

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley
October 2025



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

I hope your September went well, particularly if you or someone in your family started something new. Imogen went off to college and has settled well. Students spend a whole day on each subject which seems like a good idea to me. Time to really focus in on the topic. She seems to have grown since GCSEs and is now taller than me. Just Dad to beat now.

The weather has been wet and windy of late but today, as I write, it's bright sunshine and 25C. The grass over the summer was rather patchy and brown in parts but has recovered well with so much rain, and is back to a vibrant green. Five loads of washing done today too, washed, dried and folded. Not yet ironed!

In this month's magazine, a beautiful tribute on pages 7-8 following the sad passing of Beryl Hurst. Also, pictures of an afternoon tea at St George's on pages 27 and 29. Fabulous work from the A Team, well done.

It's now well under 100 days until the festive season begins, although some shops have already started. The girls have asked if we can have the tree up earlier this year but were answered with a resounding 'no'! I will relent with

some ornaments but that's it until the week before the day.

Awareness days in October include:

- 1st - World Vegetarian Day
- 5th - World Teachers' Day
- 9th - World Post Day
- 21st - UK Apple Day
- 24th - Wear It Pink Day

Preparation for the harvest is well underway. I've discovered some miniature pumpkins growing in my compost, from seeds last year. I didn't even try!

**Take care,
Lizzie**

*A big thank you to all our authors and contributors, our Treasurer, delivery team, and advertisers. If anyone wants to have a go at writing an article or a short story, please send it in - don't be shy. Any interesting or unusual hobbies, recipes to share or short stories, it's all welcome. As long as it follows the guidelines below, you really can't go wrong. Our village is a tapestry of rich history, diverse talents, and unwavering warmth. Each contribution to this magazine is a thread that strengthens the fabric of our community.

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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 2025
must be with the Parish Clerk by

31st October 2025

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**

**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.**

**ADVANCE NOTICE: The January 2026 meeting will
take place on Wednesday 7th.**

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



We've seen the recent comments and about the Longmead planning application. Thank you to everyone who's taken the time to voice their views—your input matters deeply.

As your Parish Council, we want to remind residents that the official place to submit comments is via the District Council's planning portal. This ensures your views are formally recorded and considered as part of the decision-making process.

When this application appears on our meeting agenda, we warmly encourage you to attend. It's a chance to hear updates, ask questions, and share your thoughts directly. We'll post details in advance so everyone has time to prepare.

Please remember: your councillors are residents too. We live here, raise families here, and care about the future of our community just as much as you do. We're committed to representing local voices fairly and transparently.

At this stage, we don't have any further information beyond what was shared in the public consultation. If and when new details emerge, we'll share them promptly.

Let's keep the conversation respectful and focused on what's best for our parish. Thank you for staying engaged.

Many thanks

***Ian Murch
Chairman***

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>25/01183/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr N Miller	Householder Planning Application - Two storey front and rear extensions. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Brundells Farm Brundells Road Great Bromley CO7 7JP
<u>25/01018/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr Scott Mulcahy	Householder Planning Application - Side, rear and first floor extension to existing garage including one bedroom annex with balcony, roof lights and dormer windows. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment.	Bay Trees, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley CO7 7JP

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>25/00798/</u> <u>FUL</u> Brazier	Planning Application - Erection of three dwellings (in lieu of Prior Approval for three self-build dwellings approved under 25/00156/ COUNOT).	Bush Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Refusal - Full 18.08.2025 Delegated Decision
<u>25/00928/</u> <u>COUNOT</u> Rolt	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for conversion of two agricultural buildings into two dwellings.	Roline Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL	Determination prior approval not reqred 14.08.2025 Delegated Decision

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It is with great sadness that our Club Secretary, Mrs Beryl Hurst passed away peacefully on 12 August 2025, after a short illness. Thank you to all that attended Beryl's funeral on 2nd September 2025. It was a great comfort to the family.

Unfortunately, due to the Cross Inn not being available on 18th September, there will be no Friendship Club meeting but we will meet as normal on

Thursday 16th October.

The October competition will be an autumn leaf.

New members are always welcome, just come along on the 3rd Thursday of each month to the Cross Inn between 2pm-4pm.

