

The Messenger

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Little Bromley

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THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

I hope you've all had a good summer and a chance to do things you enjoy. I've needed every last inch of space in this edition, so a bit of a shorter first page this time.

Following the recent National Grid consultation, TDC held a Full Council meeting where Cllr Zoe Fairley submitted, and Cllr Carlo Guglielmi seconded, a motion against the proposals. We've printed this in full from page three onwards, along with the response to the proposals from the Essex Leaders and Chief Executives group. It's a few pages long but we felt it was important that you all had a chance to read it, and see the extent of the opposition.

Also in this month's edition, a look back on a visit to Great Bromley by Princess Margaret, 50 years ago, which is featured on the cover.

To those who got exam results, I hope you got the grades you wanted. If it didn't go quite as well as you'd hoped, remember that exams don't define you as a person. Of course they help - but another path will be better than you can imagine.

Take care, Lizzie



St George's
Parish Church
Great Bromley

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 15th September
at 6.30pm

wine and refreshments afterwards

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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.

Join us - come along to the next meeting on **Thursday 12th September** or email us at: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

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UPDATE ON NATIONAL GRID, FIVE ESTUARIES, NORTH FALLS AND TARCHON PROPOSALS

Tendring District Council's Full Council meeting took place on Tuesday 6th August where Cllr Zoe Fairley proposed, and Cllr Carlo Guglielmi seconded the following motion:

Motion to Council Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 - Concern regarding Electricity Network Proposals

"This Council notes that the National Grid Electricity Transmission's (NGET) third and final statutory consultation has now closed and that the consultation response from this Council was submitted prior to the extended closing date of 26 July 2024.

This Council is fully aware that National Grid's proposals could also create and cause the need for the Five Estuaries, North Falls and Tarchon Energy Ltd projects to land on the District's coast, with their own proposed cable routes running across our District to their own sub-stations and for Tarchon Energy Ltd, a future interconnector will be required. The cumulative impacts of these projects threaten a potentially devastating effect for our District.

This Council therefore remains dissatisfied that alternative options have not been given due and proper consideration in the planning process to date to remove or otherwise mitigate these effects, including impact on our highways, our local economy, the environment, our landscapes and heritage, farm businesses and the health and wellbeing of our communities, to highlight but a few.

This Council recognises that the country has had a change of Government and a new Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero appointed, in Ed Miliband MP.

Therefore, this Council continues to express its deep concerns for these electricity network proposals, and calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Ed Miliband MP to:-

- a) Congratulate him on his appointment.
- b) Request him to consider, as a long-term strategic solution, an integrated off shore grid, as elsewhere in Europe, asking for the overall cost comparison to be assessed and reported.
- c) Request that he re-examines the Norwich to Tilbury proposals, given that North Falls and Five Estuaries have expressed themselves more than happy to connect off shore and National Grid's Electricity System Operator (ESO) has identified affordable, deliverable alternatives to manage the case.
- d) Request also, that the Tarchon interconnector should not be allowed to proceed at all, given the work by ESO and Arup, demonstrating that it is against the National Interest and raises costs for UK bill payers by some £5billion.
- e) Point out that HVDC undergrounding, which is also being done in

Germany, has been assessed by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), as being better and cheaper than pylons, within its Eastern Green Link Consultation (see para 5.0.2 in below link) and request the same should be investigated for Norwich to Tilbury. <https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/151426/download>

- f) Request, that further to ESO modelling, to make best use of power available in the East of England, he considers upgrades to reinforce the existing grid, to include options such as TS Conductors' technology, which is being prioritised in policy in the USA; enable use of existing brown field sites as landing points; and considers North Falls and Five Estuaries connecting to an offshore cable, such as Sealink.

In addition, this Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to Sir Bernard Jenkin MP for Harwich and North Essex and Nigel Farage MP for Clacton, including a copy of the letter sent to Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Ed Miliband MP, requesting them each to consider and take all possible actions open to them, as our Members of Parliament, to support this Council's position."

Cllr Fairley further went on to introduce the motion with below:-

"Around our coast, for East Anglia and Essex, we are host to some of the largest and most valuable wind farms to date and I think it is safe to say that most people support the over-arching aim of reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and look forward to producing and using more renewable energy. I certainly do.

