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villages of Great &
Little Bromley
September 2026



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THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Susan Scott, pictured on our cover, who has faithfully and consciously distributed over 220 copies of The Messenger every month for many years. Her reliability, kindness, and commitment have played a huge part in keeping our community connected, ensuring that news, updates, and local stories reached residents whatever the weather.

Susan is moving on to be closer to her family in Blackburn, Lancashire, and while we will miss her greatly, we wish her every happiness in this new chapter.

After weeks of hot, dry weather, the fields around us are looking parched and dusty, and many farmers have had to bring the harvest in earlier than usual. The lack of rain has been noticeable everywhere. Our lawn is crispy, we have fewer plants which have survived and our apple tree looks like it's suffering, although I'm hopeful to get a few good ones from it. It's due to rain this evening and hopefully more over the coming days.

As summer edges into autumn, there's that familiar shift with families getting ready for the new term, and children are

preparing to go back to school with a mixture of excitement and nerves. For some, September marks an even bigger milestone, moving up to secondary school, starting college courses, or heading off to university for the first time. We wish everyone a smooth and confident start to the year ahead.

Awareness days in October include:

- 3rd - Merchant Navy Day
- 5th - International Bacon Day
- 15th - Pension Awareness Day
- 22nd - World Car Free Day
- 29th - World Heart Day

I hope you enjoy this month's edition.

**Take care,
Lizzie**

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Little Bromley Parish Council is here to listen to residents' concerns and act on them. We aim to support programs that benefit the Village and be responsive to any queries. We are proud to do this, whilst having one of the lowest precepts of any local Council.

Parish Council meetings are held every two months, usually, 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 our Clerk.

Join us - come along to the next meeting on the **24th September** or email us at:

clerk@littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

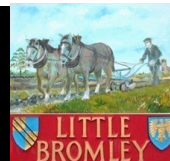
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Parish Clerk: Mrs Lizzie Ridout CILCA

Email: clerk@littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



The Summer has been characterised by a persistent spell of hot and dry weather, presenting both advantages and difficulties for the village and its surrounding countryside. Harvesting has had to begin earlier than usual in some areas, as farmers work hard to bring in crops before the ground became any drier. While the sunshine has been welcome, the prolonged dry conditions also mean that the risk of field fires remains very real. We would therefore ask everyone to remain vigilant: please avoid discarding cigarettes or glass in open countryside, and take extra care with any activities that could pose a fire risk near fields or hedgerows.

Many of you will be familiar with the recent power outages affecting the village. The Parish Council reported the issues to UK Power Networks and they've provided an update after an engineer visited. The engineer discovered redundant equipment still attached to a pole from an older network. This equipment had been regularly used by birds for perching and several recently deceased birds were found at the pole's base. UK Power Networks believes this may have contributed to the network faults. To fix the problem, the affected circuit was switched out causing the outage on 7th August and the obsolete equipment was removed. They are hopeful this resolves the issue and will continue monitoring the situation. The Parish Council will report any further interruptions. Hopefully, this will be the end of the outages – though perhaps we should all keep our fingers crossed!

It has been five months since the

pothole on Ardleigh Road was shielded with hazard signs and cones but it has finally been filled. The Parish Council had to report it three times, each time describing it as being on a sharp bend and dangerous. We are currently reporting the pothole just past Normans Farm where it requires a swerve near a ditch to avoid.

Infrastructure Update

National Grid - Thank you to everyone who responded to Deadline 8 (the last deadline!!!!) of the National Grid Planning Inspectorate investigations on 4th August. I know the last six months have been gruelling for members of the Parish Council who have been working tirelessly to keep abreast of updates. We have been working closely with Ardleigh PC and Simon Bell, the barrister representing the two PCs. We would like to thank all members of the Planning Infrastructure Working Group for their ongoing support and engagement. We also appreciate their inclusion of two LBPC members. You can view all responses on the Parish Council website - <https://www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

The Planning Inspectors have three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, Miatta Fahnbulleh, and she then has a further three months to make a decision. This takes us to around February. So, for now, there is more waiting — but we will continue to keep everyone informed as soon as there is news.

Tarchon - Tarchon's non-statutory consultation ended on 13th August. You can read the Parish Council's response on the website - <https://www.littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

[notice/lbpc-response-to-tarchon-non-statutory-consultation](#)

And Finally...