Many thanks
Jane Hurst

BERYL DORIS HURST

25 NOVEMBER 1931-12 AUGUST 2025

Beryl was born to Charles and May Keeble at Evelyn Villa, Briar Road, Burnt Heath. She attended Ardleigh School, which involved a daily walk carrying her school bag and gas mask during the war years. Beryl recalled a German parachute land mine dropping in a field by Carringtons Road, which blew in the windows and brought down the ceiling of their house.

After her school days, Beryl worked in the Accounts and Cashiers Office for Joslins in Colchester High Street, which she really enjoyed.

In 1951 Beryl married local lad Geoffrey Hurst and they started married life at "Arethusa", Ardleigh Road, just a stone's throw from where she grew up. Beryl left Joslins in 1953 when Glenda was born; Paul's arrival followed in 1960.

Latterly, Beryl and Geoff cared for both their mothers who had conveniently moved into the cottages either side of them in their twilight years. On the passing of Geoff's mother, Beryl and Geoff moved next door into "The Sorrells", which meant the three houses of her life were no more than half a mile apart ... and *never* more than a short walk from the Cross Inn, where she enjoyed a tonic topped up with lemonade (and no ice, thank you!)

When the Cross Inn became a community pub, Beryl was very proud to be invited to cut the ribbon at the reopening ceremony. She very much enjoyed being taken by Glenda to the Wednesday Coffee Mornings there.

Throughout her life, Beryl was involved in all things Great Bromley. She was proud of being one of the founder members of the Women's Institute. She served on their committee in various roles over the years, and was also on the Village Hall committee for 30 years.

Beryl was a member and treasurer at Burnt Heath Methodist Chapel until it was sold. She then became a member and steward at Trinity New Chapel in Elmstead Market, which also sadly closed several years ago. She had strong connections with St George's Church and supported it when she could.

Beryl ran the Friendship club for many years, and she was still thinking of possible speakers for the October meeting while she was in hospital! She was so proud to have been nominated for, and to be awarded a Pride of Tendring award in 2018 for all her work in the village.



Beryl loved her family dearly and was always interested in what her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were doing, and was affectionately known as Nana B. She so enjoyed their visits and was a great hostess, rustling up a meal out of nothing.

She was blessed with having wonderful neighbours and friends her whole life, and particularly in later years when she was less mobile.

Beryl Hurst was Great Bromley through and through, and with her passing it truly feels like the end of an era.



HGF - from the family Eulogy

The Hurst family would like to thank everyone for their condolences and cards following the death of Beryl, after a short illness.

It has been a great comfort to us all and we were overwhelmed by so many attending her funeral at St George's Church, on 2 September 2025. It was a wonderful tribute to Beryl, who had contributed so much to the community of Great Bromley.

***Thank you again
Paul & Jane Hurst,
Peter & Glenda Grogan***



Little Bentley Coffee & Cake

1st Wednesday in month,
Church Hall, Little Bentley
10 - 12 Noon



Great and Little Bromley villagers
are very welcome

The Deanery Choir will be singing at **St George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS** at the 11am Communion service. The choir will sing 'Ave Verum' by Saint Saens.



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area

Charles - Camille Saint-Saëns was a French composer, organist, conductor and pianist of the Romantic era. Saint-Saëns was a musical prodigy; he made his concert debut at the age of ten. After studying at the Paris Conservatoire he followed a conventional career as a church organist, first at Saint-Merri, Paris and, from 1858, La Madeleine, the official church of the French Empire. After leaving the post twenty years later, he was a successful freelance pianist and composer, in demand in Europe and the Americas. As a young man, Saint-Saëns was enthusiastic for the most modern music of the day, particularly that of Schumann, Liszt and Wagner, although his own compositions were

generally within a conventional classical tradition. He was a scholar of musical history, and remained committed to the structures worked out by earlier French composers. This brought him into conflict in his later years with composers of the impressionist and expressionist schools of music; although there were neoclassical elements in his music, foreshadowing works by Stravinsky and Les Six, he was often regarded as a reactionary in the decades around the time of his death.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir
grahambell493@gmail.com

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Not much happening at the moment, the weather has taken a turn for the worse recently, not that the gardeners will mind I'm sure! It's just a shame it can't decide what it wants to do.