However, the piecemeal delivery for offshore developers to reach connections given by National Grid at their proposed East Anglian Connection Node sub-station at Arleigh, under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project process, is unnecessarily damaging for our communities. The 2031 'fully operational' target date for National Grid's proposals, on which the 'hoped for' benefits for their project are based, is also highly unlikely, if not impossible to achieve.

There are other options which would support the UK's aims to increase renewable energy delivery for these, and future offshore projects, which have not been consulted on, but could be far better for Tendring, the broader Norwich to Tilbury route, and the UK as a whole. Since 2011, three independent studies have demonstrated that offshore coordination saves money and is better for the environment and communities.

By bringing their East Anglian Connection Node sub-station to Arleigh, to enable connections for Five Estuaries, North Falls and Tarchon Energy, National Grid will cause our District to be ripped apart. The cumulative impacts will be devastating. And it is urgent, because economic damage, due to this piecemeal process, is already happening to our farming businesses now. There is also the untold story of impact on mental health for stress, anxiety and depression related directly to these projects.

Within any debate, it is important to remember that we, as Councillors ALL want to do the best we can for our District, whatever side of the chamber we sit. This motion is asking questions and showing evidence for conflicting information and

opinion on the logic of National Grid's approach to the Norwich to Tilbury upgrade and also questions the supposed National Significance of the Tarchon Interconnector. Some of this conflicting information is from National Grid themselves, and other, from industry experts such as Arup.

Tendring District Council is not the decision maker in this case, so as Councillors, we do need to do all we can to ensure that these delivery plans are cohesive and well thought out. We need reassurance, that the base information for any final decision, is right, and that any consequences, for our District and residents, are fully taken into account. IF hosting this infrastructure across our District really is the best way forward, and brings benefit to every UK consumer, then this needs to be demonstrated. Because just saying something IS, does not make it so.

Following the new Government's announcement, on 25 July, that it will support the Crown Estate to grow the offshore wind industry, it is even more vital, that a long term, strategic solution, which can improve the UK's chances of reaching net zero in a timely manner, takes the environmental, social, economic, and health outcomes of our communities into account, AND speeds up future connections for offshore wind farm development, is properly considered and achieved. National Grid's Great Grid Upgrade, Norwich to Tilbury proposals, and the need for their East Anglian Connection Node substation, should be considered within this process.

Other options are possible to deliver renewable energy in ways which the public are willing and confident to support. To make the best use of power available in the East of England, fully considering those options, and implementing the best long term solutions, will also help speed up overall project delivery. Residents, business owners, Parish, Town, District, City and County Councils will be far more likely to support. Rash, emergency decisions, to meet unlikely date targets which unnecessarily devastate our farms and District are not the way forward.

And so, I would ask you to support my motion."

And after discussion, finished with comments as below:-

Thank you everyone for your comments. There is a huge amount of concern.

The level of objection across the 184 kilometre route is unprecedented. The impacts are too severe.

There's a huge amount of work, to reach Net Zero. And we ALL see projects will need a massive amount of infrastructure. But it's got to be done in the right way.

Peoples' concerns aren't Nimbyism or reported Climate Delivery Denialism; They're genuine fears, that this delivery plan, is not the best way.

National Policy Statement EN5, updated in January this year, states **that even residual impact is unacceptable and highlights the need to use alternative routes where they are available, even if they cost more.**

Affordable, deliverable alternatives to the current proposals HAVE been

identified.

Whatever transmission infrastructure there is, communities and farmers should not have to bear the burden, without proper compensation.

We live in the Bread Basket of England – called so, because it is the best food production land in the UK. Farmers aren't against progress; services with wayleaves, cross agricultural land all the time. But these routes, with more to come, leave farmers in an impossible position for planning. Where acres are permanently taken, farms become unviable.

Rural communities will be lost. The impact across Tendring for construction, on highways, and our economy, will be severe.

An integrated offshore grid must be considered.

Although HVDC undergrounding may have a greater initial cost, lifetime costs are less.