Our village planters and the war memorial continue to receive their regular watering deluges, thanks to Tony, who has been keeping everything alive through the summer. A

huge thank you to him - the plants certainly appreciate it!

Our next Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday 24th September commencing at 7:30pm at The Haywain. We hope to see you there.

Christine Barrett

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The Dedham Education Foundation provide grants to young people for educational purposes. 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:

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We are fast approaching flu vaccination season and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible, that appointments will be on our computer system and available to book from September 2026. 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, apart from patients who are pregnant, we will not be able to start giving flu injections until October 2026.

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.

Joint Injection & Minor Surgery Service

For the past 15 years, I have had the privilege of providing joint injections and minor surgery at Great Bentley Surgery.

Since taking on the role of Senior Partner, my management and leadership responsibilities have increased significantly, and unfortunately it is no longer possible for me to continue providing this service.

I am therefore pleased to hand over the Joint Injection and Minor Surgery Service **to my colleague, Dr Natalie Anscomb**, who has a strong surgical background and will be taking on the role of Clinical Lead for this service.

I would like to thank all our patients for their support and trust over the years, and I know Dr Anscomb will continue to provide an excellent service.

Thank you for your understanding.

Dr A Nambi

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12.30 pm on Thursday, 10 September 2026 for staff training. If patients require urgent medical care on this afternoon, then this is available by contacting NHS 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group

The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2026 at 6.30 pm in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager



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Sept 13th

The Deanery Choir will be singing at St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS at the 11am communion service. The anthem they will sing will be 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' by John Redford. John Redford was a major English composer, organist, and dramatist of the Tudor period. From about 1525 he was organist at St Paul's Cathedral. He was choirmaster there from 1531 until his death in 1547. Many of his works are represented in the Mulliner Book. Redford is notable as one of the earliest composers, rather than improvisers, of organ music, having notated a significant quantity of keyboard music, all of it liturgical in function, based on plainchant melodies; a few vocal works by him also survive. As he held the post of Almoner and master of the Choristers, Redford was responsible for the arrangement of the choristers' performances, including writing and directing plays and interludes..

Sept 27th

The Deanery Choir will



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be singing at St Mary's Church, Great Bentley CO7 8QG at the 6.30pm Choral evensong service. They will sing the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis setting by Charles Villiers Stanford and the anthem 'Lead me Lord' by Fred Bock. Sir Charles Villiers Stanford was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. Born to a well-off and highly musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. He was instrumental in raising the status of the Cambridge University Musical Society, attracting international stars to perform with it.

**Graham Bell
Deanery Choir**

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GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB

With the evenings pulling in and the beginning of Autumn it is a good time to think about activities and hobbies to do during this time of year.

The Great Bentley Art Club will be starting its Autumn programme 5th September meeting at the St. Mary's church hall.

We welcome anyone, whether experienced or beginners to join us in having a go at various subjects with the

objective of creating something that can be classed as 'art'.

We have membership, paid half yearly, but you are welcome to come along in the first instance without obligation to see if it is something for you.

Our meetings are held twice per month on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm.

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GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Whilst the wall-to-wall sunshine has allowed for an almost uninterrupted season of cricket a big shout out has to go to our groundsman Ed for doing a really good job in such extreme temperatures and keeping the square in top condition and ensuring an excellent wicket.

At the time of writing, we have just finished our extended cricket week. Whilst it's a very busy time for the Club and requires plenty of volunteers its one of the best weeks on the calendar and puts on display everything the club is about.

On Friday 7th we held the Phil Allam memorial game. Faces old and new came to watch players from the past and present take part in the President vs Chairman XI game. An amazing tea was provided by Lynda, Pip and Catherine which not only fed the players but enough to go round for those watching. The event is normally held on the Thursday of cricket week, however the change of day to a Friday (starting off an extended week of cricket) proved to be very popular and easier for many to take the time off work and to stay late into the night to enjoy the singer and hog roast organised for the evening. It was also lovely to see some people just come over for the evening entertainment and enjoy a drink from the bar.