It is fairly quiet on the substation front, the FE and NF Design Guide event took place on 2nd September and they are requesting feedback. You can do this on line or via a feedback form, but don't leave it too long.

You may have noticed the archaeological digs have started recently to the South of the village, I wonder if they will find anything significant that could stop the proposed infrastructure?!

We are still open to suggestions for

possible projects hopefully financed by any of the infrastructure companies, and also for possible traffic calming measures as this has recently been suggested to us by a concerned resident with regards to vehicles speeding through the village.

Lastly, if you didn't make it to our September meet on the 25th, or have never attended a meeting, please feel free to come to our next meeting on Thursday 20th November at the Haywain pub, starting at 730pm.

We can sometimes be found at the bar afterwards! I hope to see you there.

Thanks, Iain
Councillor Smith

Hello Great Bromley,

It's all been a bit topsy turvy for the past couple of months, the building has been undergoing refurbishment and quite a lot has changed, although at first glance you can't really tell, as a lot of it is updating the guts of the building. I can now say that 90% of the job is complete, but a building such as ours with so much history behind it, will always be an ongoing project. One area that now looks outstanding is the new nurse's station; this has made a big difference for our lovely team of nurses.

A couple of our residents also expressed an interest in trying something a little different, so we thought why not; and managed to book an accessible speed boat ride. This photo shows the actual boat we'll be on; it has a ramp to the front for wheelchair access, and dare I say, it looks exciting. This is one trip they are looking forward to, I'll let you know how

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

of those trips I would have loved to have gone on but unfortunately, I won't be around for it. Despite being a London boy, I've never been on the big Eye, and is something I always promise myself that I will do; but never get round to it.

Finally, I need to mention that my nemesis evil Dave has returned, with that smug look on his face (soon to be wiped off) and is once more making my life hell. A question, does anybody know of any method that will rid me of this coward who refuses to face me in a duel to the death? I'm pretty sure he has risen among the ranks to the level of emperor, and it wouldn't surprise me if you've seen a few of his foot soldiers on reconnaissance missions, preparing for the big invasion. You have all been warned, It's the least I could do for the



community. One for all, and all for one, echoes in my ears every time he flies by, I can't take it any longer, **HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

it all went in the next issue.

It doesn't end there, we've also managed to arrange a day out to London for another, this will include a ride on the London Eye, and a river cruise with lunch on-board. This is one

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



GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Dementia Support Event

Tendring Primary Care Network in collaboration with Great Bentley Surgery have arranged a Dementia Support Morning. This event will be held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at The Methodist Hall, Forge Lane, Great Bentley from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Patients and their family or friends are welcome to come along to this event to find out what support is available for patients living with dementia.

Appointments are now on the system for the flu jabs and invites have been sent out to those who are eligible for this by text message, with a link to book an appointment.



Text Invites for Vaccinations

If you receive an invite by text message to book an appointment for a vaccination at the Surgery, it would be very helpful if you could use the link attached to the message to book this.

It is very quick and easy to do this and means that you will save time by not having to phone the Surgery and hold on to speak to a receptionist. For patients that are not able to book by

using the link, they can of course still contact the Surgery to book this.

Medication Reviews

We now have over 7,000 patients on repeat medication who require at least an annual review of their medication. Although we understand that it would be nice to speak to a doctor for this, we do need to ensure that our GP appointments are used for patients that either need to be seen, or need to speak to a doctor about a medical condition. We have a very qualified prescribing Clinical Pharmacist, Chidera who will be carrying out medication reviews for our patients at Great Bentley Surgery.

Autumn Covid Booster

The autumn Covid booster will not be administered by the Surgery. The criteria this year for the Covid booster is for anyone 75 years of age and older, patients living in a care home, or patients under the age of 75 years who are immuno-suppressed.

Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group will not be meeting in October.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

GREAT BROMLEY BOOK CLUB

Are you a lover of books and live in Great Bromley or the surrounding area? Would you like to join our small, friendly book club?