I'd like to finish by saying this. It's beneficial for our Planning Committee to carry out site visits prior to determining a planning application. This should be the same.

Ardleigh and Little Bromley are where Five Estuaries, North Falls and Tarchon have been given connections to National Grid. So I'd like to extend a personal invitation to Mr Miliband, to visit my ward before the project proceeds any further, to better understand my residents' concerns; that's open to both our MPs as well.

I am pleased to say, the motion received unanimous support and I will be liaising with the Council Leader, Mark Stephenson, Cabinet Member Andy Baker, with Officers to agree the letters to be sent.

Also for your information, below is content for an email letter, sent on 26 July 2024 by Cllr Graham Butland, Leader of Braintree District Council and Chair of ELCE, representing the views of 15 Council leaders in Greater Essex.

FAO: Mr Pepper National Grid Energy Transmission

Dear Mr Pepper

Norwich to Tilbury – statutory public consultation by National Grid Energy Transmission Limited

This letter represents the views of the 15 Council leaders in Greater Essex. This letter is written in response to the current proposals by National Grid Energy Transmission (NGET) to introduce new overhead pylons the length of our county. This letter is in addition to the individual consultation response you will receive from each local authority.

Whilst we understand the need to upgrade the existing supply network and transition to clean energy sources, the proposals as planned are simply not good enough as presented. They require much more work which the Hiorns report identifies there is time to do. We strongly object to what is proposed. Much more work is needed before this package of proposals should be submitted for

examination by the Planning Inspectorate. The impact and the scale of the proposed development, including the construction and development phases, have not been adequately considered or have the mitigation measures identified. The proposals as presented are also bereft of any social value.

Leaders in Greater Essex have the following in-principle objections to the N2T proposals:

- Object to the lack of evidence provided by NGET to support the need and timing of the Norwich to Tilbury scheme being needed by 2030.
- Object to NGET undertaking an accelerated programme of consultation to meet an uncertain 2030 programme delivery date on what is considered to be a predetermined strategic proposal and 2024 preferred draft alignment using predominately harmful OHL and pylon technology, and prior to the conclusion of the Offshore Coordination Support Scheme (OCSS) and consideration of Hiorns Smart Energy Network Report (November 2023) and Electricity Systems Operator (ESO) East Anglia Study Report (March 2024).
- Object to the lack of consideration by NGET to the creation of beneficial social value outcomes in Greater Essex that relate to reducing geographical inequalities in education, skills, supply chain, employment, and climate action.
- Object to the lack of consideration by NGET to a package of financial benefits for local communities in Greater Essex to support equity of engagement in the development consent process and that recognises the vital role that local communities have in hosting energy infrastructure in the national interest of securing cheaper, greener, and more secure electricity.

In addition, we raise a strong technical objection to the lack of assessment by NGET in relation to the likely significant impact the preferred route will have on the viability and therefore deliverability of Dunton Hills Garden Village and the adjacent land west of Basildon (being considered in relation to the new Basildon Local Plan). The solution is, to place the grid network underground for the entire length of the route as it passes through the Garden Village, thereby mitigate the impact.

Particular attention is also drawn to the level of disturbance expected in the construction phase, where we would like further attention and detail, as well as minimise and address the impact of the proposed 400 kV substation planned for the Tendring peninsula.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Graham Butland
Chair of Essex Leaders and Chief Executives
Leader of Braintree District Council

TDC's response for NG's statutory consultation which has already been shared on 23 July in the PP&LP Committee reports, was submitted prior to the closing date of 26 July 2024 following the Planning Policy and Local Plan committee meet. This response was also formally reported at yesterday's Full Council meeting.



GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY



We are fast approaching flu vaccination season and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible, that we will start to book appointments for this in early September. 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.

As per very specific instructions from NHS England, we will not be able to start our Flu Clinics until October. 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 2024.

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.

