as we spend more time indoors and prepare for the season of Advent, it is timely to remember Cecilia of Rome, a Christian who lived and died in Rome in the third century (A. D.). She is remembered for her faithful Christian witness that resulted in her husband's conversion to Christianity, as well as his brother's. All were subsequently martyred for their faith, which was seen as scandalous to adherents of the Roman gods of the time.

Tradition holds that she 'sang in her heart to the Lord' while musicians played at her wedding and so to posterity she became the patron saint

of music and musicians. Some of us will have heard recordings from an orchestra, based in Rome, named after her: the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia. This orchestra has existed for over 100 years and play symphonies from many of the finest European composers down through the ages.

The Apostle Paul encouraged some early Christians to "[s]ing and make music from your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). This was how they were able to remind themselves of the goodness of God as they recounted His wonderful, merciful ways in song. It is a practice many Christians continue today.

And so, as we 'batten down the hatches' in this darker, colder season, may we find life-giving truth to sing in *our* hearts to the Lord and so help us to look forward to the shining star in Bethlehem that signifies the advent of a much brighter, everlasting Light in this world.

***Best wishes,
Phillip***

*****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.



St George's Church Great Bromley



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Parish of The Bromleys

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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

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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