

The Messenger

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villages of Great &
Little Bromley

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THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

I hope September has gone well, particularly for those who have started new chapters in their lives. For those of you who had little ones start their educational journey, this first term can feel both exciting and emotional. Watching them take those first steps into school life is a milestone not just for children, but for parents and carers too, and we wish all families a smooth and happy start to the year.

This month's cover is of an almost ripe conker, still tucked inside its spiky shell and about to drop any day now. Conkers always seem to bring a touch of nostalgia, whether you remember collecting them as a child or simply enjoy spotting them on your walks. They're one of autumn's small pleasures and useful for keeping spiders away, I'm convinced of their powers!

You'll see several references to Tendring District Council's Local Plan consultation in this edition, reflecting the importance of residents having their say. Page 10 has details of where the consultation drop-in events are being held in the district, and details of where you can find further information and documents.

Elsewhere in the magazine, Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society have released their programme for the forthcoming season on page 13, and there is a lovely tribute to the late June Wendon on page 25.

Awareness days in October include:

- 2nd - World Smile Day
- 10th - World Mental Health Day
- 21st - Apple Day
- 23rd - Wear it Pink Day
- 29th - National Cat Day

Wishing you all an enjoyable October as we settle into autumn and everything it brings.

*Take care,
Lizzie*

*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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Did You Know? – What Parish Councils Actually Do

Parish councils are the smallest tier of local government — and they're older than Parliament. Local people have been meeting to sort out village matters since medieval times.

Despite their size, parish councils play an important role in everyday village life. Here's what they can (and *cannot*) do:

- **We are a statutory body** Parish councils must follow national legislation, keep proper accounts, publish certain information, and make decisions in open meetings.
- **We comment on planning applications** We don't decide planning applications, that's Tendring District Council, but we are a formal consultee, highlighting local issues such as traffic, heritage, drainage and amenity.
- **We look after local assets** Councils may manage play areas, greens, bus shelters, footpaths, noticeboards and other small facilities. Even when we don't own them, we often help maintain or improve them.
- **We support community projects** We can work with local groups, charities and volunteers to improve facilities or run initiatives that benefit the village, within our legal powers and budget.
- **We represent the community** Councillors are local residents who volunteer their time. They raise issues with other authorities, pass on concerns, and help ensure Great Bromley's voice is heard.
- **We don't control everything** Roads, schools, waste collection, social care, policing and major planning decisions sit with Essex County Council or Tendring District Council, but we can help signpost residents to the right place.

All residents are warmly welcomed to attend Parish Council meetings and speak about any issues they have.

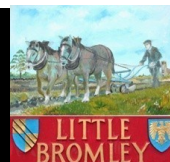
Meetings usually take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.

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As the summer heat has finally abated and Autumn looks to be arriving it is interesting to reflect on a blistering summer. It wasn't just the farmers who struggled through the long dry spell as anyone with a garden will confirm!

Flies were also annoying for many people this summer – there was an excellent article in the Guardian (*"What's behind the UK's plague of flies?"*) which looked into the issue and was their most read story back at the beginning of August. As their headline read, *"From Leicestershire to Carmarthenshire, neighbourhoods are struggling with wave after wave of houseflies."*

But moving on from pestilential infestations, we have another new Prime Minister in No 10 and we have just learnt that plans for local government reform (LGR) in Essex are to be scrapped. This may appear to be a rather dull issue, but Essex has a population of nearly two million, and local government has the most immediate and direct impact on our daily lives; think planning permission and what gets built where, social care for old people, bin collections, highways and footpaths, the list goes on and on. The plan that had been announced and was supposed to be happening very soon was that Essex County Council was to be abolished, as were the two unitary authorities of Southend and Thurrock and also the 13 district, city and borough councils across the county to be replaced with five new unitary authorities. In this area we were supposed to be in a new authority combining the half a million residents of Tendring, Colchester and

Braintree.

Now we don't know what's going to happen. Or when. Or even if anything will now happen at all!

As a parish council we have been following the whole discussion around LGR very closely and trying to ensure that whatever happens we can continue to deliver for the residents of Little Bromley and do what we can to protect the village as much as is possible.