New RSV Vaccination

From the 1 September 2024, a new respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination will be introduced which will help to fight respiratory infections. To start with, the following patients will be entitled to this vaccination:-

Programme for older adults aged 75 to 79 years old

All adults turning 75 years old on or after 1 September 2024 will be eligible for the routine programme and should be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine. A one-off catch-up campaign for those already aged 75 to 79 years old on 1 September 2024 will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity

Programme for pregnant women to protect infants

All women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant (the eligible cohort) on 1 September 2024, will be offered a single dose of the RSV vaccine. After that, pregnant women will become eligible as they reach 28 weeks gestation and remain eligible up to birth.

All patients who are eligible for the new vaccination will be invited by the Practice to book in for this.

AskmyGP – New Digital Platform

We implemented the digital platform AskmyGP on the 16 July 2024. I am

pleased to report that in the first two weeks of using this service over 20% of our patients have registered for the digital platform.

For those patients that have access to the internet and haven't registered with this service yet, we would ask that you sign up for this service by going to our website

www.greatbentleysurgery.nhs.uk. Once on the website you need to scroll down to the green box which says 'get help now' and then click on submit a new

request. It will then allow you to register on the system. Our reception team are happy to give advice to patients about registering with AskmyGP and also have leaflets to give to patients visiting the Surgery.

Patient Participation Group

The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>24/00725/</u> <u>VOC</u> Mr A Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Limited	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Drawings) of application 23/01213/FUL to enable/allow a change in height to allow for tipping trailer.	Wood Barns Land to North of A120, Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval - Full 17.07.2024 Delegated Decision
<u>24/00647/</u> <u>DETAIL</u> Mr W Reid - Elemento Group	Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission 20/00547/OUT - considering scale/appearance/ landscaping/layout for the sub station.	Site of Former Hamilton Lodge Cottage, Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JB	Approval - Reserved Matters/ Detailed 25.07.2024 Delegated Decision
<u>24/00743/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr Pasque Delegated Decision	Householder Planning Application - Proposed single storey annexe to rear of Midhurst.	Midhurst Ardleigh Road Great Bromley CO7 7TL	Approval - Full 25.07.2024
<u>24/00787/</u> <u>FUL</u> Mr C Rouse	Proposed construction of one (self build) three-bedroom dwelling with associated parking and external works.	Land Adj. Police Mast, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval - Full 01.08.2024 Delegated Decision

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, Gibbons'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



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area



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

GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB

If you enjoy painting or drawing or have ever thought of giving it a try then you are welcome to come along to the Great Bentley Art Club. We are an informal group that meets twice monthly at the Great Bentley village hall on Tuesday afternoons 2.00 pm.

There are suggested topics which are 'Boats and Barges' for the 10th September and 'Windmills' for the 24th September, alternatively you can do something of your own choice.

For more information tel. 01206 251146

Dates for your diary



SEPTEMBER

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| 4 | WI - Anthony Vickers - Medical discoveries, Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| 11 | Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:00pm |
| 12 | Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain | 7:30pm |
| 19 | Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross | 2:00pm-4:00pm |
| 24 | WI Coffee & Crafting, Village Hall | 10-12:30pm |

OCTOBER

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| 2 | WI Open Day, Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| 9 | Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:00pm |
| 17 | Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross | 2:00pm-4:00pm |
| 22 | WI Coffee & Crafting, Village Hall | 10-12:30pm |

NOVEMBER

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| 13 | Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:00pm |
| 21 | Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain | 7:30pm |

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

- 19 September
- 10 October
- 31 October
- 21 November

9.45am to 10.15am



**Post Office & Community Library
The Cross Inn**



**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.



Great Bromley Village Hall



There is nothing of particular interest 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 touring play 'Ghost of the Toll Point Light' which will take place at the village hall on Saturday 28th September 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 Pat Whymark, a founder member of the CGTC, it is a thought-provoking play revolving around a good old-fashioned ghost story. It is suitable for ages 12 and over. Interval refreshments will be available.

Tickets are available from 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.

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BILL PIRIE REACHES A MILESTONE

"Well I made it to "30/30" - thirty years in the Police and now thirty years in retirement. It was 60 years ago I joined the Essex Police and I have met some lovely people during that time. I thank my wonderful wife Lesley who supported me every step of those years, and was the lead in bringing up our family of 6 kids of whom I could not be more proud - 3 followed me into the Police Service - not forgetting the 19 grandchildren and great children! My thanks to our oldest friends Fred and Jenny Nichols who convinced me to join Essex Police and for the help you gave us in 1972 that will never be forgotten."

