



Services for January

1st	11.00am	Mary, Mother of God The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
2nd	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am	Christmass 2 Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist	<i>St George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
5th 6th	6.00pm	The Eucharist The Epiphany of our Lord	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
7th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
8th	11.00am 9.00am	The Eucharist The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>Seven Rivers</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 9th	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	The Baptism of the Lord Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10th	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
14th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
15th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 16th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Epiphany 2 The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
19th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
20th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
21st	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
22nd	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 23rd	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Epiphany 3 Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
25th	9.30am	Conversion of S Paul The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
27th	7.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
28th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
29th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 30th	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Epiphany 4 Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer & Sermon	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
31st	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

Father Time with his clock and scythe greets us with the new year.

New Year's Eve is traditionally a night for insomniacs with most of the nation staying up to see the new year in. Bevan Willgress asks the question "Do you remember 1st January 2000?" George and I do. We were in bed with 'flu but woke just before midnight to the sound of fireworks and bells. The fireworks were spectacular but the sound of the church bells gladdened our hearts as we lay there. We always listen out for the bells and I would like to say thank you to the bellringers who each year climb the tower at a very cold time of year to ring in the new year.

Lying in bed on new year's day recovering from the revelries of the previous night has only come about since the early 1970s. Before that we had to get up to go to work and how difficult that was sometimes! Once, to beat that tired feeling, after a new year's eve ball some friends and I arrived home at about 5.00am and decided it best not to go to bed at all having heard received wisdom that it was better to treat the day before and the day after as one. So we continued to stay up. Never again - that day at work was the longest day of all! It was probably the fact that most of those who were at work on new year's day were ineffective (or even pretty useless!) that England joined Scotland in making the day a holiday.



Trafalgar Square and Edinburgh are, of course, among the 'hot' venues for new year's eve. The other place, particularly if housebound or with young children, is at home with family and friends turning on the TV to join with the rest of the country at midnight. For those occasions Andy Stewart, Clive James and Angus Deyton spring to mind.

So however you decide to celebrate the coming of the new year with whatever it might bring, let us hope that 2005 heralds peace, stability and goodwill throughout the world.

Leonie Henderson

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Terry Youngs - President

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Little Bromley Village Sign

At long last the sign is ready to be put in place. We are sure that when it is unveiled you will be pleased with the end result. The sign is double-sided, carved in oak with plough horses on one side and St Mary's Church on the other and will be sited in the centre of the village in the area of the old Wheatsheaf pub.

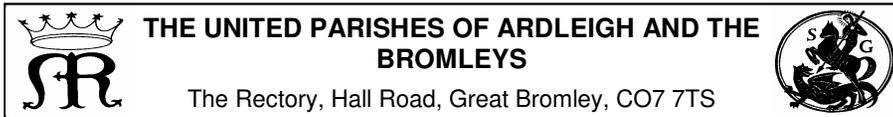
As soon as the final go-ahead is given it is intended to have a properly organised ceremony and everyone will be notified of the date and time.

Future dates of parish council meetings 2005/06

Thursday, 10th February, 2005	Thursday 13th October, 2005
Thursday, 16th March, 2005	Thursday 15th December, 2005
Thursday, 10th April, 2005	Thursday 2nd February, 2006
- Parish Assembly	Thursday 13th April, 2006
Thursday 16th June, 2005	- Public Assembly
Thursday 4th August, 2005	

It is still not possible to say where meetings will be held so ring the Clerk. All meetings commence at 19.30 hours on due dates.

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Dear Parishioner

On January 6th Western Christians celebrate the Epiphany, which means "showing" or "revealing". S Matthew's gospel (2:1-12) records that some time after the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds, wise men appeared searching for "the infant King of the Jews". In the good news given to the shepherds and their response of visiting the newborn baby, it is understood that the child is to be the long awaited Jewish Messiah, and so the shepherds representing the faithful Jews journey to Bethlehem to worship.