To that end, the development of our Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and our proposed final draft nearing its conclusion. We believe we are by far the smallest village in the country to create a neighbourhood plan and there has been a huge amount of work involved. If anyone has any interesting photographs or maps of the village or any aspect of life in Little Bromley, then please do let us know as they could be useful to include.

The Tendring District Local Plan review which will guide development across Tendring up to 2043 and beyond is currently in its third and final stage of consultation. The consultation runs for just over six weeks, until 5pm on Monday 19 October 2026. We encourage residents to view and comment on proposals. More information is available on the Tendring District Council website.

While we await the Secretary of State decision in respect of Norwich-to-Tilbury (substations and pylons) NSIP due later this year, the Parish Council continues to engage with the electricity infrastructure projects that have already

TRACING JOSE WEBB 1947-1990

Does anyone know anything about Jose / Josi/ Josie M. Webb in our graveyard? I have had a family enquiry. I believe her maiden name was Stokes, from Harwich, and she married a David Webb. (There may be a Darren Webb in the family as well.) Please contact me if you can help.

Hugh Frostick

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THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Charity number 310831

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:

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.

Closing date for applications: 15 October 2026

How to apply for a Grant

Please read and complete our online application form:

↳ <https://forms.gle/rRTXW3adWAQXNgyP7>

For a paper application form, or further details, please contact the Clerk to the Foundation:

✉ dedhamefclerk@gmail.com

☎ 07989 579227

 Dedham Educational Foundation

been granted development consent (Five Estuaries & North Falls) as it important to voice our objections whilst also ensuring that if community benefits are available that Little Bromley receives its fair share. The Little Bromley Parish Paths Partnership (P3) group have also been involved in discussions, so many thanks to them for their support.

You may have noticed, whilst walking around the village, various orange notices. These relate to new Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) that the

Parish Council have been working with TDC to get in place with the aim of ensuring that any future development fully considers the impact on and limits or prevents detriment to mature trees and green areas that are becoming ever-dwindling features across our lands.

Thank you to all who attended our September Parish Council Meeting. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th November but the Parish Council can be contacted in the meantime via clerk@littlebromleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

THE DEANERY CHOIR

The Deanery Choir will be singing at St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7TS at the 11am communion service. The anthem will be 'The Call' by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Ralph Vaughan Williams was an English composer. His works include operas, ballets, chamber music, secular and religious vocal pieces and orchestral compositions including nine symphonies, written over sixty years. Strongly influenced by Tudor music and English folk-song, his output marked a decisive break in British music from its German-dominated style of the 19th century.

The Deanery Choir will be singing at St Edmund Church, Tendring CO16 0BN at the 6.30pm Choral evensong service. The anthem will be 'Evening

Hymn' by Balfour Gardiner. Henry Balfour Gardiner was a British musician, composer, and teacher. He was the son of Henry John Gardiner, a successful entrepreneur who made a considerable fortune in the drapery wholesale business in Bristol and London. The choir will also sing a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford who 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.

Graham Bell
Deanery Choir
grahambell493@gmail.com



GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute welcomes ladies to our open evening on Wed 7th

October. Come and meet us, do some decoupage, play darts with our friendly team, try various crafts and have a chat!

- Wed 7th Oct at 7 30pm, Village Hall. Open Evening, ladies welcome.
- Wed 4th Nov Renowned Life Coach Gina Gardiner speaks to us on 'Thriving rather than simply Surviving'.
- Wed 2nd Dec - Christmas Lunch.

THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH KITTEL

In 1871, Great Bromley was a small agricultural parish in Northeast Essex, with a population of 7 to 800 people. Most residents worked as farm labourers or domestic servants. Wages were low, housing was basic, and many families lived with chronic illness, hunger and overcrowding. Among them were William and Elizabeth Kittel and their seven children, who occupied a small cottage near Blue Gate Farm. The cottage was typical of rural Essex housing at the time, cramped, draughty, and dependent on outdoor sanitation and shared water supplies.