We meet at The Great Bromley Cross Pub, Great Bromley on a Tuesday evening every six weeks. It's a casual meet up for a chat, to share books, make friends and have a drink or two. If you would like any more information please contact Sarah on 07742 105972.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Our Diwali celebration is nearly here! Join us for an evening of light, laughter, and community spirit at Great Bromley Village Hall. Expect delicious food, vibrant music, and joyful traditions that bring people together across cultures.

This inclusive event has been carefully planned to ensure accessibility and comfort for all. If you haven't booked yet, act fast, only a few tickets remain and they're going quickly!

Winter Heating & Benefit Support, What You Need to Know

As temperatures drop, here are key updates to help residents stay warm and supported this winter:

- **Winter Fuel Payment (2025–26):**

If you were born before 22 September 1959, you may be eligible for £100–£300 to help with heating costs. Most payments will be made automatically in November or December, based on your circumstances during the qualifying week (15–21 September).

- **Warm Home Discount:**

Households on Pension Credit or low incomes may receive £150 off their energy bill. This is applied directly by your energy supplier.

- **Cold Weather Payment:**

If temperatures drop to zero or

below for 7 consecutive days, eligible households receiving certain benefits may receive £25 per qualifying week.

- **Pension Credit Reminder:**

Thousands of eligible pensioners aren't claiming this support. It can unlock additional help, including heating discounts and council tax reductions. Use the Pension Credit calculator to check eligibility.

If you or someone you know is struggling with heating costs or unsure about benefits, please contact annie@dawnsupport.co.uk.



DIWALI EVENING

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
AT GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL
CO7 7JA
6–11pm



£.25 includes sumptuous indian food



Entertainment and music



Come dressed in your best Indian attire,
All proceeds to the village hall.
For tickets and tickets please contact:
Annie 07720468344
annie@dawnsupport.co.uk

Bring your own drink & don't forget glasses



Dates for your diary



OCTOBER

8	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
9	Ardleigh & Dis. Horticultural Society AGM	7:45pm
10	'The Tales our Mother Told!', Village Hall	7:30pm
14	Deadline for Messenger content	
16	Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross Inn	2:00pm
25	Diwali Evening, Village Hall	6:00pm
31	Deadline for S137 grants	

NOVEMBER

9	Remembrance Sunday	
12	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
20	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm
20	Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross Inn	2:00pm

DECEMBER

10	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
11	Ardleigh & Dis. Horticultural Society	7:45pm
19	Great Bromley Friendship Club, The Cross Inn	2:00pm

Clacton Choral Society

welcomes you to enjoy a special Christmas concert under the direction of Caryl Newham, with organist Duncan Archard. It will include excerpts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, part 1, with professional soloists.

A selection of carols will be sung, some new to the ear, and some with audience participation of course.

St. James' Church, Tower Road,
Clacton on Sea CO15 1LE

4pm Saturday 6th December
Seasonal refreshments

Tickets in advance at £12.50 from:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/clacton-choral-society

email: penny4david@btinternet.com

Tel: 07772 682604, and on the door.

SAVE THE DATE QUIZ NIGHT

at Great Bromley Village Hall
Saturday 15th 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**

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

- 2 Oct
- 23 Oct
- 13 Nov
- 4 Dec

9.45am to 10.15am



Post Office & Community Library
The Great Bromley Cross Pub



Wednesdays
10.00am - 12 noon



Did you know? Our local area has three Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG
- The Great Bromley Cross Pub, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL
- The Haywain, Bentley Road, CO11 2PL

Also at The Great Bromley Cross Pub 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.

MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

In September, we shared images taken as part of our Summer challenge to take four photographs using four different photographic techniques, we also had a field trip to Felixstowe taking sunset images, and a competition – close up/Macro.

October sessions are as follows;

- 9th October – Talk – Abstract and Minimalism Daniel Bridge
- 12th October - Field Trip - Alresford Creek
- 23rd October – Print competition – Open Mono
- 30th October – Talk – A photographic immersion in Havana – Roy Essery

Our club website has information about membership and activities together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. Our 2025/2026 programme should be on the website by the time you read this article. Our public Manningtree

Photographic Club Facebook page also features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image by Ian Parker was the winner of a recent Facebook Challenge.