Bill Pirie



Bill Pirie grew up in Great Bromley at Brook House Farm, and although his career moved him around Essex, ending up in Chelmsford, he has remained in touch with his friends in the village. HGF

KATHY HAYWARD 1955 - 2024

Kathy was the daughter of Val and Dick Hayward who, with her brothers John and Jamie, moved from The Walnut Tree in Great Bromley to Badley Hall Farm. She attended St George's Primary School and the Gilberd School in Colchester. During her time on the farm she developed a lifelong interest in animal welfare and she left the village to train as a veterinary nurse at a London college. However she much preferred living in the countryside and returned to Great Bromley.



In her early 20s she made two overland trips to India, firstly on the 'Magic Bus' and then again by hitchhiking in 1978-9. During this second trip she travelled extensively and walked in the Himalayas, visited the Golden Temple and cycled down the West Coast. These two trips to India had a profound impact on her values and beliefs. After her return she lived at Fir Tree Cottage with her partner Con Rendell, where she carried out what she regarded as her most important role as mother to her five children, Tom, Fen, Rowany, Lucia and Alf. After she split from Con, she worked as a housekeeper at Flatford Mill and devoted considerable time to caring for her relatives in their later years and took great pride in her two grandchildren, Joseph and Ella.

She loved music which started when she learnt the piano and developed through playing music with her family and friends. She had a strong belief in the power of nature and the need to protect the environment, so she gladly gave time to being the village tree warden and cleaning up local rivers. She took great delight from living close to nature in her garden and the surrounding woods and particularly enjoyed bird watching and spending time on the River Stour with her friends.



Kathy had lived almost all of her life in the village until her death at home at Fir Tree Cottage at the age of 69. She was always very stoic about her cancer which she thought had been cured in her mid 40s, but then reappeared in her mid 60s. It was very fitting that her family and friends met at one of her favourite places at Wrabness Nature Reserve to scatter her ashes on her beloved River Stour whilst one of her friends played a tribute on the flute. She will be much missed by her children, grandchildren and brothers along with her many friends.

A tribute from the family. There were also many kind words and fond memories shared on the Great Bromley School (1925-1975) Facebook page. HGF

LITTLE BROMLEY IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

The new book was launched on 10th August at St Mary's Church, during a Friends event of delicious tea and light music attended by 70 people. There was also a brief sounding of the bells, which had been given the all clear for a short session on this special occasion, which was to kick off the fund raiser needed for their restoration. There will be more about the bells in the next magazine.

All proceeds of the book sales are going towards this fund. It is available from three local people - Carol Cordwell, Dorothy O'Grady and Gavin Edwards. The price is £8 but additional donations are most welcome. Gift Aid envelopes are available for your excess donations.

For those who are further afield, the book can be ordered online at www.frostick.co.uk at

£12, which includes the cost of postage and the card transaction fee.

Hugh Frostick



A ROYAL VISIT 50 YEARS AGO

Great Bromley was privileged to have a royal visit on 11th September 1974, when Princess Margaret, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II, flew in by helicopter to land at Seven Rivers for a visit of the Cheshire Home, and also to view St George's Church when she enjoyed a guided tour with the rector, Revd. James Ransom.



The pupils at St George's School literally put out a "W E L C O M E" to the charming visitor. Headmaster Mr Hadkiss is the silver-haired gentleman towards the right. The children pictured include:

(Back) Andrew Fairley, William Dent?, Peter Frostick, Richard Dean, Susan Gower, Sophie Stewart, Michelle Oliver, Denise Wood, Kelly Shea, John Askew.

(Front) Rodney Elliott, Michelle Burns, Paul Darby, Alison Wright, Frances Dean, Bernice Bland.

Please write in with the corrections!

Hugh Frostick hugh@greatbromley.org.uk



ST. MARY'S SOCIAL AFTERNOON

On Saturday the 10th August, the Friends of Little Bromley Church welcomed over 70 visitors through the doors. Beautifully decorated with flowers the church looked lovely.