The Kittel household was known locally for domestic difficulties. Neighbours recalled hearing arguments, and their son Joseph later stated that conditions were so strained he sometimes slept in a barn. Shortly before Elizabeth's death, she and several of the children were seen eating raw sloes from the hedgerows, an indication of acute poverty.

Elizabeth's final illness began after a neighbour, Ellen Wenden, visited the cottage and brought beer. Elizabeth and the children became repeatedly sick, although others who drank the same beer were unaffected. Her condition deteriorated over several days, and she died on 10 October 1871. Witnesses described the cottage as dirty and disordered, and noted injuries on Elizabeth's body that were not fully explained. Despite these concerns, the initial medical verdict was death from natural causes, and she was buried without further inquiry.

Suspicion within the village continued to grow. Questions about the illness, the injuries, and Ellen's behaviour in the cottage after the death led to pressure for further investigation. Exhumations were uncommon in rural

Essex, but the community's concerns resulted in Elizabeth's body being disinterred for examination.

The post-mortem was conducted by Dr Alfred Swaine Stevenson of Guy's Hospital, a London toxicologist known for his work in forensic chemistry. Stevenson reported finding five grains of arsenic in Elizabeth's stomach, more than twice the fatal dose for an adult. This discovery transformed what had appeared to be a domestic tragedy into a criminal investigation.

Ellen Wenden was arrested and brought to trial at Chelmsford. Despite Stevenson's evidence, the jury acquitted her. William Kittel's behaviour had also caused concern, but no charges were brought against him. The official inquiry ended without a definitive conclusion, leaving the circumstances of Elizabeth's death unresolved.

Contemporary newspapers took an unusual interest in the case. The Times wrote that "five grains of arsenic do not find their way into a sick woman's stomach without someone having administered them," expressing doubt about the acquittal. The paper also commented on the conduct of Ellen and William during the proceedings, describing it as "a painful exhibition of the deformity of which human passion is capable." The Essex Standard reported on Ellen's appearance at the magistrates' hearing, describing her as "an ordinary looking country girl" and noting her calmness throughout the evidence. These reports illustrate how the case moved beyond local concern and became a matter of wider public interest.

Witness statements added further complexity. Joseph Kittel stated that his

parents “did not agree of a night,” and described an incident in which William dragged Elizabeth from the bed and threatened to throw her out of the window. Another witness recalled Ellen saying of Elizabeth, “It serves the old bitch right, nothing is too bad for her,” shortly before the death. These accounts contributed to the decision to exhume the body and shaped public opinion during the investigation.

Understanding why Elizabeth remained in the cottage requires consideration of the Poor Law system. Great Bromley belonged to the Tendring Union, whose workhouse stood several miles away at Tendring Heath. Admission to the workhouse involved assessment, the possibility of family separation, and significant social stigma. Many families endured severe hardship rather than enter. For a sick woman with young children and no transport, the journey would have been difficult. If William opposed the idea, Elizabeth’s ability to seek relief independently would have been limited. By the time she was reduced to eating sloes, she may have been too weak to undertake the journey.

The aftermath of the case is uncertain. William did not remarry immediately, and the investigation may have affected his standing in the community. Later records suggest he married again after several years and lived quietly. The children’s later lives are harder to trace. Joseph, being near working age, may have entered agricultural labour. The younger children appear to have been taken in by local households and later found work as servants or labourers. There is no clear evidence that they entered the Tendring Union workhouse immediately after their mother’s death.

Blue Gate Farm and the Wenden family

formed an important part of the background to the case. The farm, also known as Manning Farm, covered about 150 acres and employed 9 men and 4 boys. It was run by Backhouse Wenden, born about 1822, who lived there with his wife Mary Ann and their daughters Annie and Ellen. Although the Wendens were employers, they did not regard themselves as socially far above their workers. The proximity of the farm to the Kittel cottage meant that the families’ lives were closely connected. Ellen’s visits to the Kittel household, her relationship with William, and her presence during Elizabeth’s illness all occurred within a small rural community where privacy was limited, and reputations were vulnerable. The Wendens themselves later experienced tragedy, Backhouse died by suicide in 1893, and Ellen eventually married William Kittel, raising ten children with him before her death in 1927.