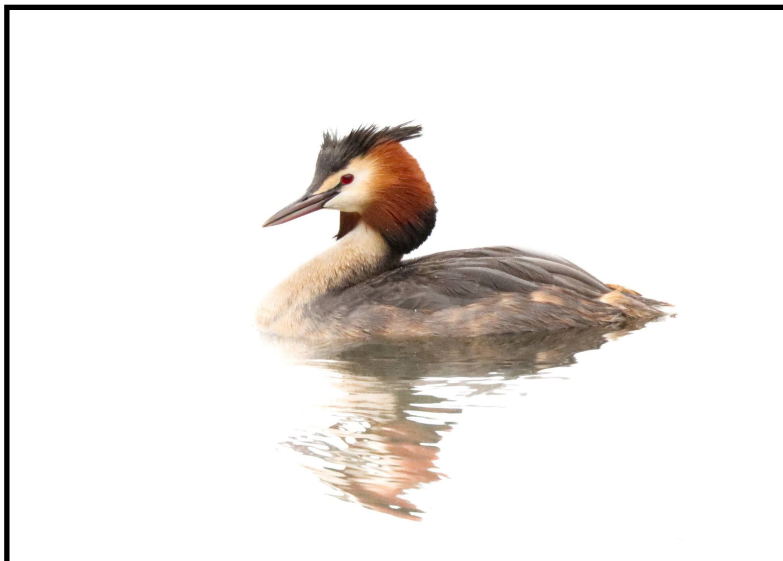
We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of photographic experience and knowledge.

The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their photographic skills through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals.

If you have an interest in photography, at whatever level, you would be most welcome at M&DPS. 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 or email: madps@post.com

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



STOUR VALLEY U3A

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. If we don't have a group you are interested in, you are welcome to start one up. 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, CO7 6TP. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4. On 8th October Garrison Commander Ed Rankin will talk about the Colchester Garrison and on 12th November, award winning photographer Roger Hance, will return to talk and show his "Landscapes through the British Isles".

Please take a look at our website <https://stourvalley.u3asite.uk/welcome/> for more information and contact details.

ADVANCE WARNING OF THE BROMLEY 10K

Although 13th April seems a long time ago, this was when we held the Bromley 10K Run. Over 500 runners took part and filled the roads of Little Bromley for over an hour. Everything went well and medals were awarded to all the finishers.

The first man to finish was Adam Hickey and the first lady to finish was Holly Archer. We would like to thank

all those who helped and marshalled at the race.

We are pleased to announce that the next **Bromley 10K run** will take place on **Sunday 12th April 2026**. Please look out for more details of entry, etc.

Carol Cordwell and the Harwich Runners

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Well, it has been a great summer of cricket for Great Bromley Cricket Club and an important one as we celebrated 100 years since records began. Covid ensured that we were unable to celebrate 100 years since cricket was first played in Great Bromley. The Club would like to personally thank Bill

Kempster, Lynda Allam, and John Taylor for providing records and details of all the previous Chairmen, Presidents and Club Captains and Adam Cuthbert for collating all the information so that we could display honour boards to recognise all those in the past and





ST. GEORGE'S (C OF E) SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Telephone: 01206 230305

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If you think you could spare approx. 6 hours a term to attend meetings with other like minded people to support the leadership team and ensure the schools strategic vision, then we would love to hear from you.

By joining our board, you'll develop new skills and have a direct impact on the success of our students.

Reach out to us on lssharp@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk if you're interested in applying or would like more information about the role.

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 two 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 2025.**

hopefully add to for the next 100 years too.

The weather has been amazing, and the warmth has encouraged more spectators, whether just for an hour to watch briefly cricket being played in the village or to spend a few hours, with a drink in hand and leaving the troubles of the world behind. Should you have been one of those people we are truly grateful. We hope you enjoyed what you saw and that you will come again.

The Friday night cricket for 5-11 year olds (all stars and dynamos) has been a great success. We welcomed back most of the children from last year and and new boys and girls this. We hope that they will return next season and that they continue their journey of a love for cricket with our Club for many years to come.

The Colt teams had plenty of cricket this year, no games cancelled due to weather or opposition teams failing to make up a side. Congratulations to the U11s who went a season undefeated. They received many compliments from opposing teams not only on their performances but their attitude too, they have been a great credit to themselves, parents and the Club.

