

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

October 2024



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

This month's cover is from the Harvest Festival at St George's Church. All the floral displays were so pretty and imaginative. It's normally time to pick our apples but for the second year, we are a bit low on our harvest. Maybe next year there'll be more. Our roses are still going strong though, they've had a great year.

If your children or grandchildren have started a new school I hope they've settled in well. Half term is well on the way, and then we'll be on the countdown to the end of the year.

Awareness days in October include:

- 5th - National Badger Day
- 10th - Wakey Wakey Hospice Day
- 15th - Global Wave of Light Day
- 18th - Wear it Pink Day
- 27th - National Cheese Toastie Day



Have a great month whatever you get up to.

Take care, Lizzie

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In accordance with the
Local Government Act 1972 section 137,
Great Bromley Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each
year which can be applied for by **local organisations** for projects
which will be of benefit to residents within the
Parish of Great Bromley.

Applications to be considered in November 2023
must be with the Parish Clerk by

31st October 2024

Only application forms received by this date will be considered by
the Parish Council.

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

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- give something back to your community?
- help shape change for the benefit of your local area?

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For more details, email clerk@gbpc.org.uk

**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 7pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.**

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

I'm writing this after our September meeting which was a week earlier than usual due to holidays.

You should have noticed the phone box at the car park now, if not here's a photo of it. A bit bare at the moment but we are looking at getting a bookcase or two to get this project up and running soon.

We are still looking at updating the bus stop(s) in the village. We would welcome any opinions or suggestions regarding this, please contact the parish council or speak to one of us with your thoughts. Ideas so far include a hardstanding area up to a full blown shelter with seating.

At time of reading, there will have been two traffic surveys taking place in the village. The first, various cameras were spotted around the village. Upon further investigation, National Grid were found to be responsible for this, and then we were notified of a second survey on Bentley Road near the A120 which was in the form of the black tubing strips, and that was in conjunction with North Falls and Five Estuaries over a period of seven days.

The latest news is that they have lost their funding for going offshore which means it is likely that they will go ahead with the onshore route.

That's not great news but is by no means the end of the fight against their substation plans.

On the subject of traffic, lorries cutting through the village has come up again. Councillor Stock is keen to get ahead on this matter, so any instances of unwanted HGV traffic can still be reported to the parish council. A

conviction requires footage of the offending vehicle entering and exiting the weight limit without stopping, but we are keen to monitor this to access how big a problem it currently is so please report any suspected activity with ideally a registration number and company name for us to chase it up.

Thanks, Iain





GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Flu Vaccinations

Invitations have now been sent out to all patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination. If you still haven't booked your appointment for this, then please contact a member of the reception team on telephone number 01206 250691 who will be happy to do this for you.

RSV Vaccinations

All patients eligible for this new vaccine have been sent an invite for this. Again, if you have not booked your appointment but wish to do this, then please contact reception on the number above. If you are entitled to a flu jab as well as an RSV vaccination, then it is recommended that these are given 14 days apart and not on the same day.

Covid Boosters

As the Surgery will not be administering the Covid boosters this autumn, patients who are eligible can get further information regarding this by visiting NHS.uk.

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.

AskmyGP

We now have over 5,000 patients who have signed up and are using our digital platform, AskmyGP to make requests for things such as urgent and routine GP appointments, urgent minor illness appointments, sickness

certificates, medication requests and questions about their medication. As we move into the autumn/winter period, if you haven't signed up for this yet then please remember to do this by visiting 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.

Our reception staff have unfortunately been receiving a lot of abuse from patients about the implementation of AskmyGP. NHS England have made it a mandatory part of the GP Contract for us to do introduce this and our staff are doing their very best to assist patients with this. Please remember to treat them with respect and not take out your frustrations on them.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 16 October 2024 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, they can contact 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group will not be meeting in October.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

FREE ADVICE SESSIONS - DAWN SUPPORT

Earlier this year, I obtained funding for a warm hub, held at The Bromley Cross. It was a great success, residents received free homemade soup, tea and coffee. There was also the option to have a confidential benefit and energy check. We were able to increase income by over £220,000 for

to households in England and Wales with someone aged over state pension age receiving pension credit, universal credit, income support, income-based



jobseeker's allowance or income-related employment and support allowance. Remember that Pension Credit could be worth on average £3,900 per year.