Elizabeth Kittel’s death illustrates the overlap of poverty, domestic instability and limited access to medical care in rural Victorian Essex. It also forms part of the early history of forensic toxicology, when chemical evidence was beginning to influence criminal investigations but did not always lead to conviction. The case highlights a striking contrast: local suspicion was strong, scientific analysis identified arsenic, yet the legal process produced no final answer.

I wish to thank Dr Hugh Frostick, who kindly supplied information relevant to this research.

Annie Sands

Tendring District Local Plan Review 2026-2043 and Beyond Submission Version Consultation

Have Your Say on the Future of Tendring

Consultation Open 7 September to 19 October 2026

Visit One of Our Drop-In Events

Speak with Planning Officers, learn more about the Local Plan Review and get help submitting a representation.

Mon 21 Sept	Walton-on-The-Naze	Homelands Free Church, Garden Road CO14 8SJ	3pm to 7pm
Thu 24 Sept	Brightlingsea	The Parish Hall, Victoria Place CO7 0BP	3pm to 7pm
Mon 28 Sept	Harwich	1912 Centre, Cow Lane CO12 3ER	3pm to 7pm
Wed 30 Sept	Weeley	Village Hall, Old Clacton Road CO16 9LW	12pm to 4pm
Fri 2 Oct	Lawford	Venture Centre 2000, Bromley Road CO11 2JE	3pm to 7pm

Find Out More & Respond Online

tendringdc.gov.uk/localplanreview

Tel: 01255 686177

Documents are available online, at public libraries and at Clacton Town Hall.

DEADLINE: 5pm Monday 19 October 2026



Tendring
District Council



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>26/01228/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr Burfoot	Householder Planning Application - New front boundary wall and entrance gates.	Grange Hall, Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TS

Great Bromley Parish Council objected for the following reasons:

Out of keeping with the rural character and established street scene
Hall Road is defined by soft, green boundary treatments such as hedges and low timber fencing. A solid brick wall would introduce a hard, urban feature that is visually intrusive, inconsistent with surrounding properties, and harmful to the rural appearance of the road. There is no precedent for brick boundary walls along Hall Road.

Departure from the approved plans

The original permission for the dwelling did not include a brick boundary wall. The proposal appears to follow removal of an established hedge, altering the approved boundary treatment and further eroding the rural character of the lane.

Conflict with Local Plan policies

The proposal does not respect local character or the established pattern of boundary treatments, contrary to policies requiring development to be

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 the Local Planning Authority.

Election costs

In response to recent queries from residents, I'm providing the following factual update on the cost of the election held recently in Great Bromley.

The Parish Council has received the invoice from Tendring District Council for the election held in September. The total cost was £4,162, which is higher than the estimate provided.

If a further election is required in

October, it is expected to incur a similar cost. Two elections within the same financial year would therefore create a combined unbudgeted expense of approximately £8,324.

This update is provided solely to keep residents informed about the financial impact of parish elections. It does not relate to, or seek to influence, whether any future election should or should not take place.

Lizzie Ridout
Parish Clerk & RFO

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 8th 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 8th October 2026 - A.G.M. followed by a talk by Mark Richardson "Behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show"
- Thursday 10th December 2026 - Talk by Andrew Babicz "Composting - All You Ever Wanted to Know!"
- Thursday 11th February 2027 - Talk by David Piper "Regeneration and Management at Flatford"
- Thursday 8th April 2027 - Talk by Dr Ian Bedford "SLUGS - All You Might Ever Need to Know!"
- Saturday 15th May 2027 – Plant & Cake Sale 9:30am-11:30am
- Thursday 10th June 2027 - Talk by Fiona Rose "In the Garden with William Morris"
- Saturday 21st August 2027 – Annual Flower & Produce Show

GREAT BENTLEY ART CLUB

The suggested subjects from which to try and create a piece of art this month represent a change from some of the ones we have had lately.

On the 13th October, the challenge is to come up with an illustration for a book. They say that 'we all have a book in us' and so it could be an illustration for a book that you would like to write or that you wish you had written. Or it could be an alternative illustration of a well known book.