Many of the U15s took the leap into the longer format of the game and played for the Sunday side in the 45 over format of the game.

The 14s had mixed fortunes in results but the progression in the standard of cricket was undeniable.

Finally our Congratulations to Freddie Hart for winning Great Bromley's Young Colt Player of the year award at the first of two awards nights on 5th September.

The men's XI still have a couple of matches to play but win them and it

could lead to a potential promotion for the Saturday side. More to come next time.

The ladies Softball has now had its second full season. Once again winning their league to see a finals day at the Chelmsford County Ground. Unfortunately knocked out at the group stage this time round. It was a good learning curve and showed the improvement all teams had made since last year. We will go again with the indoor league and look to expand next year not only playing the six aside league but also a newly formed T20 softball league.

The Club had two very successful festivals. A kwik cricket tournament in June which hosted 16 teams of 9-11 year olds. It was a joy to watch and see girls and boys playing together. The weather was superb, the bar and the bbq were kept busy.

The ladies softball tournament is now an annual event and marks the start of cricket week. 12 teams joined the fun with Bromley winning their own trophy. The final played under darkening skies, with a quick change to a pink ball to see the game through. A great success and it was lovely to see some new teams join us this year as they start their journey into Ladies Softball.

The Tuesday of cricket week hosted Great Bentley in the 100 Match. Many thanks go to the Courthouse who once again provided an amazing spread for all the players and enough to have spectators take a small plate too.

Wednesday was the Final of the T20 Trophy having already won the league, it was a chance to win back the trophy we lost last season. Once again the match was against local rivals Ardleigh. A game played in good spirit and Gt Bromley once again achieving the

double.

Thursday is very much a day steeped in tradition as we played a Captains XI vs a Presidents XI for the Phil Allam Memorial Trophy. Players old and new from the Club come to enjoy an afternoon of cricket, a good tea followed by a BBQ which is open to all. The bar stayed open till 11.00 and it was pleasing to see once again the local community supporting the club.

Friday is Chairmans day, vice presidents and long time supporters come to watch a day of Cricket against Springfield Cricket club, purchase a lovely lunch followed by a tea 3 hours later! The early evening saw the

youngster have an organised game session and following that along with the players playing their various drinking games we were treated to three sets of music by Halle Newman. We had wanted to do something a little extra as we were celebrating the Centenary, however such was the success we will we look to do something very similar next year too. The Local Ales from Nethergate featured and were extremely popular along with a hog roast. Should you have missed it this year please do join us next year when we will do it all again during the week of 10-15 August.

Tracey Wareing

CONCERT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY

On Saturday 30th August at 5pm, St. Mary's, Little Bromley, welcomed around 50 people into the church for our free Concert.

Amid gleaming brass and pretty flowers, for over an hour we were entertained with lovely music. The Marenzio Singers sang a whole range of mixed songs alternating with Lynne and Neil Morley who played their cello and guitar beautifully. The time passed quickly and the church echoed with lovely sounds.

Afterwards, everyone was offered wine and mixed refreshments before going home.

Over £1000 was raised for our Bells Appeal from those attending and we would like to say a big thank you to them.

We would also like to thank those who provided the flowers, refreshments, wine and most of all our wonderful entertainment.

*Carol Cordwell and the
Friends of Little Bromley Church*

CHURCH JOTTINGS

St Helena Hospice is very special and has cared for so many folk and their families in our community, we decided once again to organise an event for them.

As you know, our "Helping Hands" group, (who are known as the A team!) work very hard for St. Georges and our community. Many months ago I

wondered if we could organise an afternoon tea. It would be a rather large undertaking, cakes to bake, tables to find, advertising, cake stands, cups and saucers and much more.

Who to ask, "Helping Hands" of course! The A Team agreed, and after several meetings and discussions we were ready for "An Afternoon Tea Party",

raising money for "St Helena Hospice" on 6th September at 2pm.

Dr Tim Leesan joined us for the afternoon and nearly 50 people from our community sat down for Afternoon Tea. Those who could not join very kindly popped a donation through my letterbox.