From 3pm, tea and lots of tasty cakes were available for everyone to enjoy. We must thank our many cake makers for the lovely display. At around 3.20pm, Lyn very kindly provided music for us. This was followed by a short ringing of the bells. Due to major work needed in the bell tower, we are only permitted to use the bells on very rare occasions.

At 4pm, Hugh Frostick launched his

book, 'Little Bromley in Old Photographs'. A long queue formed in the middle of the church whilst Hugh signed all the copies purchased.

Afterwards, Dorothy and Lyn provided us with more music, songs and poetry, whilst others had some refreshments.

It was a very relaxed afternoon and it was nice to see so many local people enjoying themselves. We would like to thank all our helpers and all those who came. £470 was raised, excluding book sales and all this money will go towards the Bell Restoration Fund.

Carol Cordwell

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Greetings to you all as we enjoy some well deserved good weather this August.

Parish Council business has been almost fully focused on the fight against the Five Estuaries proposal of a new Sub Station and the destruction of our countryside, with all local Parishes united in their discontent with the scheme.

There are several planning proposals locally, of a private nature and a small residential development and we are monitoring these closely to ensure that local residents have the best possible

opportunity to improve their homes without impacting negatively on their neighbours or the surrounding locality.

Any residential development in the Parish must bring infrastructure benefits to the current local residents and this is something that is being included in the provisional planning.

Lastly, can the lady who emailed me to request the Speed Awareness stickers for Frating Road please text me on 07824524299 as I do not have your address and they have arrived.

Kind regards
Ian Murch

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our September meeting will see the return of Sharon who will speak about benefits and the various price rises we are likely to see in the coming months to our bills.

The competition will be a serviette ring. We look forward to seeing you all and any new folk who may feel they would like to come along.

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

A very busy month for the club with plenty of cricket played.

The ladies softball team won their last three matches of their league on 27th July and earned their place to play in the finals at Essex County Ground on Sunday 11th August. Bromley Bees won their first three games, lost the next game by 4 runs and won the final game. The top three places were finally worked out on runs scored due to a three way tie. Bromley finished 3rd, six runs off 2nd place and 16 runs off 1st. Chappell won the competition overall (a team that we had beaten earlier 45/75.) However, 3rd out of 38 teams and a trophy in the cabinet is not bad for the first season.

Cricket week took place between 5-9 August.

Monday saw 12 ladies softball teams arrive from Felixstowe through to Southend and many clubs in between. A first for the club and a massive success. Braintree won the festival and no shortage of teams wanting us to do it all again next year.

Tuesday saw a friendly 100 game vs Great Bentley with the Courthouse kindly donating an amazing tea after the game. A massive thank you to our club sponsors for this, it went down a treat, along with a few pints from the bar.

Wednesday saw the final of the midweek T20 competition vs a much changed Ardleigh team. A close match even still but Ardleigh came out on top to take the trophy we had won the previous year.

Thursday was the President XI vs Chairman's XI and sees past and present players compete for the Phil

Allam memorial trophy. A slightly one sided affair this year, and rain reduced overs game too, saw the Chairman's side come out on top. The most important part of this day however is the social side for all the players, families and friends that support this day and that continued into the night with cocktails and karaoke.



Friday is chairman's day where the VP's are invited to watch cricket have a sit down lunch and afternoon tea. An annual event in which Springfield are always our invited opposition. They are an amazing Club to continually support our event. They provide a very good enjoyable game to watch and stay well into the night playing various drinking games (the mini bus a much required form of transport for the team to get home).

The colts had an inter club match following the main event and everyone stayed to enjoy a BBQ and chips and play football and cricket on the outfield long into the night.

The weather was really kind to us this year and to hold five days of cricket took some time and planning. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the various events and to those from the village that came and watched, used the bar, bought the burgers, took part in the silent auction, or the 100 number game (all winners will be notified) I hope that you will come again and support us whenever you see a game in whites (or blue) being played at the ground; you are so welcome.