For anyone who is over the income threshold

people, and complete Power of Attorney and Court Appointed Deputyship forms. We made referrals to social care and supported individuals to make applications for CHC (Continual Healthcare funding). We hope to have another warm hub again before the year is out.

I have been running monthly advice sessions at The Bromley Cross for over a year. These are held on the first Wednesday of every month between 10am and 12 pm. Due to the news about winter fuel payments, I will be providing an additional advice clinic at Great Bromley Village Hall the same first Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm. I am grateful to the Trustees of the Village Hall who have agreed on a six-month trial.

Regarding winter fuel payments, they will be awarded from winter 2024/2025

for Pension Credit, several funding bodies can help, such as "The Cold Weather Initiative" for people who rely on oil for heating. To be eligible you simply need to have one or more residents at your address aged 75 or over. Please speak to your oil supplier to check they are registered with the "UKIFDA cold weather priority scheme." Household Support Fund extension is for pensioners and others struggling to heat their homes or afford other essential items over the colder months. You need to contact your local council to see what support may be available to them. Details on the latest scheme for local authorities and councils will be communicated in the coming weeks.

If you would like a Pension Credit check, visit either the Bromley Cross or the Village Hall. Please be aware that there are stairs to see me at the Cross.

We also launched the Autism Education Leavers' Passport, which works alongside the Autism Passport. You can pick them up from The Bromley Cross or download from our website www.dawnsupport.co.uk Both passports have been created with the Suffolk Law Centre and the Autistic community

The advice service is free and confidential you can email me at annie@dawnsupport.co.uk

Annie Sands
Founder – Disability Advice & Welfare Network



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 INSPIRING WOMEN

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our September speaker was Professor Anthony Vickers who talked about how new medicines are discovered and developed. We were fascinated by the complex ins and outs of modern drug research, and stunned by the extraordinary investments required.



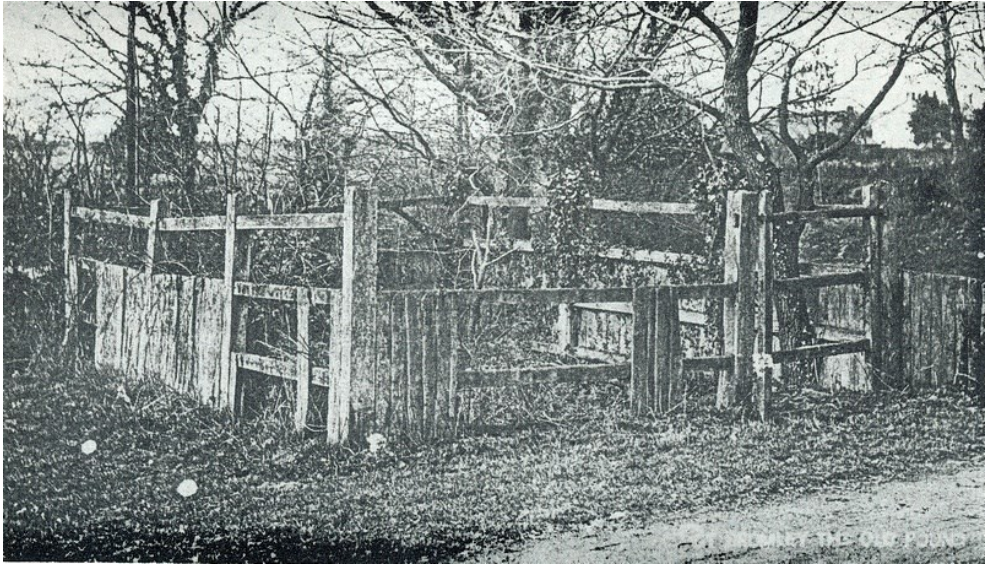
Next month Wed Oct 2nd is our open evening. We will have a social night, with snooker, darts and various craft activities. Ladies - if you are new to the area, why not come along and meet us? There is a wealth of wisdom, local

knowledge and skills from gardening and dressmaking to IT and flower arranging.

