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Little Bromley

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THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

I hope if you started something new in September, like school or university, that you have all settled well and enjoying a new routine. It's lovely to welcome back some contributors to the magazine. St George's school has started a new term, and Hugh has sent a great history article. The front cover this month is vintage style, a copy of the Annual Show at Great Bromley which took place 75 years ago. Thank you to all our contributors for taking the time to submit articles.

There's useful information from Andy and Judy this month about the new E10 petrol, and how it might affect your garden power tools. You can also check if your vehicle is able to run on the new fuel at www.gov.uk.

The Women's Tour will be whizzing through Great Bromley on Friday 8th October. I've included the timetable for approximate times, and further information is at www.womenstour.co.uk. It's well worth stopping to watch this one, the cyclists travel at an incredible speed. Perhaps this is one reason why the road surfaces have recently been renewed. I was lucky enough to be taken out in one of the escort cars during a previous Men's Tour and it

was a great experience.

Great Bromley Parish Council is hosting the Tendring Brass Band on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm in the Village Hall. If you'd like to go along, tickets are FREE and can be reserved by contacting Fred Nicholls on 01206 230688. Capacity is limited so don't delay.

Awareness days for October include:

- 4th - World Animal Day
- 7th - World Smile Day
- 9th - Seed Gathering Day
- 16th - World Food Day
- 31st - Halloween

Also, don't forget that British Summer Time (BST) ends with the clocks turning back one hour at 2am on the 31st October and we will then adhere to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

I think we will soon all start to feel festive after the clock change and once the weather turns colder. I'm already starting to think about colour schemes 🎄



*Take care,
Lizzie*

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Capacity is limited



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

Applications to be considered in November 2021 must be with the Parish Clerk by **Sunday 31st October 2021**. Only application forms received by this date will be considered by the Parish Council.

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



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

London Marathon

Jo Tyrrel, one of our Practice Nurses was due to run the Virgin London Marathon last year but because of the pandemic this was cancelled. I am really happy to let you know that all Jo's training and hard work has not gone to waste as she will now be running 26.2 miles in the London Marathon on Sunday, 3 October 2021.



Jo is raising money for two very good causes – Diabetes UK and Addison's disease. If you would like to support her and help to raise money for these very worthy charities you can sponsor her by visiting her just giving page below:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JoanneTyrrel>

The whole Surgery Team wish Jo the very best of luck with her Marathon run.

Update on the Flu Vaccination Clinics

Since I wrote the September Newsletter we have been advised that there may be a delay of up to two weeks in receiving



deliveries of our flu vaccination. At the time of writing this Newsletter in mid-September we are still waiting for confirmation of our delivery dates, but I can assure you that patients will be invited for their vaccinations once we have received this information.

- frontline health and social care workers
- all those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of severe COVID-19 and adult carers
- adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals.

Details of how the boosters will be administered are still being finalised.

Can we please ask that patients do not contact the Surgery about this as they will be invited in Group order to book their vaccination.

Update on Covid-19 Booster Vaccinations

We have just received confirmation that patients in the following co-horts will be invited for a COVID-19 booster:

- those living in residential care homes for older adults
- all adults aged 50 years or over

Patient Participation Group

At the time of writing the Newsletter there isn't a Patient Participation Group meeting planned in October.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

With usage of the village hall almost back to pre-pandemic levels and all of our traditional regular hirers (and some new ones) now booked in for the autumn, the attention of trustees has turned to the Village Hall AGM which will be held on Wednesday 6th October commencing at 7pm in the Millennium Lounge. All parishioners and members of the public are welcome to attend the AGM, which reports on the past year and looks forward to the next. This is your opportunity to provide feedback in person on the facilities in our village hall and the way it is organised and managed.

As mentioned in the September magazine, the AGM is also your opportunity to volunteer to assist with the management of the village hall, either as an elected trustee, co-opted trustee or as a 'friend' of the hall. Apart from Marion Britton, our loyal caretaker who is paid for her work, the hall is managed entirely by volunteer trustees from the local area who form the management committee. The hard work of the trustees is critical if the hall is to be successful as a community facility and is to survive in the modern world. Trustees are responsible for a wide variety of management tasks including secretarial, bookings and hirer liaison, finance, licensing, food hygiene, health and safety, property maintenance, grounds maintenance, fire safety and advertising/business development. There are currently two vacancies on the management committee and my colleagues and I would really welcome 'new blood'

onto the committee to help with the strategic and day-to-day running of the hall. No particular skills are needed but a desire to help our fine community facility to flourish and a willingness to get stuck in and take on a non-onerous management responsibility would make the role more meaningful and much more enjoyable. If you are interested in joining us on the committee please contact me for further information.