This child though is to be more than simply a fulfilment of a Jewish hope, he is to be "a joy shared by the whole people" (Luke 2:10) and so in the wise men we see the revealing to the whole world God come to earth in the form of a human child.

The importance of this is that it shows us that Christianity is a faith for all people regardless of colour, race, language, or status. The exotic visitors come not because they are rich or powerful, but

because they are wise, which my dictionary tells me means that they were full of commonsense, they knew what was good for them!

So Christians conclude that their faith is one to be shared and open to all, and are supposed to demonstrate this in their showing Jesus to the world, in the way they live their lives. No claim is made that we get it right, but we gather together to worship as the Shepherds do, because we recognise our need for God in our lives and that of the world. Then hopefully, like the wise men, we return to our homes to show to others what we have experienced.

In this may Christians be blessed, and others come to know the blessings of love and peace that Jesus was born to show.

Fr Nicolas.

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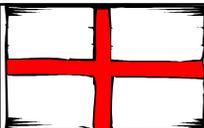
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The Annual dinner and awards night was held at the Snooty Fox on Friday 19th November. Many thanks to all those that made the evening very enjoyable. Club Chairman, Tim Biscoe said it had been a difficult time on the field but the atmosphere off the field had been excellent. He gave special mention to the Colts and their managers for their hard work through the season. He praised John Boulton, groundsman, for preparing such excellent pitches throughout the season which were voted second best square in the League, only being beaten by Colchester and East Essex cricket ground. In doing that he beat clubs such as Halstead, Witham and Elmstead - Congratulations indeed!!! The Presidents wife, Lynda Allam, presented trophies to:-

Best Batsman Peter Brinkley
Best Bowler Peter Brinkley
Best Fielder Richard Lawson
Players Player Simon Presney

Club Man of the Year Richard Lawson
Scoring 3 Centuries Matt Pirie
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With kind permission of Anne Clapham the Gt. Bromley and District Cricket Club will hold their A.G.M. on February 22nd 2005 at Copley Dene at 8p.m.

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER.

1st. Mrs. Gill Christmas
2nd. Mr. Simon Baines
3rd. Mr. Bill Kempster

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Phil Allam.



FROM THE PAST ...

GET IT DONE OR ELSE

At the Archdeacon's Court held in St Peter's church, Colchester, 13th November, 1582, John Harris, the Great Bromley churchwarden, was ordered "to provide a Register Book of six quires (128 pages) of paper, well bound and covered, **before Easter**, and to write their booke according to the olde.

The Registers were originally on parchment but starting from the first entry in the older parchment register of 1538 had to be copied on to paper as the Act decreed.

This was done in Great Bromley and the original book is deposited in the Essex Record Office.

John Appleby



NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERY

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Patient survey results

The results of the patient survey carried out in the surgery earlier this year in April and May have been received at long last. The questionnaire form used is one that is used nationally to obtain information about the quality of the service provided by general practices. The majority of practices have undertaken a patient survey this year in line with the new GP Contract. 189 forms were returned during the survey period amounting to a 90% response rate.

72% of responders attend the surgery three or more times a year.

96% rated the way they were treated by receptionists as good to excellent.

94% rated the hours the surgery was open as good to excellent.

71% rated the time they had to wait to see a particular doctor (68% within three working days) as good to excellent.

86% rated the time they had to wait to see any doctor (90% within three working days) as good to excellent.

97% reported that they could see a doctor urgently on the same day.

74% rated the time they had to wait at surgery to see a doctor (94% seen within 20 minutes) as good to excellent.

78% rated the ability to get through on the telephone as good to excellent.

83% rated the ability to speak to a doctor on the phone for advice as good to excellent.

92% rated their consultations with their usual doctor as good to excellent. Taking into account factors such as asking, listening, involving, explaining, time spent, patience, caring.

96% rated their consultations with the practice nurses as good to excellent.