Monday saw the Ladies Softball festival. The accident on the A12 made for a later than scheduled start which resulted in the last game being played in virtual darkness (glow in the dark balls a must for next year). Braintree Beat Gt Bromley by 4 runs (they had slightly more light by batting first!) A very good evening highlighting the growing game of ladies' cricket. It was lovely to see teams travelling from

Felixstowe, Braintree and Springfield to take part as well as a lot of the local teams there too. Well done Sophie for once again organising a good evening. Well done the boys who's BBQ and chips were cooked to perfection and also kept the drinks flowing at the bar.



Tuesday was the 100 match against locals Great Bentley. A wonderful spread put on by our amazing sponsors The Court House. A big thank you to them for their generosity once again for fuelling this event. The food went down well with the players and with enough left over for spectators to have a nibble to soak up the beer and cider that went down very nicely on such a pleasant evening. The silver wear went sadly the way of Gt Bentley this year.

Wednesday saw the T20 team aim for a triple double of league (already won) and cup wins. Sadly, they failed to win the cup as they lost to local rivals West Bergholt by 21 runs. We go again next year. A partial eclipse and shooting stars added a little extra to yet another beautifully warm evening.

Thursday saw the Gents of Suffolk play Gt Bromley. A very hot day indeed. Lunch and teas were provided by the Club, and the Marquee was put into full use for the occasion. The Gents turned up all suited and booted for a day of cricket and it was a real pleasure to be able to host and compete against them. We hope that this may also now become a regular fixture on the Thursday of cricket week as it was a thoroughly enjoyable day of cricket despite the heat. They challenged our players in a well contested game which we ultimately lost. BBQ and more beer were consumed in the evening as more people turned up just to catch the last

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few overs after a day's work.

The week culminates as always with Chairmans Day . Many of our VPs attend this event and lunch and tea is provided in the marquee. Another very hot day of cricket against Springfield that provide our opposition each year. Always a strong team of players to test us and such is their enjoyment of this event they book the date out in their diary a year in advance to ensure they can play and embrace everything that the day is about. The minibus turned up promptly at 9.45am for the 10.30am start. An excellent well fought game that finished in a tie, so Bromley hold onto the Trophy for another year. Once the game was over, they enjoyed further off field games and hog roast with the minibus taking them home at 11.00 pm with a few sore heads now on board. For the spectators and evening visitors we had an evening of entertainment provided by a DJ and acoustic singer. A very pleasant evening with people staying long into the night. Karaoke taking over after the band left at 10.30pm as we made the most of the warm evening.

A very successful week and I hope that all those in the village that came during the week enjoyed themselves and were made to feel welcome. The Club really want to make everyone feel welcome whether it is just to watch some cricket, for the kids to try the sport or just to enjoy having a drink at the bar it's a Village Club for the community.

There are a few people I would like to thank for helping our week go so smoothly and successfully.

Nigel Rowe for umpiring every game despite the intense heat.

Ace Catering Engineers for fixing our glass-washer so quickly and making

everyone's life easier than it would certainly have been otherwise if we had to hand-wash hundreds of glasses on our busiest week.

Becky Butchers for her generosity as always with our events and being able to sort out all the over and above late orders due to the larger than expected numbers at some of the events.

The Court House for their continued Sponsorship of our Saturday and Sunday Teams plus the Colt teams and the wonderful food supplied on the Tuesday night.

All the Committee that put a real shift in to make it an enjoyable and well run week.

A special mention to the Colts who stepped up in so many ways to help, scoring, umpiring and setting up for the Monday night fixture. Moving tables and chairs to and from the village hall and generally volunteering to help in whatever way they could. To see the colts take such an active part in the week not only on the playing side but in taking on responsibilities , we know the Club is in good hands as we move forward.

Finally, a thank you to everyone that turned out to watch a game or bought a beer that helped make it a great cricket week. Whether you just want to watch or have a drink or should you want to start playing you are very welcome to join us, men, ladies, boys and girls.

Whilst the season will end after the 12th September we will be hosting our annual quiz in November with more details in the October newsletter.