It is with some sadness that I report the impending retirement of Marion Britton, our popular and longstanding caretaker/cleaner, at the end of this year. After nearly 20 years of continuous service and support to the village hall, Marion has decided finally to spend more time with her family and on her other interests. For many hirers, Marion has been the day-to-day face of the village hall and has been an excellent ambassador for the management committee. She will be much missed. However, her retirement will mean that there is a vacancy at the village hall for a self-employed caretaker/cleaner and this may be an ideal opportunity for a local person to engage in a varied and worthwhile job with good remuneration and job satisfaction. A job advert appears separately in this edition of the Messenger and the trustees look forward to meeting with prospective candidates for the role in November/December.

Martin Frostick
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IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

You may be thinking of winterising the mower, although possibly less likely as grass grows most months of the year but be aware that the new variant of unleaded fuel E10, which came to our forecourts in September, rather than E5, has more ethanol and is more likely to be more corrosive if left to become stale in your machinery. It has an extremely short shelf life, with many not recommending it for garden machinery even if that machinery is deemed to be E10 compatible. There has been some press coverage of an additive that extends its useable life but this will only work on freshly purchased fuel. The general advice seems to be to continue using regular unleaded petrol, where you can get it. Hopefully more and better information will be issued soon.

We should see some warm and sunny weather this month and the warmth of autumn sunshine lifts the spirits and make the gardening all the more pleasurable. After sorting all your borders, hedges and shrubs there are plenty of other tasks to prepare for next year. Traditionally it is the time to lift, split and replant rhubarb where it has been in position for some years. Also, you still have time for autumn sown garlic, onions and broad beans, which can be planted or sown as late as mid-November.

It is time to replace summer bedding with winter bedding and bulbs. Our many pots of summer geraniums are lifted, still in flower, and it can be a difficult decision to compost them. On balance it is better not to defer the work as it is preferable to allow the new planting to establish in reasonable weather conditions. You can cut the geraniums back, pot them up and over winter them in a greenhouse to reuse

or take cuttings in spring. We prefer the simplicity these days of ordering plug plants to grow on in the spring! We replace them with winter pansies and bulbs.

As soil beds and borders are cleared, fork them over and remember to weed them periodically as some weeds now grow all year. Don't forget to leave some protection for less hardy perennials, such as penstemons. It is generally the root area of plants that need protection and a garden mulch will help. Too much water followed by a big freeze is when roots are at their most vulnerable. The mulch can be soft compostable garden cuttings not yet composted, cut up small and wetted down a bit if necessary to save them being blown away. Save your main compost, with all its nutrients, for a good feed in spring.

Whether or not you are an active gardener it should be a good month to see the autumn colours changing on trees. Collect up excess leaves as they fall. Some can be left to protect borders. Collected and stored they will eventually rot down to create leaf mould. Nowadays we store them in black bags, rubble sacks from DIY stores are cheap and last longer than many bin liners and can be reused. On lawns the mower is a useful tool for picking up the leaves as the shredding helps decomposition. Leaf blowers are useful, or as we tend to do, wait for a good autumn wind to heap them up for you and get out and pick up a bag or two at a time. Leaves never all fall at once so as with many things little and often can be the most efficient way.



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

Telephone: 01206 230305

Here we are at the beginning of another school year and we are certainly hoping for a less disrupted year ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome back all our children and their families after the summer break - we are looking forward to a happy, hardworking year.

In line with Government guidelines, we have been able to remove some of the restrictions in place around the school. The most important of these is the removal of 'bubbles' which kept the classes apart from each other. It is lovely to see the children mixing and playing together again. We have been able to reinstate our much-loved tradition of the Year Six children being 'Big Friends' to our new Reception starters. Watching the older pupils caring for and guiding our youngest children has been a privilege and it is a responsibility they embrace and enjoy.

Forest School sessions are already up and running, as well as weekly PE sessions with professional sports coaches. Throughout the Covid restrictions we were unable to sing in school, such a fundamental part of life in a primary school. Although we are easing restrictions with caution, and not singing all together yet, it is wonderful to hear the sound of children's voices through the corridors after such a long time.

We are very much looking forward to re-establishing our links with the community as restrictions continue to ease. If you would like to volunteer in school, perhaps hearing children read or sharing your expertise on a particular subject matter, please call the school office.