Taking into account factors such as

listening, explaining and quality of care. 86% of responders were completely or very satisfied with the practice overall.

The practice will be reviewing the results of the survey with a PCT Non-Executive Director in January and discussing organisational changes in response to the results. Two changes which have been implemented is a new GP rota with a wider spread of surgery sessions including early afternoon and ensuring that an additional telephone line is opened every morning.

The practice will be repeating the survey next May.

Dr Lisa Parker

Dr Parker has now joined the practice under the GP Retainer Scheme and is providing surgery sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday morning. (Tuesday and Wednesday as from January). Dr Parker has been providing locum sessions since April. The GP Retainer Scheme provides the opportunity for a GP to work part-time and care for children. Dr Parker has been previously a full time GP in Surrey.

Valerie Salmon

Valerie is retiring at the end of December after 14 years service, although will be back for a few days in the new year to help with staff training. We are pleased to have filled her receptionist post and a Mrs Eunice Wix will be starting in December.

GP Registrar

Dr Sajit Rahman, our GP Registrar leaves the practice at the end of January having completed his training year. Sajit is hoping to be offered a GP position in a Colchester practice or become a locum doctor with the Primary Care Trust. He is to be replaced by Dr Claire Stebbing who is at present working at Colchester General Hospital in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager



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Last month was a very busy month for Playgroup. The children made lots of goodies to eat, including Yuletide logs, peppermint creams and Christmas puddings! Father Nicolas came to visit us on 1st December to tell us the Christmas story which the following week the children performed in their play. A great big well done to all who took part.

The term finished with our Christmas party, which went well and was great fun.

At the end of the party we had a special visitor, Father Christmas came and gave all the children a present!

We have some new children joining us who are Samuel, Emily, Saffron, Mollie and Ronnie, we welcome you all and we hope you enjoy playgroup.

We return back to playgroup on **Monday 10th January.**

Kelly Buckingham.

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Welcome back to you all, we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas.

Our term before Christmas ended on a great note; we had a Christmas party which went really well.

We are grateful for all the help we had from the mums and carers.

We have lots of activities planned for this year, so please do keep supporting us by coming along on a Friday morning.

We will be organising another night out for the adults, details will follow shortly. As always we look forward to seeing new faces...and of course our regulars!

Kelly Buckingham & Tracey Sutherland.



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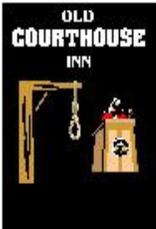
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It's that time of year again. New Year looms and resolutions are made (and usually pretty quickly broken!). If you are anything like me, you set off with every intention of really sticking to losing weight, or taking more exercise, or cutting down on alcohol - it always used to be stopping smoking for me a few years ago - but it just doesn't last.

One of the doctors here, who asks to remain anonymous, reckons that New Year is not a good time to start a lifestyle change anyway. He feels that trying to give something up when you are eating/drinking/smoking your way through Christmas presents and festive leftovers is doomed to failure and I can see his point. Also, mid-winter can be depressing enough without depriving yourself of things that you enjoy - even if they are bad for you.

His theory is that March is a much better time to go for a major change. Spring will be inspiring everyone to positive thoughts so a difficult resolution is more likely to succeed. It's also easier to get out and about, keeping your mind off whatever it is that you have given up. If smoking is your vice, there's also a lot of publicity and national support for "No Smoking Day" these days, which might just help.



If you do decide to have a go at something on January 1st though, we might just have an information leaflet that will help. We have all sorts tucked away - diet sheets, exercise suggestions, lists of self-help groups. Do ask if you think we might be able to help.

Don't forget also that the pharmacy has a range of products designed to help with stopping smoking. Joe Knatt will be delighted to advise on them.

Just an idea - you could try asking the Parish News to publish your resolution. That way everyone would be keeping an eye on you!