Tracey Wareing

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>26/00718/</u> <u>VOC</u> Mr and Mrs Card Approval – Full 06.07.2026	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans and Documents), Condition 4 (Rainwater Goods), and compliance with Condition 7 (Fenestration Details) of application 22/01597/FUL to enable/allow wording of the conditions to align to specification choices made by the applicant.	Blue Gates Barn Carringtons Road Great Bromley CO7 7UZ	Delegated Decision as authorize d by the officer detailed on the report
<u>26/00986/</u> <u>WTREX</u> George Smith – Beacon Farm Forestry Limited Approval – Full 29.06.2026	Under an exception to the normal requirement obtain consent under the terms and conditions of the Tree Preservation Order as set out in Section 14 (1) © of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. Lime Tree – Fell to ground level for safety reasons.	Leonard Cheshire Seven Rivers Care Home Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Delegated Decision as authorize d by the officer detailed on the report

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>26/01152</u> <u>/FUL</u> Mr and Mrs Rolt	Planning Application - Erection of a self-build dwelling (in lieu of 25/00928/COUNOT for the change of use of an agricultural building into a dwelling under Schedule 2, part 3, Class Q of the GPDO) Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections.	Roline Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL
<u>26/01173</u> <u>/LUPROP</u> Bryn Jones	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Use or Development for the removal of the existing render to the original three-storey structure & replacement with fibre cement cladding board. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections. Cllr Blowers had declared a pecuniary interest in this application under item 3.	Cross Inn Motel Ardleigh Road Great Bromley CO7 7TL
<u>26/01038</u> <u>/FULHH</u> Mr Daniel Shaiky	Householder Planning Application - Replacement front porch, conversion of existing garage to ancillary living accommodation, and single storey rear extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections.	Dovetails, Mary Lane South, Great Bromley CO7 7UD

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<u>26/00968/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr and Mrs Michael and Jessica Card	Householder Planning Application - Landscaping to the annex including pool, sauna building and boundary treatments. External porch and cupboard to the main barn dwelling, external gates to northern courtyard. Solar PV panels to west roof of annex and south roof of main barn dwelling. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections.	Blue Gates Farm Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UZ
<u>26/01114</u> <u>/FULHH</u> Mrs Clare Lochore	Householder Planning Application - Single-storey rear and two storey side extensions. Detached car port/games room and outdoor swimming pool. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objections.	Holly Lodge, Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN
<u>26/00948/</u> <u>OUT</u> Mr Steward	Outline Planning Application (Access/Layout to be considered) - Erection of 6no. detached dwellings. *Extension for comments agreed.	Land Fronting Ardleigh Road and Mill Lane, Great Bromley CO7 7TL
Great Bromley Parish Council agreed to submit a formal objection, noting that the proposed development lies outside the Settlement Development Boundary and conflicts with Ardleigh's Neighbourhood Plan. Members considered the proposal harmful to the rural character of Bromley Cross, resulting in urbanisation creep and loss of high-quality farmland. The Council noted that the site is isolated from essential services, with residents likely to be dependent on private vehicles for most day-to-day needs. Public transport is limited, and walking routes to the nearest facilities involve unlit 40–60mph roads without pavements. The development was therefore considered unsustainable under the National Planning Policy Framework. The Council also highlighted historic flooding in 2016, during which eleven nearby properties were affected. Long-standing drainage issues remain unresolved, and members expressed concern that additional development would exacerbate flood risk.		

Residents are reminded that you can comment on any planning application directly through the Tendring District Council Planning Portal. Simply search for the application number, view the documents, and submit your comments online.

All feedback must be sent to TDC, as it is the Local Planning Authority.

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If you are offered an appointment with one of our GP trainees, we would be very grateful if you would consider accepting it. They are experienced doctors undertaking the final stage of their GP training, and your support plays an important role in helping to train the next generation of family doctors.

We are also sad to announce that Sister Laura Harrison will be leaving Ardleigh Surgery to pursue a career as a consultant Nurse at the hospital. She has been a valued member of our team, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new role.

Dispensary reminder

Please ensure you allow 5 working days for your prescription to be processed.

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Tuesday	Collect on	following Tuesday
Wednesday	Collect on	following Wednesday
Thursday	Collect on	following Thursday
Friday	Collect on	following Monday

Our annual flu vaccination programme will begin towards the end of the month. If you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please book your appointment when invited.

Finally, a reminder that the practice does **not** provide the MenB (meningococcal B) vaccine for travel or private requests. If you require this vaccination, it is available from many community pharmacies on a private basis.

Standing orders

Please be kind to our staff. The world feels increasingly stressful and, sadly, abuse towards staff has become a daily occurrence.

There are always less appointments than patients needing appointments so please fill in your ANIMA requests early in the day.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for being such a vital part of our community. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the months ahead.