***Mrs Rebecca Keitch
Headteacher***

GREAT BROMLEY ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR

Sunday 21st November

9am – 3pm

at Great Bromley Village Hall, Great Bromley CO7 7JA

ENTRY - £1 (Before 9.30am £2) No Concessions

Hot food and drinks available

Email nigel@garden-shows.com 07802 282193

Covid-19 Restrictions - depending on regulations
Table bookings only in advance



WHEN THE TENDRING SHOW WAS AT GREAT BROMLEY

The school Facebook group has thrown up some memories of the Tendring Hundred Show. I have written before about the show being held in Great Bromley after the war. Since then an interesting history of the show has been published - "One Hundred Not Out" by Guy & Elizabeth Smith. One amusing snippet is about the 1907 Show at Weeley, where a Mr Ward objected to Mr Charles Wenden's horse, of Great Bromley, being awarded best gelding when in fact the beast was 'entire'. The judges allowed Wenden to keep the cup on the grounds that his animal was the only entry. One wag commented, "if the show committee introduces an Elephant class next year, he will enter his Tom-cat in the hope there are no other entries!"

The book tells us that the show restarted post-war in July 1946, and I have the show catalogue from that year. Instead of the usual weekday, it was moved to the first or second Saturday in July, just as it is now. It was also decided to keep the show in one place rather than move it around each year. The location chosen was the field behind the cricket pitch in Great Bromley, tenanted by the Girlings. (This was not the first time it had been to Bromley, as Percy Crossman had hosted the 1928 show at Great Bromley Hall.)

Although it was a popular and friendly show, it was becoming increasingly cramped as there were more and more trade stands with all the new machinery, and the great increase in car ownership meant complaints from locals about so much parking up Parson's hill and beyond. For 1958, Herbert Hayward of Badley Hall offered a larger field on the other side of

Parson's Hill, but he died beforehand, so it was only held there for the one year. In 1959 the show ground was relocated to Lawford where it has remained.

As Barbara Gould remembers, "For many years the show was next to the cricket pitch and down behind the rectory. My dad, Bunny Austin, worked each year in the preparation of the show ground and the clear up after. My favourite time was the day after the show when I picked up rolls of left-over paper, flowers and all sorts of stuff kids love! We always looked forward to that time of year as lots of people lived with their displays after they were set up and it was a time for reunions! Eastern County Farmers was my favourite!"

Trevor Gladwin says "I can remember as a toddler (aged 5 or 6) helping my father Ted Gladwin, and his father Jim (real name John James) Gladwin helping to prepare Mr Moorhouse's horses very early on show day. I was not tall enough to reach to plait the horses tails and manes, that was father's and grandfather's job. My humble task was to polish the horses' hooves with linseed oil and a rag. Happy days! When all was ready, the family travelled from Little Bromley Hall to the show at Great Bromley in a tumbrel pulled by one of the horses. I vaguely remember both locations for the show, the one behind the cricket pitch was, I believe, accessed via the entrance beside ECF (later to become Torch Petroleum and other operations). The other site at the bottom of the hill was known as "Bromley Park", now sadly a housing estate. The magnificent ancient oaks that once stood in that field suddenly vanished some years ago."

Trevor has kindly supplied some photos of the horses at the show in the 1950s. I also include the show catalogue page showing Mr Moorhouse's heavy horse entries from 1946.

Any more information or memories of the show always welcome.

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Right: Show horses

Below: Jim and Ted on Tumbrel

AGRICULTURAL HORSES
(Other than Registered Suffolks)

CLASS 10
Best MARE with FOAL at Foot (Mare only to be judged). Tending Hundred only. First Prize £5, Second Prize £3, Third Prize £1 10s.
Cancelled.

CLASS 11
Best FILLY or COLT FOAL. Tending Hundred only. First Prize £3, Second Prize £1 10s., Third Prize 10s.
Cancelled.

CLASS 12
Best GELDING 3 years old and upwards other than Suffolk. Tending Hundred only. First Prize £5, Second Prize £3, Third Prize £1 10s.

57 Mr. Alex. Eadie ; SMILER.
81 Mr. R. E. Giles, Sladburys, Great Clacton ; TOBY.
82 Mr. L. T. Hinnell, Home Farm, Ramsey, Harwich ; SMILER, April, 1939.
83 Mr. J. H. Moorhouse, Little Bromley Hall, Little Bromley ; TINKER, Clydesdale/Suffolk.
84 Mr. W. Robinson, Brooks Farm, Great Oakley ; Half-bred Suffolk Gelding PRINCE.