Here at the surgery, now that we have a proper supply, we are at last in full swing with flu jabs and we've already caught up with about 1,500 of you. However, there are plenty more of you out there who are 65 and over, or who have a chronic disease such as asthma, heart disease, diabetes etc which entitles you to a free jab. Do book an appointment if you qualify and haven't been jabbed yet. It's about the best free gift offer you'll get all year.

We have been specially asked to mention our opening hours over Christmas and New Year, so here goes. The surgery's and the pharmacy's "closed" days will be the same incidentally.

Friday 24th December will be a normal day, although everyone on duty will be hoping to get away as early as possible so, if you need us, please say so as early as possible.

We are then closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December.

We then work normally until New Year, when we will be closed on Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd January.

As usual, Primecare's "emergencies only" cover can be accessed when we are closed by ringing the usual surgery number, 01206 250691.

It only remains really to wish everyone a very merry Christmas (assuming this reaches you in time) and a happy, healthy New Year. Good luck with any resolutions (mine is to lose weight, so if you see me buying Hula Hoops, please remind me!) and in the nicest possible way, we hope we don't see too much of you in 2005.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

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We start the New Year with a talk by Mr Walker entitled "Growing up in the Dutch Quarter of Colchester". If anyone would like to join us on Wednesday, 5th January at 7.30pm in Great Bromley Village Hall, you will be made very welcome. It should be an interesting evening and there will be refreshments together with a raffle.

"A Happy and Prosperous New Year" to everyone from the WI.

June Willgress



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

PLEASE NOTE -

The **January meeting will be held on 27th January** due to the Hall being used for voting. It will be the AGM so please make every effort to attend even if it means leaving early if you have problems driving in the dark.

Mr Walker gave a very interesting talk, with slides, on pantomime of years ago - how different were the costumes of the leading actors to what they are today. Pantomime, the "highlight" of Christmas, is something for ALL ages and being taken back to one's childhood can't be bad!



The competition for **27th January** - just another reminder! - is a **KEY RING**. To all our members and everyone who reads "The Messenger" we wish a happy new year - keep warm, keep well and we look forward to seeing you.

Vicky Griffiths

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Our Christmas Fayre was held in November in the School Hall. It was well attended raising around £1,100 and everyone had a really good time. A big thank you to all who helped with the event and everyone who attended.

We have many events planned for the New Year including bingo, a race night and a Family Fun day. Thank you for your support this year.



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NEWS**

**GREAT BROMLEY
PARISH COUNCIL**

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
YOUR PARISH COUNCIL!**



The Chairman and members of the parish council send all residents good wishes for a peaceful and prosperous 2005. The Council exists to represent your interests and you are therefore always welcome to attend council meetings and make your views known. If you have any requests, suggestions or complaints then please email, telephone or write to any councillor or the Parish Clerk. Otherwise keep in touch with the council's work through information provided in both the Messenger and the village website at: <http://www.greatbromley.org.uk>.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 January 2005 at the Village Hall.

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Winter Road Safety

Roads are salted to maintain the movement of traffic and reduce the risk of accidents.

We emphasise that not all roads are salted, and no guarantee can ever be given that the road will be completely free from ice. During winter weather please drive with greater care and never assume that a road is free from hazardous conditions.

An easy rule of thumb to follow is, if there is frost on your windscreen there is probably frost or ice on the road as well.

Tips for winter driving

Make certain that your vehicle has been serviced for the winter:

- ▶ Does it have sufficient anti-freeze and windshield washer fluid?
- ▶ Do the tyres have the correct depth of tread, and are they properly inflated? Have you checked your spare?
- ▶ Are your windshield wipers in good condition and working effectively?
- ▶ Are your lights clean and in good working order?
- ▶ Is your battery fully charged and in good condition?