***Kind regards,
The Team at Ardleigh Surgery***

Dates for your diary



SEPTEMBER

2	WI, Village Hall - Pam Larkin 'My Art Journey'	7:30pm
3	Great Bromley Parish Council By-election	7:00am - 10:00pm
9	WI Knit & Knatter, Cheshire Home	2:00pm-4:00pm
9	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
10	Dementia Café, Shrub End Comm. & Sports Centre	1:30pm-3pm
22	WI Crafting Social, Village Hall	10:00am-12.30pm
24	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

OCTOBER

8	Dementia Café, Shrub End Comm. & Sports Centre	1:30pm-3pm
11	The Phantom of Friar Street', Village Hall	7:00pm
14	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm

NOVEMBER

11	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
12	Dementia Café, Shrub End Comm. & Sports Centre	1:30pm-3pm
19	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

THE PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER

If you are not aware of the Priority Services Register, this may be of interest to you or someone you know.

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free UK-wide service offering extra help during electricity, gas, or water supply interruptions.

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- In some cases, hotel accommodation and transport

- On-site community support with hot food, drinks, Wi-Fi, and charging points during major outages

To join the PSR, contact your local electricity network operator, gas distributor, and water supplier, as each runs its own register. You can find your providers using your postcode on the Energy Networks Association and Water UK websites, then apply online, by phone, or by post.

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

- 3 Sep
- 24 Sep
- 15 Oct

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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.

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HIDDEN DANGERS OF INHALING GAS CANISTERS AND BALLOONS

Evidence of nitrous oxide use is regularly removed in Hare Green, suggesting that this activity is more widespread than many realize. The discarded canisters and balloons left behind serve as a stark reminder of the growing issue. While cleanup efforts may temporarily erase the physical signs, the underlying problem persists.

Do You Know What Your Loved Ones Are Doing?

Many individuals, particularly young people, may not fully understand the risks involved. Open conversations about the dangers of inhaling gas canisters and balloons can help prevent harm and encourage safer choices.

In recent years, the recreational use of **nitrous oxide**, commonly known as "laughing gas," has surged, particularly among young people. While often perceived as a harmless way to experience euphoria, the reality is far more concerning. The inhalation of nitrous oxide from **canisters or balloons** can lead to serious health risks, both immediate and long-term.

Immediate Effects

When inhaled, nitrous oxide rapidly enters the bloodstream, producing effects within seconds. Users often experience:

- Euphoria and relaxation
- Giggling and laughter
- Dizziness and light-headedness
- Blurred vision and confusion
- Sweating and fatigue

However, excessive inhalation can result in **low blood pressure, fainting, and even heart complications**. In extreme cases, users may suffer from **hypoxia**, a condition where the body is deprived of oxygen, leading to

unconsciousness or sudden death.

Long-Term Consequences

Frequent use of nitrous oxide can have **severe neurological and physiological effects**, including:

- **Vitamin B12 deficiency**, which can cause **brain and spinal cord damage**.
- **Memory impairment and cognitive decline**.
- **Numbness in the hands and feet**.
- **Weakened immune system and anaemia**.
- **Limb spasms and incontinence**.

These effects are particularly dangerous because **taking a B12 supplement does not prevent the damage** caused by prolonged nitrous oxide exposure.

Legal and Social Implications

Despite its widespread use, nitrous oxide is increasingly being recognized as a **public health concern**.

Governments are moving to **restrict its availability**, citing its role in **anti-social behaviour and environmental pollution**. The discarded canisters littering streets have become a visible sign of its growing misuse.

While nitrous oxide may seem like a harmless recreational substance, its **potential for serious health consequences** cannot be ignored. Raising awareness about its dangers is crucial to **protecting individuals from long-term harm and reducing its prevalence in communities**. If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, seeking professional guidance can be a vital step toward safety and recovery.