Above: Ted with Sharper and Short who won the 1953 cup

Below: Ted and horses competing in 1950



THE WOMENS TOUR STAGE 5 COLCHESTER TO CLACTON-ON-SEA FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2021

On Friday 8th October, Clacton is hosting Stage 5 of the prestigious cycling event in the UK, The Womens Tour of Britain, which will involve the best female cyclists in the world., and passes through Great Bromley - it will be very fast!

Below is the route map for the entire stage, and opposite is part of the timetable. Including the estimated times for Ardleigh, Great Bromley and Elmstead.

The whole timetable can be viewed at www.womenstour.co.uk

TIMETABLE | STAGE FIVE | COLCHESTER TO CLACTON-ON-SEA FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER

START	Northen Gateway Sports Park, Colchester
NEUTRALISED SECTION	11.9 km or 7.4 miles
STAGE DISTANCE	95.4 km or 59.3 miles
FINISH	Marine Parade West, Clacton-on-Sea



Route Details										
kms	kms to go	Miles to go	Feature	Instruction	Description	Base Speed	Estimated Time of Arrival			
							35	38	42	45
0.00	11.90	0.00	7.40	Start Neutralised	Northern Gateway - Colchester	38	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30
0.00	95.4	0.00	59.3	Start Proper	A137 Parsons Heath	38	11:50	11:50	11:50	11:50
0.3	95.1	0.2	59.1	Sign	Fox Street	38	11:50	11:50	11:50	11:50
3.4	92.0	2.1	57.2	Keep Right	A137	38	11:55	11:55	11:55	11:54
3.5	91.9	2.2	57.1	Sign	Ardleigh	38	11:56	11:56	11:56	11:54
4.1	91.3	2.5	56.8	X.Roads	B1029 Station Road	38	11:57	11:57	11:56	11:55
4.5	90.9	2.8	56.5	Caution!	Level Crossing	38	11:57	11:57	11:57	11:56
4.9	90.5	3.0	56.3	Keep Left	B1029 Frating Road	38	11:58	11:57	11:57	11:56
6.6	88.8	4.1	55.2	Sign	Tendring	38	12:01	12:00	12:00	11:59
8.5	86.9	5.3	54.0	Sign	Great Bromley	38	12:04	12:03	12:03	12:02
8.9	86.5	5.5	53.8	Keep Right	B1029 Brook Street	38	12:05	12:04	12:04	12:02
8.9	86.5	5.5	53.8		Entry to Loop 63km (39 miles)	38	12:05	12:04	12:04	12:02
9.2	86.2	5.7	53.6	Keep Right	B1029 Parsons Hill	38	12:05	12:04	12:04	12:03
10.6	84.8	6.6	52.7	X.Roads	Harwich Road	38	12:08	12:06	12:06	12:05
12.7	82.7	7.9	51.4	Sign	Elmstead Market	38	12:12	12:10	12:10	12:08
13.1	82.3	8.1	51.2	T.Lights	A133 Clacton Road	38	12:12	12:10	12:10	12:08
13.3	82.1	8.3	51.1	X.Roads	B1027 Colchester Main Road	38	12:13	12:11	12:11	12:08
14.8	80.6	9.2	50.1	Sign	Alresford	38	12:15	12:13	12:13	12:11

Dates for your diary...2021

OCTOBER

- 2 St George's churchyard tidy - 10.30pm
- 3 Tendring Brass Band concert - 3pm Great Bromley Village Hall
- 6 Great Bromley Village Hall AGM - 7.00pm
- 7 Essex Police Street Meet - 5pm-6pm Ardleigh Village Hall
- 8 Women's Tour - see timetable
- 8 Harvest Festival + wine & nibbles - 7.00pm St Mary's Little Bentley
- 13 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 17 Harvest Festival, St George's Church - 6.30pm
- 31 End of British Summer Time - 2am - Clocks go back
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 7 Light a Candle, St George's Church - 3pm
- 10 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 18 Little Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm

Little Bentley Coffee & Cake

1st Wednesday in month Church Hall,
Little Bentley



If anyone is in urgent need of the flood barrier or water snakes, these can be found in outside storage at The Courthouse, Harwich Road, Great Bromley.



Did you know? Great Bromley has two Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL or
- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG

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.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

After a long absence due to the Covid restrictions, the Friendship Club met for their monthly get together at the Cross Inn pub on Thursday 19th August. We were very pleased to welcome a new member, Sylvia, and hope she will be able to attend our future meetings and get togethers.