Forthcoming events:

- Wed Oct 2nd. 7:30pm VH OPEN EVENING. Women visitors welcome!
- Wed Oct 9th 2-4pm Knit and Knatter, Cheshire Home
- Thurs 17th Noon. Ladies lunch
- Tues 22nd 10-12:30. VH. Coffee and Crafting Social. Come along and learn some new skills or just socialise
- Wed Nov 6th 7:30pm VH. 'Ways with Wrapping'. Dorothy O'Grady will share ideas for creative, eco-friendly fun with gift wrapping
- Wed 13th 2-4pm Knit and Knatter Cheshire Home
- Thurs 21st Noon Ladies lunch
- Tues 26th 10-13:30 VH Coffee and Crafting Social

"THE POUND"



This picture is of "The Pound", which was situated just south of the brook at the bottom of Parson's Hill.

This fenced compound with three pens and lockable gates was used to house rounded up stray animals, and the owner would have to pay a retrieval fee to the local Police Constable.

The story goes that some local lads, who did not like one of the grumpy farmers, would rustle his stock every so often and remove one to a pen overnight, so the man had to pay to get his animal back. His humour did not improve!

***From the collection of
Hugh Frostick***

Friends of Little Bromley Church

Candlelit Reception with Music

Saturday 19th October 6pm - 7.30pm



**Admission only
by advance ticket (free)**



**Donations in aid of
the Little Bromley Bells Appeal**

**For tickets, contact:
Gavin 07903 405897 or Carol 01206 395103**



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



Following a lively and interesting meeting in September, there are three things that I would like to bring to your attention.

The first is that the date for the annual Great Bromley Litter Pick has been agreed as Saturday 2nd November. All volunteers from the Parish will be more than welcome and the plan is to assemble at either The Cross Inn at 10am, or at the Village Hall at 10.15am. If you have a high vis jacket, please bring it along - all other materials will be supplied.

The second thing is that at every meeting of the Parish Council, a time slot is set aside for Public Participation. It would be great to see some parishioners and to hear any ideas or issues that you might have. It will also

be a good opportunity to meet the Councillors who represent you.

The third item which was raised was the possibility of re-establishing the Great Bromley Village Fete for summer 2025.

I would be very interested to hear your thoughts on this matter, in particular what do you think should be included?

- Would anyone like to get involved with the organisation of the event? - Should any proceeds raised be donated to a charity or used to improve the Parish facilities, or a mixture of both?

Please feel free to email me at ianmurch@msn.com or text me on 07824524299.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ian Murch

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**

PLANNING DETERMINATION

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>24/00891/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr Mike Corduff	Householder Planning Application – single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing extensions.	Bosco House Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Approval – Full 15.08.2024 Delegated Decision

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>24/01301/</u> <u>WTPO</u>	Works related to Tree Preservation Order (13/00014/TPO) - Required pollard cut back and tree reduction to required enforcement notice height along length of Springhill Close. Associated cut back to ensure tree stability and balance. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Street Record Springhill Close Great Bromley
<u>24/01293/</u> <u>OHL</u>	Overhead Lines Application - erect new single wooden electricity pole within an existing overhead line to re-supply two residential properties. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Hobbles End Ardleigh Road Great Bromley
<u>24/01235/</u> <u>OUT</u>	Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 48 dwellings with associated infrastructure, open space, parking, drainage and landscaping. Great Bromley Parish Council was in support of the proposed development however Members were greatly concerned that no crossing was included in the scheme therefore putting the safety of all proposed residents, and others, at risk when accessing local amenities and public transport.	Paddocks Land North of Harwich Road Great Bromley
<u>24/01323/</u> <u>NMA</u>	Non Material Amendment to 20/00547/OUT - To change the description of development and amend the wording of planning condition 15. FOR INFORMATION ONLY Members asked the Clerk to invite the developer to the next meeting to provide an update on the site.	Hamilton Lodge Parsons Hill Great Bromley

We were very fortunate this month as Lorraine's daughter, Sophie, kindly bought in Marion's lovely highland pony for the residents to meet. Fiona, or Fi as she is called, had an amazing temperament and was very good throughout the meeting. Everybody thought she was beautiful, and asked if we could keep her regardless of how Sophie and Marion felt. It took Lorraine some time to convince everybody that no amount of money would make Marion part with Fi, and I should know, because I tried!

Just a few interesting facts about Fi's breed, history and Background. According to records, the Highland is one of the oldest horse breeds in existence, in fact, the ponies date back as far as the Ice Age. According to experts, there were originally two types of the Highland breed: the Scottish Mainland and Western Island.