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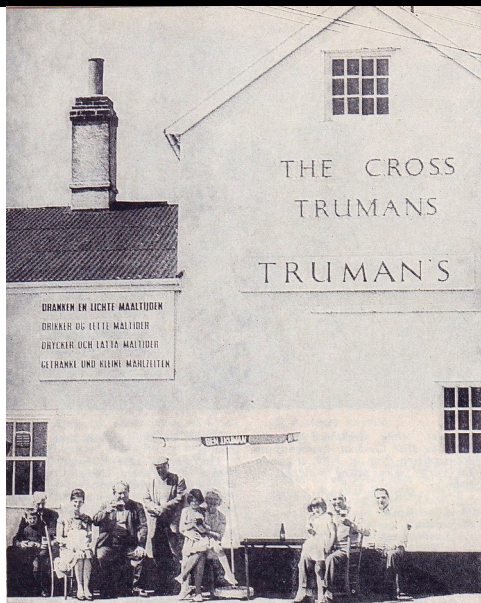
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Beryl Hurst told me that Publicans Mr & Mrs Sam Eales entertained the regulars by giving Smokey, their one year old pony, the odd pint! Apparently he was always keen to come in the bar and never so keen to leave. (I can't recall the year.)



In 1994 Cherie Avis was the landlady when a Ford Fiesta crashed heavily into the Pub's motel rooms. Neither of the car occupants nor anyone else was hurt, thankfully. No suggestion that drink was a factor!

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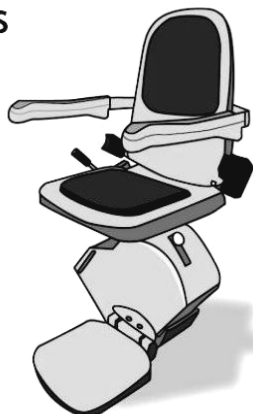
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• Every Thursday:
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• Saturday:
Pub Opens 6:30pm – 11pm See website for events

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MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Over the Summer members were challenged to take four photographs using four different photographic techniques. We will be sharing these images at our first September club meet up. There have also been some additional workshops in relation to these photographic techniques.

In September we begin our 2026/27 programme. sessions are as follows;

- 10th September – Chairman's welcome and Photo Technique competition
- 13th September- Field Trip – To be confirmed
- 25th September – PDI Competition – Animals (Mammals)

Our club website has information about membership and activities together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. Our 2026/2027 programme should be on the website by September. Our public Manningtree Photographic Club

Facebook page also features various club news and activities.

This month's featured image by Bob Adams was the winner of our Image of the Year Competition.

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.

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The Parish Council met on Wednesday 12 August at the Village Hall, with 34 members of the public in attendance. Councillors discussed a wide range of local issues, including environmental concerns, planning matters and community updates.

Environmental Issues – Fly Infestation & Odour

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the ongoing fly infestation affecting parts of the village. District Cllr Scott shared the latest Tending District Council (TDC) officer report, noting that no definitive source had yet been identified and that investigations have been scaled back.

Residents expressed strong dissatisfaction with TDC's handling of the matter, citing poor communication, lack of responses to complaints, and concerns raised by healthcare professionals. Some residents have undertaken their own investigations, including drone footage and water sampling, identifying potential sites of concern. The Parish Council undertook to write to Sir Bernard Jenkin MP, UKHSA, DEFRA, and the Environment Agency to escalate the issue.

Nitrous Oxide Cannisters

A resident reported around 30 nitrous oxide cannisters dumped near the recreation ground over five days. The Chairman undertook to remove and dispose of them, and a safety notice is included within this magazine to raise awareness of the dangers.

Highways & Local Issues

Councillors reported a number of ongoing matters:

- Rubbish along the A120 caused by lorries not being netted.
- Outstanding potholes to be reported to Essex County Council.
- A suggestion to pursue a 20mph limit outside St George's School and to explore reducing the 60mph limit on Hall Road to be raised with Essex Highways.
- The footbridge at Boudge Hill has finally been replaced.
- Odour issues on Parsons Hill may be linked to two pumping stations operating simultaneously.

The Messenger

A new distributor has been found for The Messenger, and councillors reviewed financial reports for the publication covering 2021–2025 to support future decision-making.

Other Updates

- A vote of no confidence in the Parish Council had been received and noted.
- Overgrown footpaths (Footpath 28 and Long Cover) had been reported to ECC.
- Two emails praising the village flower tubs were received.
- The External Audit report was received with no issues to report.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at Great Bromley Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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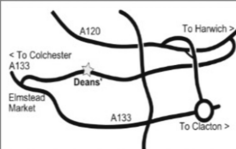
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By-election to Great Bromley Parish Council

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If you have not received your poll card or postal vote, contact the Tendring District Council Elections service on 01255 686575.