For our session on the 27th October, we turn our attention to Stones and Shells. There are some interesting shapes and colours to be found among the stones and shells along shorelines which can be made into a good still life composition.

Both meetings take place in the St. Mary's Church Hall, Great Bentley, at 2.00 pm.

Roy Parker

Dates for your diary



OCTOBER

7	WI Open Evening - Village Hall	7:30pm
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

1	Light a Candle Service - St George's Church	3:00pm
4	WI - Thriving rather than simply Surviving - Village Hall	7:30pm
8	Remembrance Services at Great Bromley and Little Bromley War Memorials	Gather at 10:50am
11	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
12	Dementia Café, Shrub End Comm. & Sports Centre	1:30pm-3pm
14	Quiz Night, Village Hall - Gt Bromley Cricket Club	7:00pm for 7:30pm
19	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

DECEMBER

2	WI Christmas Lunch	
9	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm

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.

You may be eligible if you or someone in your household relies on medical equipment, has a disability, long-term illness, dementia, mental health difficulties, refrigerated medicines, is of pensionable age, or has children under five.

Support during a power cut can include:

- A 24/7 priority contact number

- Text and voice alerts about local outages and severe weather

- Tailored support such as home visits, hot meals, welfare checks, and updates for family or friends

- 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:

- 15 Oct
- 5 Nov
- 26 Nov

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.

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Autumn is upon us with the cool fresh mornings and the autumnal landscape colours.

In September, we had an election to elect a new parish councillor and we welcomed Annie Sands onto the committee. Another election has been called by a group of ten residents, with polling day set for the 22 October, should two or more candidates stand. These elections come with a cost which is ultimately levied against the residents of Great Bromley. It was reported at the last parish council meeting that the village precept will rise significantly to cover the costs as a result of these elections as the council does not carry any reserves.

We are still picking up nitrous oxide canisters around the village. Cllr Annie Sands reported she has spoken to a group of users and their parents and is arranging for the Open Road SOS Bus to visit the village. The date is yet to be confirmed.

We have had two meetings with Anglian Water regarding the Parsons Hill “whiff” and, in an attempt to identify the reason for it, a sniffing device has been placed in the sewer to log smell peaks. This will then be correlated and compared to the pumping stations discharge log to identify if it’s a single source, as there are three pumping stations feeding into that one main. We will update you when we receive any news.

We have received a letter from a resident highlighting all the unresolved highway defects on Harwich Road, dating back a number of years. We support their concerns and have written to our newly appointed County Councillor Pat Murray

and to Essex Highways.

We have also been notified that Cheshire Homes is going to close in December. This has been part of the village scene since 1958, some 68 years. We must thank the staff, past and present, for the support and cooperation that has been given to the village over the years and wish staff and residents the best of luck going forward.

Tendring District Council has launched the final public consultation on the Submission Version of its Local Plan Review. The consultation runs for six weeks, from Monday 7 September to Monday 19 October 2026, and marks the last chance for residents and stakeholders to comment before the Plan is submitted to the Government for independent examination. It sets out how Tendring will accommodate more than 18,000 new homes, alongside employment land, infrastructure, and community facilities, between 2026 and 2043. Every representation helps build a clearer picture of how local people feel about the proposals. Even short, individual comments contribute to the evidence the Planning Inspector will review. Great Bromley has a strong record of community involvement, and this stage of the process is one of the few moments where residents’ voices directly shape how the district plans for future homes, services and infrastructure. Taking part ensures that local perspectives are formally recorded and cannot be overlooked during examination.

Cllr Andrew Fairley - Chairman

ARDLEIGH SURGERY

GP Trainees

The practice was delighted to welcome three new GP trainees in August 2026: Dr Spence, Dr Emran and Dr Zulkefli.

All three are qualified Doctors in their final year of specialist training and are working towards becoming fully qualified GPs. They are being supervised by Dr Cole and Dr Outtridge, who are the practice GP trainers.

As part of their training, the GP trainers regularly review and discuss the trainees' consultations with them. This provides ongoing supervision, education and support throughout their final year of training.