The Highland Pony is one of the largest of the mountain and moorland pony breeds of the British Isles. Its pedigree dates to the 1880's. It was once a workhorse in the Scottish mainland and islands, but today is used for driving, trekking and general riding. They are hardy and tough, they rarely require shoeing, and are economical to keep.

Halloween and Guy Fawkes night are fast approaching as I'm sure you're all aware, and this year is no different to any other, we're still trying to figure out what we're going to do. If we're able to make an event out of it, we'll do our best to let everybody know.

As I said in the last issue of the

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Messenger, I was hoping to get access to a tractor, which would have made one resident here extremely happy. Unfortunately, I haven't had any luck yet. I'm still hoping somebody can help us with this appeal and make somebody's year.

Good health to you all until the next
time,
Lee



Dates for your diary



OCTOBER

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

10	Remembrance Sunday	
	Great Bromley War Memorial	10:50am
	Little Bromley War Memorial	10:50am
11	Armistice Day	11:00am
13	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
21	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

DECEMBER

11	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
25	Christmas Day	
26	Boxing Day	

QUIZ NIGHT

@ GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

- 7.00 for 7.30pm start
- Bring your own food and drink
- Maximum of 6 people per team
- £6.00 per person
- Contact Tracey to reserve your table on 01206 251434

This is a fund-raising event for
Great Bromley Cricket Club

GREAT BENTLEY BELL RINGERS

BARN DANCE & HARVEST SUPPER

with **Spring Heel Jacks Barn Dance Band**

Ploughman's Provided

Saturday 5th October 2024 at 7PM

Please advise us of any special dietary requirements

All proceeds to the bells restoration project

- ADMIRAL'S FARM BARN
- ADULTS £15, CHILD UNDER 14 £10
FAMILY £40 (2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN)
- TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY FROM:
lyncareysmith@gmail.com or
07719719241

Bring your own drinks

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

- 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.

ARDLEIGH & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society meets on the second Thursday of the even numbered months, with the exception of August when the Show is held, so October, December, February, April and June. All events are at Ardleigh Village Hall. Our evening meetings start at 7:45pm, there is a raffle, a plant stall (at most meetings) and the talk is followed by

refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Our first meeting of the season is on Thursday 10th October. It will start with our very short Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by a talk by Sarah Scannell about "Medical Detection Dogs"

The programme for the forthcoming season of talks is:

Thursday 10th October 2024 - A.G.M. followed by a talk by Sarah Scannell "Medical Detection Dogs"

Thursday 12th December 2024 - Talk by Christopher Hamblin "Arctic Dreams"

Thursday 13th February 2025 - Talk by Roger Hance "Nature Through the Seasons - Part 2 – Autumn & Winter"

Thursday 10th April 2025 - Talk by Jo Hull "Growing Flowers from Seed for Cutting"

Saturday 17th May 2025 – Plant & Cake Sale 9:30am-11:30am

Thursday 12th June 2025 - Talk by Maggie Piper "The Plant Hunters: The Adventurers who brought us garden colour"

Saturday 16th August 2025 – Annual Flower & Produce Show

SPEEDWATCH TEAM

The Community Speed Watch team, all local volunteers from our village, have been supporting Essex Police during their Anti Social Behaviour action week in August. Pictured below are the team with PCSO Sue Groves undertaking speed checks on Harwich Road. 100 vehicles had their speeds recorded and this data will be used for statistical analysis. Those recorded exceeding the limit would have been contacted directly by Essex Police. If you would like to volunteer and join the Gt

Bromley CSW team please email clerk@gbpc.org.uk. Full training is given free for all new recruits.



ACORN VILLAGE

The Walled Garden Café opens its doors to weekend visitors in a move to boost income and raise awareness for the Charity

Acorn Village, a charity that supports adults with learning disabilities, in Clacton Road, Mistley, CO11 2NJ, has had lots of feedback from customers who have visited The Walled Garden Café, on its 14-acre site.

Although the Café was open Monday to Friday 10am-4pm visitors have said they would like the chance to come at the weekends.

People can also visit on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-3pm to enjoy a new special weekend brunch menu and a range of delicious homemade cakes.

The brunch menu includes bacon rolls, hot breakfasts, pancakes, teacakes, sandwiches, salads and homemade

sausage rolls and cakes. There are vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options.