A general discussion was held between members and the committee when it was decided we should carry on with our monthly meetings and hope to

encourage more new members to join us. Anyone who has a couple of hours to spare on the third Thursday of each month will be made very welcome, and who knows, they may decide to become a member or even help with Committee.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 21st October at 2pm.

Alan Ward

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We encourage lifelong learning for those no longer in full time employment and retired from work altogether. Emphasis is placed on active and fun learning as well as developing friendships. We have a wide selection of interest groups such as, singing, philosophy, bridge, table tennis, art, poetry and garden visits. Coffee mornings are held each month and a great way to meet other members.

Our monthly meetings and lectures are always popular. In October, Richard Appleton, a retired consultant, explores the interface between law and medicine.

Please see our website u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley for more information.



**The Mobile Library
visits every three
weeks on a
Thursday - next
dates are:**

**14 October
4 November
25 November
16 December**

9.45am to 10.15am

JOB VACANCY - SELF-EMPLOYED CARETAKER/CLEANER

The village hall trustees intend to engage a self-employed caretaker/cleaner starting in January 2022 following the retirement of the existing post-holder.

This is a potentially rewarding and enjoyable employment for a suitable local person, with a contract which offers considerable flexibility as to when most activities can be undertaken. The role may suit someone wishing to work part time only or wanting to fit additional employment around an existing part time job or other activity.

The job description as well as a full briefing and walk-around the village hall are available from the village hall secretary to all prospective candidates on request. Duties of the role include liaison with hirers, cleaning in accordance with an agreed schedule and regularly monitoring the facility. Remuneration will be in the region of £10 per hour for about 13 hours per week when averaged across the year.

Interested? Then please contact me for further details in confidence and without obligation by 10th November at the latest.

Martin Frostick
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PRIMROSE FARM BARN OWL UPDATE

Well Owl TV is amazing !!! Mum barn owl has gone on to lay nine eggs throughout the month of August, fantastic for a second brood of the year.

She has sat on them diligently keeping them warm and turning them with her feet and regrouping them for her to snuggle down on. The first owlet was hatched on Bank Holiday Monday, with the tell-tale sign of a broken eggshell and mum really sitting tight. We saw the first one when she went for her stretch and flight when dark. Very tiny again looking like a small plucked chicken, with as very big rounded head and large mouth and beak. There was a six day break before number two was hatched; by then number one had had a good start with lots of food hand fed to him/her by mum. She picks at the plentiful supply of voles/shrews/mice and feeds her babies individually. Now

she is kept busy throughout the day feeding all three. Interestingly, she stands upright using her wings as a boundary in which she positions the biggest one, number one, behind her so the little ones get a share of food. He/ she tries to climb up her back feeling a bit left out!!! She positions the other two between her legs and feeds them, she seems to feed them every one to two hours. But they are all looking well, they must be quite strong as mum does step on them squashing them flat!!!

So at the moment we have six eggs still intact. I hope the weather and food stays kind for them.

I put regular video footage on the Great Bromley Community Facebook page.

Karen Moss

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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



Quite a busy September meeting. Ms Anna Chew, Head of Planning at City and Country, the company that seems to own St Osyth Priory, came and spoke about the proposed development plans on land near to the Bromley Cross. She advised those present that the objective was to achieve the best outcome for everyone and was keen to hold a variety of engagement events in the local community, aiming to have proposals by Christmas. The thoughts of those present seemed to be to hold a public consultation in the village hall to gauge the thoughts of parishioners. The exhibition should include evenings and a Saturday to allow all those interested the opportunity to see the proposed development and make comments. She agreed the purpose of the development was an “enabling development” to assist the upkeep of St Osyth Priory. Some of those present were not in favour of this suggestion bearing in mind the distance the Priory is from Great Bromley. Interesting times ahead.

We also heard from Councillor Philp from Frating Parish Council and a member of Residents Against Commercial Expansion (RACE) who was attempting to gather support for the residents in their concerns regarding Pallet Plus. Both Frating and Great Bromley Parish Councils have submitted very strong comments objecting to the proposed expansion of Pallet Plus. Since this meeting a Pallet Plus HGV has driven into a parked car in Frating Road. This was during the hours of darkness although the parked car was beneath a lit street light.