The practice recognises that some patients can initially be hesitant about seeing a GP trainee. However, the trainees are experienced doctors who are undertaking the final stage of their GP training. Patients who agree to see them make a valuable contribution to the training of the next generation of GPs.

Flu Vaccinations

The practice has released the first dates for this year's winter flu vaccination campaign. As in previous years, there will be a Saturday morning clinic followed by a number of clinics throughout October and November. The practice will also be busy undertaking flu vaccinations for housebound patients and residents of local care homes.

Please contact the surgery if you are yet to book your Flu vaccine.

Patient Participation Group- PPG

Have your say!

Would you like to have an input into the way your local GP Surgery operates? If so, we are currently seeking new members for our PPG. If you are a registered patient at Ardleigh Surgery

and interested in becoming a member, please visit the surgery for further information.

Standing orders

Please be kind to staff, as the world is in turmoil and the life become stressful abuse of our staff is become a daily matter.

There are always fewer 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*



GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing there is one game left to play on Saturday 13th which is an away game. It looks as though after a very promising start and mid-season that the team will finish once again just shy of promotion. A few losses in the last few weeks saw the team run out of steam for that final push.

The Sunday team finished a very respectable 3rd which the outgoing Captain (Jason Lloyd) can be extremely proud of. He has over the last few years help mould the younger players into a very solid group of players and so much so that we are entering a second Saturday side next season to further enhance the progression.

The Club held its Junior awards evening on Saturday 5th September and congratulations to Jake Bateman for

winning Young Colt of the Year. He has certainly come on leaps and bounds over the last few years. He is a dependable and very proactive member of the Club and can be seen playing regular Sunday Cricket too. We look forward to watching his continued progress and am sure that it won't be long before he becomes a regular in the first team.



The Club will be holding its yearly Quiz night on 14th November at the village hall (see poster within this newsletter) Open to all and not at all cricket related. Its just a fun night to help boost funds for the club to cover the ever-increasing costs associated with playing cricket. We look forward to your support.

Tracey Wareing

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<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.	Holly Lodge Colchester Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TN	Approval - Full 26.08.202 6
<u>26/00948/</u> <u>OUT</u> Mr Steward	Outline Planning Application (Access/Layout to be considered) - Erection of 6no. detached dwellings.	Land Fronting Ardleigh Road and Mill Lane Great Bromley CO7 7TL	Refusal - Outline 24.08.202 6
<u>26/00993/</u> <u>COUNOT</u> Mr and Mrs Craven	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the conversion of an agricultural building into two residential dwelling units.	Willow Farm Hilliards Road Great Bromley CO7 7US	Prior aprv req - deemed appl approved 20.08.202 6



GREAT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Flu Vaccinations

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.

WINTER DEMAND – Help us to help you

As we head into winter, the demand for our services increases substantially. With this in mind, please remember that you can request help from pharmacies who offer the Pharmacy First Service. You are able to self-refer to pharmacies for the below conditions:

If needed, the pharmacist is also able to prescribe appropriate medication for these conditions.

The Green Pharmacy

The Green Pharmacy is an independent pharmacy and not part of Great Bentley Surgery. If you need to check if your medication is available to collect from them, or you have a question about medication you have collected, then please contact The Green Pharmacy as we are not able to help with this.

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area, we will be shut from 12.30 pm on Wednesday 14 October 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 Patient Participation Group will not be meeting in October.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

Conditions	Age Range
Acute Otitis Media	1-17 years old
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected Insect Bites	1 year and over
Shingles	18 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Sore Throat	5 years and over
Urinary Tract Infections (Uncomplicated)	Women 16-64 years old

JUNE ANN WENDEN JULY 1936 - JULY 2026

June was born to Jack & Bertha Jenno in the maternity home at Great Bentley. The Jenno family lived in Great Bromley's Brook Street Cottages which were too small to raise a family, so when Peter and then Kathleen arrived in short succession, June was sent to live in London with her Auntie Lottie during her formative years. A move to a larger property in Wix meant that June could return home, but the family grew again when Barbara was born. When June was 15 the family lived in Dovercourt and Bertha, at the age of 37, became pregnant again; the family moved to Little Bromley where the fifth child Lynda was born.