Before each journey:

- ▶ Listen to local traffic and weather reports. A route you intend to use might be affected.
- ▶ If bad weather is predicted or has already struck, consider whether or not your journey is truly essential.
- ▶ If you must travel, allow extra time for your journey according to the weather conditions.
- ▶ Clean and check your lights, windows and mirrors.
- ▶ Allow extra time for your journey and, if necessary, consider alternative routes.
- ▶ It is a good idea to keep an emergency kit in your vehicle. A couple of blankets, some additional warm clothing, a torch with fresh batteries, some non-perishable snacks, and bottled water or juice can be useful to have if you are stuck for a while. A spade and a bag of grit (such as cat litter) can sometimes help to get you out of



slippery situations.

- ▶ Where possible, use treated roads for your journey. Even if it takes more time, it will be safer.
 - ▶ Ensure someone knows where you are going and what time you expect to arrive.
 - ▶ If you have one, take a mobile phone and ensure it is fully charged.
- When driving in poor weather conditions:**
- ▶ Drive with great care, whether or not the road has been treated with salt or grit.
 - ▶ Be aware that a route might not be treated along its entire length.
 - ▶ Keep a safe stopping distance between your vehicle and the one in front, and don't brake suddenly. Drop down a gear to let the engine help with braking.
 - ▶ Use dipped headlights in poor conditions.
 - ▶ Only use fog lights if visibility is less than 100 metres, and remember to switch them off when visibility improves.
 - ▶ Be especially mindful of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
 - ▶ Take care when travelling behind salting vehicles and snow ploughs. Keep a safe distance and do not attempt to overtake them.
 - ▶ Driver fatigue and stress increases when driving in adverse weather conditions. Take a break to help keep yourself alert for the rest of your journey.
 - ▶ And, importantly, keep speeds low!

If you get stranded

- ▶ Try to make certain that your vehicle does not block access for emergency vehicles, including the winter maintenance teams.
- ▶ If there is no shelter nearby, remain with your vehicle
- ▶ Keep moving to maintain your body circulation
- ▶ If your exhaust can vent, use your engine to keep warm. If the exhaust **cannot vent,**

switch off the engine!



GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Management Committee is next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, 4th January, 2005 at 7.30pm in the Hall.

Gosh, doesn't time go quickly. It is now five years since we were welcoming in the new millennium. Do you remember 1st January, 2000, I do. We, that is June, David and myself, together with a couple of bellringers from Langham, stood at noon by the gate to Little Bromley Church after ringing the church bells, listening to those of Great Bromley church being rung by our colleagues wafting across the fields of young green crops gleaming with the sun light under a very bright wide open blue sky. All church bells were rung on that day.

So what has been done at the Hall to improve the facilities that it offers over these past five years? The Millennium Lounge has been built and opened, ramps have been installed at most entrance and exit doors to comply with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act, the outside of the Hall was repaired and painted, major improvements to the Hall's electrical installation, the old emergency lighting system has been scrapped and one to current standards provided in its place. Also, both north and south car parking areas have been drained and the surfaces firmed up, together with an extension of the south parking area round to the rear entrance.

Internally, we have rearranged some of the storage spaces and some additional shelving and cupboards built and made available to organisations who need to leave equipment at the Hall. A few units were added in the kitchen, the ladies vanity unit was replaced and this past year we have replaced the main heating boiler (the old one gave at least 30 years' service!)

So what do we face this year? Apart from the day to day repairs etc., we have the new Licensing arrangements to implement under The Licensing Act 2003. This affects both entertainment and the supply of drinks at functions. We are also drawing up our Hire Agreement which we aim to bring into use this year. We will also discuss the Hall's internal décor and aim to improve some areas.

We thank you and appreciate your support at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 20th November, when £1,012 was raised and has been split equally between the Hall and the WI this time around.

We are bringing back the Glen Miller Big Band sound to entertain you on Saturday, 19th March, please book this actual date in your new diary and ensure you reserve your tickets by calling Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578.

May I, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, wish you all the "Season's Greetings for the New Year".