Tracey
Great Bromley Cricket Club

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

As I predicted, the weather has finally picked up and it has been a glorious few weeks, which meant we could finally get on with our courtyard project and I'm pleased to say it's 95% complete. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in the community for their kind donations which have helped us immensely. I've added a couple of photos, so you'll be able to make a comparison from last month's Messenger issue, I hope you agree it's looking much better and more inviting for all. As much as I would like to take the credit for the transformation, I can't take that risk as I know my new colleague Lorraine also receives a copy of the Messenger:). As I've stated it's 95% complete, therefore any further donations or suggestions would be welcomed, all of you keen gardeners will know these types of projects never end, our intention is to improve on what we've managed to achieve so far.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome my new colleague Lorraine to our family here at seven rivers. We've been working together now for a few weeks, and I can honestly say that she's taken to the role like a duck to water. Not only is she a local girl, and I'm sure some of you know her, but she has a great personality, a wonderful sense of humour, and is willing to put up with my antics, which would drive the average person insane.

On a final note, some of you may remember some months ago, I asked if anybody had a tractor that they could either bring here or allow us to visit on site, unfortunately we haven't been able to achieve this as of yet, but I am forever the optimist. For those of you that don't know, we have a resident here who absolutely loves anything to do with trains, tractors, buses ETC and it would absolutely make his year to be able to see one close up. I can guarantee his reaction would be a sight to behold, his smile is guaranteed to give you that feel good factor and to know that you've given that joy to someone who genuinely appreciates it, is surely worth the effort.

***Good health to you all until the next time,
Lee***



CHURCH JOTTINGS - UPDATES

Hello Everyone,

I thought it was about time I brought you up to date with what has been happening with our churches in The Bromleys and beyond the Tendring District.



During 2023/2024 many changes have taken place and a plan is evolving for the management and smooth running of our parishes. The Bromleys are now part of a group of nine parishes called "Tendring and Dedham Parishes." The newly designed logo is at the head of this narrative. We are fortunate indeed to have two new rural missionaries to lead us and work with us in this new initiative.

Throughout many months Phillip and John have organised and led planning, social and informative events for all the non-stipendiary clergy – volunteers and administrators who work alongside and support them both in this new group of parishes spread throughout the district of Tendring and Dedham. These nine parishes are Dedham, Ardleigh, The Bromleys, Little Bentley, Tendring, Beaumont, Great Oakley, Wix and Wrabness.

Through several meetings we have had lively discussions, debates, reached decisions and are steadily moving forming a partnership, sharing ideas and forming lasting friendships across the nine parishes.

Well done to our two hard working Rural Missioners, our Rural Dean and especially our Archdeacon Ruth.

We are experiencing many different types of worship in our churches, and

there is encouragement to move around to be involved especially when there is a Fifth Sunday in the month.

On August 4th we were all invited to "Lammas Service" a service I had never experienced before, organised by the Rev'd John and advertised throughout the Harwich Deanery. The poster said, "A Service of Holy Communion giving thanks for the beginning of Harvest and using the first sheaths of corn to make the Communion loaf." Interested to find out about the service I went along to find representatives from all our churches. Guest Preacher was the Rev'd Cannon Janet Nicholls (no relation!) Agricultural Chaplain and Rural Advisor for the Chelmsford Diocese. The service was fantastic, Wix is such an amazing church and such a fitting place to hold a rural service. I shall certainly try and go next year; I wonder where it will be held?

Throughout the summer, the Rev'd Phillip has opened the Rectory Garden in Dedham on the 2nd Sunday of June, July and August. How lucky are we to be having afternoon tea in such a beautiful garden? Everyone helps, setting up, washing up and much more. Thank you, Phillip and Louise, for opening your garden to all.

A lot of our discussions in the coming months will centre on the work of our churches and the communities in which we live. "Our Mission" – looking at ways to help you all, encourage you, meet you and work with you. Let us know if you have any ideas for us to try, we are good listeners and are eager to meet all of you in "The Bromleys." (The name of our parish covering Great and Little Bromley.)

More information and contact details can be found on our website, social media, The Messenger and in St Georges church on the notice board.

September Happenings and dates for your diary, more to follow next month:

- Ride and Stride/ Walk – 7th September
- Harvest Festival – 15th September 6.30pm
- Fifth Sunday – 29th September
Service at St. Georges with Choir and Lunch.