Four years later Jack & Bertha took over as landlords of The Spread Eagle pub from Bertha's parents. They were the 3rd generation of publicans to run The Spread (and, as Peter took over when his father retired, this became 4). Many locals have fond memories of rowdy nights at The Spread! It was through the pub that June met Peter

Wenden. They married in September 1958 and whilst building their first home at 'Brookside' in Badley Hall Road, Kim was born in October 1959. In June 1961 Paul was born at 'Brookside', being the first home birth supervised by Sir Benedict Hoskyns, G.P.

June and Peter were involved in many village activities, and although Peter may have assumed the "leading role", June was always there in support: doing the make-up and costume changes every night of the Pantomime; performing with the Bromley Buskers; and making the famous Great Bromley Cricket Club teas - the only reason some teams agreed to play us!

June assisted in the Occupational Therapy room at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home with her sister-in-law Pat, and as a family the Wendens were regularly helping out and spending time with the residents. After she obtained her driving



licence (which “Nick” Nicholls, the local bobby, spent many dangerous hours teaching her to pass), she took on the role of Mobile Home Help, standing in for regular carers who were on holiday.

Although in 1973 they moved to ‘The Pippins’ in Burnt Heath, June & Peter remained ever faithful to the village where they shared such happy times. She supported Peter in his church activities, where again her tea making and flower arranging skills came to the fore! She helped Auntie Vera and Auntie Jean man stalls at fêtes and sales to raise money for various causes.

Family was always important to June. She remained very close to her brother and sisters and was always proud of her children and their families, and would tell all comers of the antics of her four grandchildren, and more recently her four great grandchildren.

After losing Peter in 2018, such a difficult period especially with Covid to follow, June moved to Ardleigh Court where she established new friends and neighbours that provided companionship through her final years. She enjoyed coffee mornings at Ardleigh Church and looked forward to lunch excursions. She remained a member of the Bromley Friendship Club and attended whenever she could.

Remarkably, until very recently June was never ill. Only in the last year or so was she prescribed any medication – previously she wouldn’t even have had aspirin in the house. As she became weaker, everyone was so grateful to St Helena Hospice who provided such wonderful support and comfort. The family are thankful that June retained her independence to the end.

HGF from the family eulogy.

CHURCH JOTTINGS

J A M

Our weekly club in St George’s Church recommences on Friday 18th of September at 3.15pm and every Friday in term time. Please come and join us for fabulous activities and super refreshments at our after school club.

DATES

- September 27th - Celebration of Harvest and Creation - at 11.00am
- October 11th - Parish Lunch -12 noon at the Court House
- November 8th - 10.50am Remembrance Service

- December 5th - 10.00am- 12.00am - Christmas Coffee Morning
- December 17th - Concert by Black Cactus Choir
- December 20th - 6.30pm - Community Carols
- December 24th - 3.00pm - Crib and Christingle

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St George’s is open every day, children’s activities are available in the North Aisle.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

GREAT BROMLEY FLY ACTION GROUP

Representatives from the Great Bromley Fly Action Group met with senior officers from Tendring District Council in August. The meeting was constructive, and the council has agreed to continue working with residents to review evidence, share information and support further investigation. A follow up meeting has been arranged for later this month to maintain progress.

Residents have also been conducting structured monitoring, including species identification, weather observations, and drone footage. This work has helped identify environmental patterns that may be contributing to the issue, and the findings have been shared with the relevant authorities.

Great Bromley is not alone. Communities in other parts of England and Wales have reported similar fly outbreaks this year. As a result, residents have now formed the England and Wales Fly Action Group, working together to share evidence and support each other. The group is also working with Compassion in World Farming and specialist entomologists to seek a coordinated national review of waste handling and organic material storage practices, particularly those that have changed since the Covid period. The evidence gathered in Great Bromley will now be put before government as part of this wider national work. The aim is to help shape future waste handling policy so that environmental health issues like this are better

understood and prevented.