Bevan Willgress



PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOX BROOK STREET

BT is proposing to remove the public telephone box opposite the school. The nearest alternative boxes are at Hare Green and Burnt Heath. If you have any comments about this then please contact BT Payphones at the following: 0800 661610; customer.serv.payphones@bt.com; Sale ATE 32 Washway Road Sale M33 6GT. The following reference should be quoted: TW EA 056 04/01206 230668



KITCHEN CORNER

Lemon and Honey Cake

An unusual and interesting variation on lemon drizzle cake.

For the cake:
2 fl oz sunflower oil
8 oz caster sugar
8 oz plain yoghurt
3 eggs
grated rind of 1 lemon
6 oz brown semolina
2 oz ground almonds
2 oz plain flour

1 teasp baking powder



Method:
Put all into processor and mix 15-20 seconds. Pour into greased 7" tin. Bake 1 hour at 180°C, 375°F

Syrup:
2 oz granulated sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
2 tbslp honey

Method:
Bring to the boil in saucepan and boil 5-6 minutes.
Cool, then pour over the cake which has been pierced with a skewer

Jill Frostick



CARD

Campaign Against Rural Destruction

We, as a committee, were formed in 1996 to resist the destruction of our rural community, as a result of a proposal to develop a vast expanse of high grade agricultural land in the area of Frating, Hare Green, Balls Green, Great Bromley and Ravens Green.

Our aims:

- ▶ To represent local opposition to rural development
- ▶ To resist any major development now or in the future
- ▶ To liaise with other groups with similar ideals
- ▶ To ensure our democratically elected representatives accurately support the majority views.

We cannot hope to achieve these aims without your support.

Currently we are seeking to oppose the new proposed Oasis Development for the same area consisting of industrial units, at least 1,000 new homes, a new road and three roundabouts.

If you can help in any way either with a donation or giving your time, please contact our chairman, Mrs Jenny Willson, at card.campaign@tesco.net.

Please look out for future fundraising events - YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY NEEDED.



Fortcoming Events

JANUARY

- 4 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 WEA course 'Looking at Art with understanding', Ardleigh village hall, 2.30pm
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting. Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23-30 World Leprosy Week
- 27 Friendship Club meeting, Village hall, 2.00pm
- 29 Quiz night at the Welshwood, 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- 10 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm. Ring clerk for venue
- 22 Cricket Club AGM, Copley Dene, 8.00pm
- 23 The Bromleys' APCM, 7.00pm

MARCH

- 19 Dance to Glen Miller Big Band Sound, Village Hall
- 27 Easter Day

APRIL

- 10 Suffolk Copncert Band, St Mary's church, 2.30pm
- 16 Church Coffee morning at Criffel, Dead Lane
- 22 Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 St George's Day
- 24 Rotary Club Race Night, Wivenhoe



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Gt Bromley Village
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Fundraising Quiz Night

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January 29th 7.30 pm

£10 per team (max 4 players)

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Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment through

Mandy Pratt: 230003

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ARDLEIGH WEA

"Looking at Art with understanding".

This will be the subject for the spring term course. The tutor will be Graham Slimming who is no stranger to WEA courses. The course is an introduction to looking at art, and it is intended to "open" various doors and to provoke discussion among the students. There will be visual presentation with the help of a digital projector with sound and music. There will be a wide-ranging coverage of subjects.

The course will commence on Thursday, 13th January at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh. Sessions will finish at 4.15pm (this will have included a short tea break). There will be a half-term break on 24th February and the course will end on Thursday, 24th march. A Field Trip will be arranged. Please note there is disabled access to the hall, and there is a hearing loop system available for those who need it. If you decide after the first session that the course is not what you anticipated, do not worry, no charge. But after the first session the following fees apply: Full - £29.50; Concessionary (i.e. retired or married couple) - £24; unemployed - free (on production of proof).

For further information contact the Secretary - Tel: 01206 250263.