The income from the café goes towards supporting adults with learning disabilities, both those that live at Acorn and those that live in the wider community and attend Day Services and Therapeutic Centre to attend a wide range of activities and workshops.

The Café is the perfect place for family and friends to meet up, for community groups to have meetings and socialise and the midway or destination point for walking and cycling as it is surrounded by picturesque countryside and near the River Stour.

There is plenty of parking and seating both inside and outside in the beautiful walled garden.. Booking advisable through 01206 918982, visit the Café's Facebook page for more information.



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, international dining, science group, languages, keep fit, pickleball, overseas travel there's something for everyone.

Membership costs only £15 a year.

Monthly coffee mornings are held on the first Friday of the month 10am – 12pm at the Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt. Come along,

meet some members, hear more about us and decide whether you'd like to join.

Monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4. Our speaker on 9th October is Roger Hance "Nature through the Seasons – Spring /Summer " and on 13th November we have Edward Vipond " Life as a Suffolk Farmer – food producer or conservationist?". In December we have a Christmas lunch instead of a lecture.

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



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area



October 13th

The Deanery choir will be

singing at **St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ** at the 11.00am communion service. They will be singing the anthem 'Prevent us, O Lord' by William Byrd, which was sung at the Coronation of H.M. King Charles 3rd.

William Byrd (born 1539/40) London, England - died July 4, 1623, was an English organist and composer of the Shakespearean age who is best known for his development of the English madrigal. He also wrote virginal and organ music that elevated the English keyboard style. Of Byrd's origins and early life in London little is known. He was a pupil and protégé of the organist and composer Thomas Tallis, and his first

authenticated appointment was as organist at Lincoln Cathedral (1563). In 1572 he returned to London to take up

his post as a gentleman of the Chapel Royal, where he shared the duties of organist with Tallis.

October 27th

The Deanery choir will be supporting the 'Choral Evensong' service at 3.00pm at **All Saints Church Wrabness. CO11 2TQ**. The choir will sing an anthem by **William Byrd** and the **William Smith** evensong setting along with a Magnificat and Nunc Dimities by **C.V.Stanford**.

William Smith (c.1603-1645) an English composer from the city of Durham. He is chiefly known for his set of choral preces and responses for the Anglican liturgy of Evening Prayer.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season finished over the weekend of 14th and 15th September with home games on both days. Unfortunately, neither the Saturday or Sunday teams were able to find a winning formula to end the season as they had started with a win.

The Saturday side missed out on a third successive promotion in a row finishing 4th but have certainly proved that they are more than capable of aiming high again next year. A good 1st season in Division 3 with plenty of positives to carry forward. Over the next couple of weeks as they prepare for the Annual award night, I am sure the statistics will come through.

The Sunday development side will also take positives from the season, especially in the number of colts that have played and progressed into the adult game.

The colts awards night was held on 5th September with Raff Lazarus winning the "Sol Budinger Colt of the Year award." Raff has recently been stepping up to play in the Sunday development side, has played in some of the T20 games on a Wednesday night along with playing at U13 and U14 colt cricket. We certainly hope that he will continue with his love of cricket as he will surely be a big asset to the club as he continues to develop.

Congratulations also go to Ted Earley

(U11) Reuben Esposito (U13) and Alfie Westall (U14) who won player of the year awards in their respective age groups. Our all star cricketers of the year were Noah Barrett and Edward Hill and Dynamos Cricketers of the year were Toby Pembroke and Violet Long. It was certainly a good year for all the young players who have improved greatly under some very good coaching. Our thanks to all those who volunteered throughout the season to coach, run the bar or work the BBQ every week. The club would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and guardians who have supported their children and the club over the last few months and have made the Friday nights a special and enjoyable Club night. We look forward to it all again next season.

The Club will hold its Annual Quiz night on 23 November at the Village Hall (see the advert within the magazine). We hope that we will again see plenty of village support for what is always a good night of fun and brain exercise. Please book your table early as we are limited to how many teams we can have. Last year we had to sadly turn a couple of teams away as we were fully booked. Please ring 01206 251434 to book your table of six.

Tracey



GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club meets on the third Thursday each month at the Cross Inn pub from 2pm until 4pm. We have a variety of interesting speakers, after which delicious refreshments are served by

the ladies at the pub. We would be very pleased to Welcome anyone who would like to join us for the afternoon.