Looking forward to meeting you all please phone me on 01206 230688 – Jenny.

Helping Hands Update

Our very small and hardworking group continue to be a dynamic force in and around the church building and graveyard. Sweeping the leaves, paths and steps. Tidying the graves, cleaning the brasses. We are forever grateful for this wonderful group from our community. "Thank you" We are always looking for new volunteers who would

like to join a very friendly and caring group, please just give me a ring or knock on my door, especially for the coffee and cake afterwards.

Flower Arranging at St. Georges

We have a wonderful team of flower arrangers at St Georges, when possible choosing to use flowers and foliage from their own gardens or the countryside. Flower arrangers very kindly create an arrangement for the hymn board several times a year and are on our rota for the year. Also, the arrangers happily come together at special festival times i.e. – Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The church always looks absolutely beautiful a huge thank you to all our wonderful florists. If you would like to join us, please, please let me know, we would love to have new arrangers in our team. Just give me a ring on 01206 230688.

Jenny

Save the dates:

- Dec 7th - Coffee Morning
- Dec 14th - Evening concert

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Parish Council's September meet is a week earlier than the normal third Thursday of the month, we will be meeting on the second Thursday, the 12th September, at the Haywain.

We are still plagued by fly tipping in and around the village, so a gentle reminder that if you see or witness this you can contact Tendring District Council via their website, the Parish Council via our website, or District Councillor Zoe Fairley, or a combination of all 3, to report any

instances no matter the size or type of rubbish.

Whilst there isn't anything new to report, we do have a delivery date for the book exchange telephone box of Friday 23rd August, so keep an eye out for that, soon after that date hopefully.

If you have any books to donate, feel free to let us know and we will try to fit them in!

Cllr Iain Smith

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

As we begin a new month and our children head back to school, memories of our summer holidays are slowly pushed out of our minds by the constant demands of daily life. And as we turn on the telly, read the paper or listen to the news we are reminded of nations at war, hostage situations and assassinations in the Middle East, an attempted assassination in the US and stabbings and riots in our own country. Amidst all this, it's worth considering the question: How do we deal with the reality of life in all its busyness, in all its brokenness?

Christians have traditionally brought these things to God in prayer. The Apostle Paul wrote to one of his protégés, Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Paul knew that being able to "live peaceful and quiet lives" was no automatic right or certainty in his day – that we would need to pray for all those in authority, for those whose actions

can, at one level, start or stop the conflicts that mar life in this fallen world.

But prayer is not just "for kings and all those in authority", because Paul elsewhere addresses the internal strife, stress and strains that can, at times, overcome each of us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in His promised King Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7) – that is, the path to inner peace was a prayer-filled one.

So how do we deal with the reality of life in all its busyness, in all its brokenness? Maybe today you say a prayer (which is just talking to God – it doesn't need to be anything fancy) amidst the busyness of your own life or in light of the brokenness that you see around you. God is in control – He can do something about it – and He made you, so He loves to hear from you.

May you know His peace at this time.

*Prayerfully yours,
Phillip*

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 2024**



St George's Church, Great Bromley

Tendring and Dedham Parishes

For contact details, or to receive our email newsletter, please visit the website
above or email us at church@greatbromley.org.uk

September 1 st	Trinity 14	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
September 8 th	Trinity 15	Parish Eucharist	11am
September 15 th	Trinity 16	Harvest Evensong BCP	6.30pm
September 22 nd	Trinity 17	Parish Eucharist	11am
September 29 th	Trinity 18	Joint Parish Eucharist	11am
October 6 th	Trinity 19	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
October 13 th	Trinity 20	Parish Eucharist	11am
October 20 th	Trinity 21	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
October 27 th	Trinity 22	Parish Eucharist	11am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

September 1 st	Morning Prayer	11am
September 15 th	Holy Communion	11am
September 27 th	Harvest Festival Service	7pm
October 6 th	Morning Prayer	11am
October 20 th	Holy Communion	11am

Services details for Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze benefice,
and Manningtree CrossReach parishes can be found on their websites.