The aim is to ensure that next year does not bring the same level of disruption for residents, and that all agencies have the most up-to-date scientific information when assessing potential sources.

If you are not on social media, you can still receive important updates by emailing me at annie@dawnsupport.co.uk If you are unable to access the internet, please call me on 07720468344 so that updates can be provided by other means, such as printed notices or telephone contact.

Annie Sands

Quiz Night

**Great Bromley Village Hall
Saturday 14 November**

- 7pm for 7.30pm start
- Bring your own food and drink
- Maximum of 6 people per team
- £6 per person
- Contact Tracey to reserve your table on 01206 251434

**This is a fundraising event for
Great Bromley Cricket Club**

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

A popular TV programme at the moment in our household is Long Lost Family, particularly the series where babies left to be found by others, as grown up adults, are seeking to find their birth families. The stories are very moving but often with good intentions for the flourishing of the infant and a deep longing from the person to find out their root identity

In a world that constantly tells us who we should be, not knowing birth origins puts huge emotional toll on people who know they are adopted. We often define ourselves by our jobs, our relationships, our successes, or even our failures but our birth origins are intrinsically important to us all.

As Christians though, there is more to our identity than our birth origins and what we do with our lives. We are children of God through our belief and faith in Jesus (John 1 v12), we are always loved by God (Romans 8 v38-39) and our purpose can be found in God too, serving him and others to grow a kingdom of love, justice and peace (1 Peter 2 v9).

To have our identity in Christ means that our worth is no longer up for public

debate. It is not defined by what we do, nor where we are from. It does not arise from our gifts and talents nor by our personalities. We are all children of God, chosen and dearly loved.

When we root our lives in this truth, everything changes. The pressure to prove ourselves fades away, replaced by a quiet confidence. We no longer need to look to the world for validation because the Creator of the universe has already called us His own. This identity doesn't make us perfect, but it does make us secure. It gives us a firm foundation to face life's challenges with hope and grace.

Finding our roots is important and for most of us it is a known thing. But there is a deeper, unshakeable truth available to every one of us: our true identity is found in Christ. Whatever our roots and our past, it is the future to which we move towards. Having our identity in Christ is a firm foundation to face the future in confidence, knowing we have the gracious love of God always with us and for us. I pray we may all know something of this truth with whatever our family tree looks like.

***Best wishes
Rev'd John Saxon***

LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE - 3PM SUNDAY 1 NOV

We have many anniversaries throughout the year to celebrate various events and occasions. Sometimes these anniversaries remember loved ones no longer with us where, even after many years, our emotions feel stirred with grief and loss remembering them. Our 'Light a Candle' service at St George's is an opportunity for us all to come together in God's presence to remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, whether recently or in past years. Our short service will include hymns and

prayers, bible reading and times to reflect along with the act of lighting a candle in memory if you so wish. All are welcome. If you are unable to join us, but wish your loved ones to be named in our act of remembrance, do please contact a church warden or email church@greatbromley.org.uk and we will ensure their names are collated with the others. Refreshments will be served afterwards and we would love to meet with you.



St George's Church, Great Bromley

For St George's contacts, information, or to receive our email newsletter, please visit www.greatbromley.org.uk or email us at church@greatbromley.org.uk

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
Nov 1 st	All Saints	Parish Eucharist BCP with choir	11am
	All Souls	'Light a Candle' service	3pm
Nov 8 th	Remembrance (War Memorials)	Act of Remembrance 10.50am Little Bromley Act of Remembrance 10.50am Great Bromley followed by church service with Deanery Choir	
Nov 15 th	2 nd bef. Advent	Evensong BCP with choir	6.30pm
Nov 22 nd	Christ the King	Parish Eucharist	11am
Nov 29 th	Advent Sunday	<i>Group Eucharist at Tendring</i> <i>'Darkness to Light' at Gt Bromley</i>	9.30am 4pm

St Mary's Church, Little Bentley

Oct 4 th	Morning Prayer 11am
Oct 18 th	Holy Communion 11am
Nov 1 st	Morning Prayer 11am
Nov 15 th	Holy Communion 11am
Nov 29 th	<i>See Great Bromley above</i>