Our competition for October is a sprig of autumn leaves.

CHURCH JOTTINGS

It was so very exciting to be decorating at St G's for our wonderful Celebration of Harvest 2024.

Our service was on Sunday 15th September at 6.30pm, the Church looked magnificent, our faithful very talented band of Flower Arrangers produced some magnificent displays with much of the materials sourced from their own gardens, sunflowers, gladioli, dahlias and lots more. Thank you so much to all of you!

All the fresh produce displayed was donated to the kitchen staff at Seven Rivers for their use this year.

We also supported one of our local charities "The Manningtree Food Bank" with a bucket collection for all donations to this worthy cause.

St Georges Choir led us in the service, one of our hymns was a particular favourite of mine, "We Plough the Fields and Scatter." (I have memories of the Burnt Heath Silver Band playing this at the Harvest Services.)

Our Harvest Celebrations continued after the service with wine and tasty nibbles very kindly donated by members of our congregation, thank you!

We welcomed St Georges School on Friday September 20th to join us in sharing some uplifting Harvest songs, poems and

prayers.

For the rest of 2024 The Church Diary is beginning to become very busy, please look for poster information in the Messenger, on our website and sign up for our monthly newsletter.

We already have two dates to add to your diary. December 7th "Christmas Coffee Morning" at 10am – 12 midday and a concert by the Deanery Choir on December 14th.

Our new village group "Black Cactus Choir" practises every Thursday at 8pm in our Church and we are hoping to soon announce their Christmas Concert (watch this space).

St Georges is your village Church, it is open every day, and you are always welcome to pop in at any time, to admire the beautiful architecture or enjoy the peaceful calm in our Grade 1 listed building.

Thank you to all of you,
Jenny





VOLUNTEERING WITH LIBRARIES

Volunteering feels good! Volunteering with us isn't just about the tasks you'll do - it's about the impact you'll have. When you volunteer at your local library, you're not just giving your time - you're being a part of your community.



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Libraries

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- ⇒ Library Work Club Volunteer
- ⇒ Computer Support Volunteer
- ⇒ Code Club Volunteer
- ⇒ Customer Services Volunteer
- ⇒ Baby and Toddler Rhymetime Volunteer
- ⇒ Library Family and Local History Support Volunteer
- ⇒ Library Activity Supporter Volunteer
- ⇒ Memory Café Support Volunteer
- ⇒ Health & Digital Literacy Champion
- ⇒ Everyone's Literacy Volunteer



- **Support for Volunteers:** You'll receive a welcome pack and appropriate training to help you feel confident in your role.
- **Expenses Covered:** We'll reimburse you for any travel costs, so you can focus on giving back without worrying about expenses.
- **The next step:** Contact your local library for more information or email libraryvolunteer@essex.gov.uk

LIGHT A CANDLE - REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

There will be a short Service of Commemoration for families and friends on Sunday November 3rd at 3pm at St George's Church. This is the Sunday following All Souls Day when we remember the people we love who have died.

Please come to light a candle for the people you wish to remember. You are

welcome to stay for a cup of tea after the service.

There will be a list in church from 13th October onwards for you to add the names of those to be remembered. Or if you would like us to add the names please let us know by emailing church@greatbromley.org.uk or ring Jenny on 01206 230688.

RECONNECT WITH BOARD GAMES & CLUBS

Our libraries are the perfect place to spark imagination, challenge minds, and help children to make new friends.

We're thrilled to also offer a variety of engaging clubs designed just for kids every month, including Code Club, Scrabble, LEGO, and Chess. What do the clubs offer?

- **Educational Fun:** Each club offers a unique blend of learning and play.
- **Skill Development:** Kids will enhance their critical thinking, creativity, and social skills.
- **Safe Environment:** Our library provides a safe and supportive space for children to explore their interests.
- **Friendship:** These clubs are a great way for kids to meet peers with similar interests.

Our children's clubs are a fantastic way to keep your kids engaged, learning, and having fun after school or on weekends and in house clubs are free. We're excited to see them grow, learn, and make lasting memories at the library!



Harwich Library is set to undergo significant changes, to revamp the library and enhance local opportunities for the residents

From 26 September until early summer 2025 the library is relocating to

**Harwich Arts & Heritage Centre
annexed onto the Mayflower School
Main Road, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 4AJ**

During this relocation, the library will continue to serve the community, offering access to books, resources, and learning materials.