For more information visit the Tendring District Council website
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Great Bromley Parish Council by-election – key dates for voters

A by-election is taking place to fill a position on Great Bromley Parish Council, with two candidates on the ballot paper. The person elected will be a parish councillor until May 2027.

Polling day is on Thursday, 3 September, with the polling station at Great Bromley Village Hall open from 7am until 10pm for those electors voting in person.

People voting in person are reminded they need to present an accepted form of photo ID – or a Voter Authority Certificate – to be able to cast their ballot.

If you are registered for a postal ballot paper and have not yet received yours, please contact the Tendring District Council Elections service on 01255 686575.

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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

I hope you've all enjoyed some time away over the summer break and, for those of you with children beginning a new year at school, a new course at university or maybe even a new job at this time, may things begin well!

Our country has recently begun a new chapter with Andy Burnham becoming Prime Minister. Regardless of our political convictions, Christians are encouraged to pray for those in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Leading a nation is no easy task and those who carry such responsibility need much wisdom, constant humility and supernatural strength.

Leadership is a perennial theme in the Bible. I've recently been reading through the book of Judges in the Old Testament. It's a fascinating book, but no "easy read"! In it, time and again we encounter leaders who, despite moments of courage and faith, also have deep, deep flaws. Gideon trusted God wonderfully at first, yet later led people astray. Samson was blessed with remarkable strength, but too often made foolish choices. Jephthah's rash decisions brought tragedy right when blessing was in view. As I consider their (and others') lives and legacies, I'm reminded that even the best human leaders will ultimately disappoint us, because they are just as broken and fallible as the people they lead.

The final verse of Judges sums the book up: "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit" (Judges 21:25). It's not simply saying that Israel needed a king – it points us to a much deeper need. We all long for someone who will lead with perfect wisdom, unwavering goodness

and unfailing love.

That is exactly who we find in Jesus. Jesus is the King we have always needed. He doesn't lead by seeking power for Himself but by giving Himself for others. He knows us completely, yet loves us deeply. He is perfectly just, wonderfully compassionate and utterly trustworthy. When we place our lives in His hands, we discover forgiveness, peace and a sure hope for the future. Under His loving rule, people don't merely survive – they thrive, becoming the people God created them to be.

So this month, let's pray for Andy Burnham and for all those who lead us at every level. But more than that, let's look to Jesus, the one leader who will never fail us. Whatever changes this world may bring, His kingdom is secure, His promises are certain and His invitation is open to each and every one of us.

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Sept 13 th	Trinity 15	Parish Eucharist with choir	11am
Sept 20 th	Trinity 16	Evensong BCP with choir	6.30pm
Sept 27 th	Harvest	Harvest Festival Eucharist	11am
Oct 4 th	Trinity 18	Parish Eucharist BCP with choir	11am
Oct 11 th	Trinity 19	Parish Eucharist with choir	11am
Oct 18 th	Trinity 20	Evensong BCP with choir	6.30pm
Oct 25 th	Last after Trinity	Parish Eucharist	11am

St Mary's Church, Little Bentley

Sept 6 th	Morning Prayer 11am
Sept 20 th	Holy Communion 11am
Sept 25 th	Harvest Festival 7pm
Oct 4 th	Morning Prayer 11am
Oct 18 th	Holy Communion 11am

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1st Ardleigh Cubs	Tuesday (<i>term time only</i>)	Village Hall, Ardleigh	6.00-7.15pm
1st Ardleigh Scouts	Wednesday (<i>term time only</i>)	Village Hall, Ardleigh	7.15-9.00pm
Badminton Club	Monday	Village Hall	6.00-7.00pm
Bell Practice	Friday	St. George's Church	8.00pm
Carpet Bowls	Weds <i>except 1st Wed month</i>	Village Hall	7.30pm
Friendship Club	3rd Thursday in month	The Great Bromley	2.00-4.00pm
		Cross Pub	
Iceni Choir	Monday	Village Hall	7.30-10.00pm
Parish Councils:			
Gt Bromley	2nd Weds in month (<i>normally</i>)	Village Hall	7.00pm
Lt Bromley	3rd Thursday in month "	The Haywain	7.30pm
Knit & Knatter	2nd Wednesday in month	Seven Rivers	2.00-4.00pm
Men's Club	Tuesday	Village Hall	7.00pm
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