The Parish Council has objected to a

planning application at Pond Farm, Hall Road, on several grounds including the submitted planning statement which is inaccurate and several other matters, including the type of proposed building which would be almost identical to an adjoining industrial building which was approved on 24th June 2021 but is not yet built. A building to store hay does not require for the hay to be stored in an industrial specification building. Hay requires ventilation which this proposed building does not have. District Councillor Gary Scott was requested to call this application in.

Fly tipping is still prevalent in some areas of the village and these instances have been reported to TDC.

A discussion took place regarding the celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Councillors Rob Lord and David Hardy have been requested to look into the celebrations including where a Beacon could be situated.

The 2021 Women’s cycle tour road race will be racing through Great Bromley on Friday 8th October. They are due to race through Brook Street about 12 midday and continue up Parsons Hill to Harwich Road where they will turn right towards Elmstead Market. It is normally quite exciting and amazing how fast the cyclists travel.

***Cllr Fred Nicholls
Chairman***

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
<u>21/01222/</u> <u>FUL</u> Miss Sarah Rolt	Proposed traditional built side extension. Comprising of kitchen, dining room, and two bedrooms over two storeys. Dormers to be added to the existing roof and extension at the rear. Extension to be rendered. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	3 Dearsley Place Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JR
<u>21/01308/</u> <u>LUPROP</u> Nine Points Property Ltd	Proposed lawful use for the use of Ashfern House as a residential care home (Class C2). Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Ashfern House Harwich Road Great Bromley CO7 7UL
<u>21/01434/</u> <u>TPO</u>	1 No. Horse Chestnut - fell remainder of tree. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Badley Hall Farm Badley Hall Road Great Bromley
<u>CC/</u> <u>TEN/31/21</u>	New link road between the existing A120 and A133 inclusive of a grade separated dumbbell junction at the A120, with new accesses to an existing petrol station (Ardleigh South Services) and Colchester Waste Transfer Station; a new roundabout at the junction with the A133; and two intermediate roundabouts along the link road. Together with other associated works and landscaping - REVISED APPLICATION DETAILS Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Land between the A120 and A133, to the east of Colchester and west of Elmstead Market

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Foundation awards grants annually to young people and students attending Secondary School, Sixth Form College, Institute or University who live in one of 5 Parishes (Dedham, Ardleigh, Stratford St. Mary, Great Bromley or Bradfield). Applications for this year's grants have to be submitted by the 31st October and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Foundation, Claire Arculus, at dedhamefclerk@gmail.com

The article on the following page is from a student, Abbie, who was studying for a Masters in Ecology and Conservation at the University of East Anglia, and has been supported by the Foundation through her University degree course.

A Garden Nook

Even a tiny, sunny, sheltered spot can be planted to provide beauty and calm as well as nectar for bees and butterflies. Here are some easy-to-grow plants to get started. They are perennials, coming back each year. Each plant needs only a once-a-year prune and a bit of water in hot weather.

1. **Lavender** - Brilliant for bees. Grows about 2 ft tall and the same wide. They do well in dry, rubbish soil – don't overwater them. Trim the ends of all the stems in early spring.

2. **Marjoram** – (Oregano) Great for bees; even better for butterflies. Grows about 1ft tall and forms a clump. In spring, cut back all the stems that flowered the previous year.

3. **Catmint** (Nepeta) - It forms a loose mound about 1 1/2 ft high. After summer flowering cut back to the base in July as they go straggly and it will sprout again from the base.

4. **Verbena bonariensis** - Slender wiry stems with clusters of lilac flowers that

butterflies love. Leave the flowerheads, as finches eat the seeds. Prune to the base in early spring.

5. **Helenium** - Daisy flowers in flaming reds and yellows about 60cm (2ft) high, which will have the bees flocking. Cut back last year's flowering stems in early spring. Water well in hot, dry weather.

6. **Hardy geraniums** - Mounds of lovely leaves about 30-45cm (1-1.5 ft) high) and hundreds of large simple flowers in shades of blue, purple and pink, perfect for bumblebees. Some flower for weeks and weeks. Most can be cut back hard straight after flowering, and will happily grow back and probably flower again.

Make sure not too many of your flowers are 'doubles' - with lots of rings of petals. They flower for a long time and are popular with gardeners, but insects can't access the small amount of pollen they produce. Usually, if you can clearly see yellow anthers in the centre of a flower, it will be suitable for pollinators. Here's to Garden Nooks!