A reminder that Colchester Library is closed to allow for the exciting new refurbishment to take place.

We have extended the hours of Greenstead, Prettygate and Wivenhoe, including Sunday opening for Prettygate.

ST MARKS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

Living in a hyperfast world

In our community, as in many others, a broadband company is digging up pavements to install fibreoptic cable. A sign says "Your community will soon be hyperfast". Really? Being "connected" 24 hours a day can become an addiction. Online games and social media are depriving us of essential face to face social interaction – and didn't we all miss that during lockdown? It's sad to see many young people living their lives through the lens of their smartphones. It's good to take regular breaks from news and social media and slow down. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus says "Come to me all you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest." And don't we all need that in this hyperfast world?

Weekday and Sunday Masses and devotions

The parish website and church noticeboards show details of weekday masses, in case of changes: stmarksparish.org.uk

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 Eucharistic Adoration at 9.20.

Wednesday 09.30 St. Mark's

Friday 12.15 St. Mark's mass with Eucharistic Adoration from 11.40.

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

Bring & Buy Coffee Mornings at Viv Sztasi's home, Paddock Gate, Whitehorse Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TR will take place on October 31st and November 28th 10.30 to 12. All 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 can be contacted on 01473 684963. If you or a family member is in hospital you can also contact the Catholic Lay Chaplain to Ipswich hospital: hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk

St. Mark's, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ

Holy Family Church, Ipswich Road, Brantham CO11 1TB

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Luke Goymour
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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

With the summer becoming a distant memory and the leaves beginning to turn, it is traditionally the time of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in Church. The cereal crops are gathered and stored safely by now, but the farming work carries on tilling the fields and sowing winter crops, repairing boundaries, servicing farm equipment and no doubt many other things those outside of the farming community know nothing about. Life is always busy – but it should never be too busy to say thank you and show appreciation.

Just as Harvest Thanksgiving Services are planned as part of the pattern of agricultural services throughout the year, (Plough Sunday, Rogation and Lammas) planning to say thank you is a good thing. I remember being taught the discipline of writing 'thank you' notes as a child after Christmas and birthdays, but whether by text or a phone call or in person, receiving a thank you is always welcomed.

Saying 'Thank You' for special gifts or nice surprises perhaps comes naturally. It takes more discipline to say thank you for the good things we regularly take for

granted. Saying a prayer of grace at mealtimes is one way of doing this. Another way is to have a moment of quiet and reflection towards the end of the day looking back at what has happened. It is surprising how many things there are to be thankful for that may have gone unnoticed.

The Apostle Paul was always giving thanks, especially for the people he had met on his journeys around Asia Minor – nowadays the Eastern Mediterranean. Read the first few verses of his letters to the Ephesians and Colossians in the New Testament. He recognised the good in others and their work to help others and make things better (1 Colossians; 3,4). I wonder if we could begin to notice the positives in our relationships and interactions more, and importantly, show and speak our thankfulness and appreciation. How would that change our lives and society for the better.

I thank God for my friends and family and for all the good things in my life. I hope I don't take these for granted. How about you?

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Revd John Saxon

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BENTLEY

Prayer Breakfasts are resuming from Saturday 12th October at 8.30am.

We would invite anyone from our nine Parishes and beyond to join us on the second Saturday of every month

Rev John Saxon will be leading us. We start with hot croissants and bacon, and fresh fruit, coffee and tea at 8.30am in the Church Hall.

We then have a short period of informal prayer and fellowship. We usually finish by 9.15/9.30pm.

If you would like to come along and join us, can you call Wendy Dyson and let her know at least a couple of days in advance so she can purchase additional croissants and bacon.

Tel 01206 250622. All are welcome.



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

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
November 3 rd	All Saints	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
	All Souls	Light a Candle	3pm
November 10 th	Act of Remembrance Great Bromley, and short service in church		10.50am
	Act of Remembrance Little Bromley		10.50am
November 17 th	Trinity 25	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
November 24 th	Christ the King	Parish Eucharist	11am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

October 6th Morning Prayer 11am
 October 20th Holy Communion 11am
 November 3rd Morning Prayer 11am
 November 17th Holy Communion 11am

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