One family chose to celebrate Wendy's birthday and a special table with balloons was organised for them.

Lisa very kindly arranged to bring a group from Seven Rivers to join us.

The local W.I. kindly advertised the event for us and many of their members joined us too.

I thank everyone who came and made this event such a successful. We raised an incredible and unbelievable

£1089.08!!

Our thanks to all the A Team who were amazing, a force to be reckoned with! I've never seen such enthusiasm and energy!

Watch out for all our future events at St. George's Church! The A Team will be there.

As I have written before, there is no task they will not tackle; gardening, painting, clearing leaves, mending gate posts, cleaning the church and now an Afternoon Tea. We are so fortunate to live in this community.

I have put together a picture board with some pictures of the Afternoon Tea and all the other events of Summer 2025, please pop into the church and take a look.

**Thank you
Jenny**





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 9th October. It will start with our very short Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by a talk by Mark Richardson "Behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show"

The programme for the forthcoming season of talks is:

- Thursday 9th October 2025 - A.G.M. followed by a talk by Mark Richardson; "Behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show".
- Thursday 11th December 2025 - Talk by Pip Wright "Finding out about History through Old Local Newspapers".
- Thursday 12th February 2026 - Talk by Clive Boase from the Climate Change Gardening Charity "Climate change, Gardening and us".
- Thursday 9th April 2026- Talk by Jim Paine; "From mighty acorns: the story of the British Oak".
- Saturday 16th May 2026 – Plant & Cake Sale 9:30am-11:30am.
- Thursday 11th June 2026 - Talk by Stephanie Callister-Jarrold from the Owls & Birds of Prey Rescue charity "Owls".
- Saturday 15th August 2026 – Annual Flower & Produce Show.

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Summer is long gone and we are now well into Autumn and our season of Harvest Festivals. There is little rest for our farmers as preparations for the next harvest are well underway. The variety of crops varies across our farms, but early October is a typical time to be sowing winter barley for a good yield next summer.

This got me thinking that as we are celebrating and giving thanks for our Harvest this year, farmers the other side of the world are carefully attending their emerging seedlings in anticipation of good yields. Around our wonderful world, there is a cycle of life continually happening. Creatures of land, sea and air, plants of every kind are in a constant cycle of birth and growth and death. Yet in whatever place, with whatever crop however sown, it is a miracle of nature that the seeds germinate and grow. Yes we can help, but it is God who sustains things and makes them happen, (see Hebrews chapter 1 verse 3 *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*)

I was recently reminded of St Francis of Assisi's song 'The Canticle of the Sun'. St Francis, who loved the natural world, composed this song in 1225 and used a repeated refrain 'Praise be to you' as he poetically described the sun, moon and stars, land, sea and air, animal and plants, and of course us humans. He repeatedly said 'Praise be to you' because through the wonder of

creation we are blessed by God with all sorts of things; beauty, wonder and mystery as well as food, warmth and shelter for example. In a children's poem version of Francis' canticle (written by Reeve Lindbergh called 'The Circle of Days') it finishes with-

*For all your gifts of every kind,
We offer praise with quiet mind.
Be with us Lord and guide our
ways
Around the circle of our days*

St Francis recognises our mortality in his song, and as well as a season of Thanksgiving for our food, Autumn includes a season of Remembrance.

There will be the usual Remembrance Sunday services (this year on 9 November). As other years, there will also be "All Souls' Services". These are more personal acts of remembrance in the context of a service to give thanks for loved ones no longer with us. There will be time for quiet reflection and the lighting of a candle if you wish. Whether for a recent bereavement or from further back in time, you would be most welcome to come along. We can join the song of St Francis and give thanks for creation and of course for the love and care shown us by the special people who have helped us on our way.

For details of these special services, please see the page with our Sunday Services details across our parishes.

Best wishes
Revd John Saxon



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5th Oct	Trinity 16	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	11am
12th Oct	Trinity 17	Holy Communion	11am
19th Oct	Trinity 18	Evensong	6.30pm
26th Oct	Last after Trinity	Holy Communion	11am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

5th Oct	Trinity 16	Morning Prayer	11am
19th Oct	Trinity 18	Holy Communion	11am