WI-Idlife Project

MY TIME IN MALAWI

What I gained from working with ABC in Malawi:

My internship exposed me to a whole new culture and working environment. I got to experience how field work was organised and carried out in-situ. I learnt how to survey for bats, how to carry out roost inspections and how to handle them which are all skills that I did not previously have but can definitely utilise for any future jobs that require bat surveying. My favourite bat species that I got to work with were the Little Epauletted Fruit Bat and the Banana Bat. I also took part in zebra work which is extremely useful for any future big mammal surveys that I do.

On a more personal level, working and living in Malawi for an extended period of time confirmed, and raised my self confidence, in being an adaptable and flexible person who can work in an environment that starkly contrasts with the UK - hot temperatures up to 35 degrees Celsius, insects everywhere, long days, intense rainstorms, all while living with basic amenities in isolated areas.

During my time on the ABC team I:

- Wrote identification keys for bats to help researchers determine what bat species they had
- Produced a full list of bat species in Malawi
- Produced free-hand drawn diagrams to accompany written information on bats
- Gained experience in radio tracking bats, allowing us to find local bat roosts and learn more about their preferred habitat
- Assisted with emergence, harp trap and mist net surveys. During these I was trained on how to handle, take measurements from and release bats

- Learnt how to do internal and external roost inspections on buildings where people suspect they may have bats

- Wrote project proposals for upcoming ABC projects

- Wrote regular newsletter articles which were distributed to ABC members

- Preserved bat DNA samples in the lab, this included faecal pellets and wing punches (tiny skin samples taken from a bat's wing)

My other responsibilities included:

- Carrying out regular vehicle checks on our Landcruiser

- Being responsible for the monthly inventory of: first aid kits, entomology and bat processing supplies.

Extra activities I took part in: While at the reserve I also learnt how to identify individual zebras by looking at their unique stripe pattern. I often practiced this by identifying zebras in photos visitors had taken, and during game drives out on the reserve.

After Malawi: Once I finished my internship in Malawi I went straight to South Africa where I had been offered a 3 month internship working at an animal sanctuary. This role was very different from my position at ABC but allowed me to embrace a very practical and animal welfare orientated role as well as explore a new country and meet some fantastic people.

I hope you enjoyed reading about my adventure. Thank you again so much for your generosity, without which I would not be able to do these kinds of amazing things.

*With much appreciation,
Abbie*

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

We have reached Autumn, the days are getting shorter and the need to cosy up by a fire will soon start. At this time I am unable to confirm if we will or will not have a bonfire display so please keep looking on our notices near our front gates. I will confirm next month (November issue, I am writing this on 8/9).

Again, we have had a busy few weeks, going to 'Wheels for All' events in Colchester, and for the first time in 20 months we are able to welcome the Ladies from the WI to a Knit and Knatter meeting this afternoon which is to be held in the courtyard, thank goodness the sun is shining.

We are looking into when we might be able to have entertainers back into the home, but with the worry of covid cases rising, will there be anyone who still entertains in Care homes? So if you know anyone who is able to provide musical entertainment from the 1970's going up to the present day please send us the information. Entertaining in a care home setting is not the same as in a pub

or club and normally takes place during the day.

We are starting to get things ready for our Christmas Craft making. Some of our residents have come up with a plan to make Christmas trees from milk bottle tops, Christmas bells from old Christmas cards and pom-pom snowmen. So over the next few months, I will try and photo these things and put them in with my ramblings.

Our normal activities continue every day. We try to change these, not always easy, as our residents know what they like and it is mostly quizzes, but we carry on doing arts and crafts, board games, music morning/afternoons and baking. We are always on the look out for something new and of interest to everyone or just a couple of people.

Two years ago we would not have thought we would all be using the iPads for facetime/zoom but we continue to use these even now when it's so much easier for relatives to visit the home, it's just become the norm.

*Take care till next time
Liz x*

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GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Great Bromley Women's Institute invites you to join us on Wednesday 6th October at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. Our speaker this month will be Barbara Falkner, who will be talking about the history of buttons and showing us her amazing collection. Afterwards we'll have tea and biscuits and a chance to chat and get to know each other.

The WI will continue with our traditional meetings, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, with the exception of a December Christmas lunch and our August Garden Party.

All women are welcome! Feel free to come along for a visit to meet other local women and find out what's happening in the village. We currently have a darts team, lunch meetings, coffee mornings, a walking group, craft groups and all sorts of new activities in the making.

For more information call Dorothy O'Grady on 07791 974053 or Wendy Gallaher on 01206 230207.

*Dorothy O'Grady
President*

District Statistics for Tendring – August 2021

District Commander: A/Chief Inspector Martin Richards



Your Priorities

You Said:

- We received reports of drivers speeding along Kings Parade & Kings Avenue, Holland on Sea & Walton Road, Walton. We have also received reports of antisocial behaviour from motorists in the Brook Retail Park area.

We Did:

- The Community Policing Team and our Roads Policing Unit have been focusing on the areas you requested. Several drivers have been issued fixed penalty notices for exceeding the speed limit. Two vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and several drivers have received words of advice. We will continue to monitor these areas.

NEXT STREET MEET Thursday 7 October – 17.00 to 18.00
Outside Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

The Bible gives eloquent expression to the creative power and wisdom of God, and it is a natural instinct for communities to develop patterns of worship and prayer around the agricultural year. Ancient societies lived close to the land, and the ancient Jewish festivals of Passover and Unleavened Bread, Weeks, and Tabernacles have agrarian roots. The Christian tradition too has assimilated particular agricultural festivals and the Celtic tradition has a particular emphasis on Creation.

Much of this is bound up with the need to provide food to sustain human life, and the accompanying sense of humility and gratitude before God as the source of all things, as well as responsibility for stewarding the resources of the earth.

Harvest Thanksgiving is a more modern addition to the Church's calendar. Its origins are usually traced in the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Revd RS Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional 'harvest home' celebration on the farms. Church harvest festivals quickly became popular and were officially recognised by the Church of England in 1862. Since then, many local traditions for the celebration have developed and some great hymns have been written.

All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His Love.

The Rev'd Laura Garnham

St George's mini-pilgrimage 22nd October

A small group of St George's folk and friends have enjoyed two visits so far this year. We visit a couple of specially interesting churches and have some short prayers and a hymn, then a picnic lunch, after which a garden or a little stroll. Our next visit is on Friday 22nd October to Copford (picture right) and Little Braxted. You are welcome to join and people can share lifts if they wish. There is no charge.

For details contact William at church@greatbromley.org.uk

Helping Hands

Saturday October 2nd 10.30am at the Church for coffee.

Everyone is welcome to join this new group of friends who are going to help keep the Churchyard "Spick and Span".

Festive Coffee Morning

Please join us for a Festive Coffee morning in the church on Saturday 4th December 10am - 12pm. Coffee, cakes, raffles, bric-a-brac and bargains.

Flower Arranging in Church

We are a very friendly group who arrange flowers regularly in St George's Church. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. Come and share our love of flowers and flower arranging. At special moments in the church's calendar, Easter, Harvest, Christmas we work together to make St. G's look beautiful. Please phone Jenny on 01206 230688.



St George's Church Great Bromley



www.greatbromley.org.uk

Parish of The Bromleys

Church Services at St George's

- October 3rd** ~ Parish Eucharist (BCP) 10.30am
- October 10th** ~ Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am
- October 17th** ~ Harvest Evensong (BCP) 6.30pm
- October 24th** ~ Parish Eucharist (CW) 10.30am
- October 31st** ~ Benefice Service at Lawford 10.30am

Services at St Mary's, Little Bentley

- October 3rd** ~ Morning Prayer 10.30am
- October 8th** ~ Harvest Festival 7.00pm
- October 17th** ~ Holy Communion 10.30am

Services at St Mary's, Lawford

- October 3rd** ~ Holy Communion 10.30am
- October 10th** ~ Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am
~ Family Service 10.30am
- October 17th** ~ Holy Communion 10.30am
- October 24th** ~ Morning Worship 10.30am
- October 31st** ~ Benefice Service 10.30am

Harvest Festival ~ 17th October at 6.30pm at St George's

Welcome to Harvest Festival Evensong when the choir will sing an anthem and there will be floral and fruit arrangements. If you would like to help with flowers or produce, please contact Jenny. We will be supporting Manningtree Foodbank and welcome donations of money in the bucket at the service (or at other times) so we can buy the exact things which are currently in short supply. Thanks for your support.

Light a Candle ~ 7th November at St George's

At 3pm there will be a 'Light a Candle Service' when we can remember those who have died either recently or longer ago. Please put names of those to be remembered on the list in church or advise Jenny. If you can't be there but would like us to light a candle for your loved one, please let Jenny know - 01206 230688.

October Charity ~ Refugees

We are gathering donations from St George's to assist the Afghan refugees. <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/faith-in-action/refugee-engagement> Please bring donations to a service in October or arrange delivery/ collection with Jenny or Guy, our treasurer.