# The Messenger

The Magazine of the villages of Great & Little Bromley

June 2023



# THE FIRST PAGE

#### Dear all

We're finally starting to see an increase in temperatures and sunnier weather, and it will soon be the longest day of the year. All my apple blossom got blown away but the wisteria did brilliantly and held on for a few weeks, as did it's incredible scent.

My calf muscle has just about recovered but it's set me back a good few weeks, and I need to build up to where I was. You'll see in this edition (p.7) a review of the Bromley 10K Run; well done to all those who took part, and to those who organised it.

Also in this edition are details of the next North Falls consultation event at Great Bromley Village Hall (p.15).

Thank you to everyone for getting their articles to me, it's been a very tight deadline this month due to elections, extra meetings, and life in general. Thanks as always to our advertisers -We now have a waiting list for adverts in our magazine so if you'd like to advertise, there may be some time to wait - we must be popular! And a big thank you to the volunteers who deliver the magazine to your door. Awareness Days in June include:

- 9th UK Clothing Poverty Awareness Day
- 13th Sewing Machine Day
- 15th National Bug Busting Day
- 16th National Clean Air Day
- 18th Father's Day
- 20th Cervical Screening Awareness Week

St George's Church is holding a Pet Service on Sunday 2nd July at 3pm and you may wish to take your furry friends along. I do think we should have a Pet



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# **GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY**

#### JUNE IS CERVICAL SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

Cervical screening is one of the best ways to protect yourself from cervical cancer. Cervical screening (a smear test) checks the health of your cervix. It's not a test for cancer, it's a test to help prevent cancer. All women and people with a cervix aged <u>25 to 64</u> <u>should be invited by letter.</u> People aged 25 to 49 receive invitations every 3 years. People aged 50 to 64 receive invitations every 5 years.

How cervical screening helps prevent cancer - During the screening appointment, a small sample of cells will be taken from your cervix. The sample is checked for certain types of human papillomavirus (HPV) that can cause changes to the cells of your cervix. These are called "high risk" types of HPV. If these types of HPV are not found, you do not need any further tests. If these types of HPV are found, the sample is then checked for any changes in the cells of your cervix. These can then be treated before they get a chance to turn into cervical cancer. If abnormal cells are not treated. they may turn into cervical cancer. The nurse will be able to tell you at your appointment when you can expect your results letter.

How to book a Cervical Smear Test You'll be sent an invitation letter in the post when it's time to book your cervical screening appointment. Once you have received this letter, all you need to do is contact the Surgery on telephone number 01206 250691 and book an appointment with one of our Practice Nurses.

#### **Prescription Requests**

We have over 6,500 patients on repeat medication which normally require regular monthly prescriptions. Our Prescription Clerks are trained to deal with medication requests and can also help patients who may have an enquiry about their medication.

In order to ensure we are able to turn all requests around within three working days, our Prescription Clerks are not able to speak to patients at reception face-to-face, so please do not come into reception and ask to speak to someone about medication.

Our Prescription Clerks can be contacted between 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday by telephoning the main Surgery number 01206 250691 or 01206 257557 and choosing Option 2 for prescriptions. If you go into the hold queue, to avoid waiting for the Prescription Clerk to answer, you can press 1 and leave your name and number for them to ring you back. If you contact the Prescription Clerk before 3pm then you will get a call back on the same day. If it is after 3pm then you will be called back on the next working day.

#### All requests for medication need to be made in writing allowing at least three working days, as we do not have the capacity to take medication requests over the telephone.

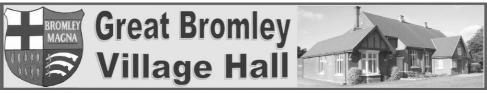
You can request your medication by emailing the Prescription Clerk on: <u>holliesprescriptions@nhs.net</u>, by dropping in a written request into the prescription box next to the front door, or via your on-line account. Once you have put in your request and allowed three working days for us to process this, then you can collect this from your nominated pharmacy. Please do not ring the Prescription Clerk to check if your prescription has been issued as you will need to contact the Pharmacy about this.

Your help with managing prescription requests is much appreciated.

**Surgery Training Afternoon** Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then this is available by contacting 111 for assistance.

**Patient Participation Group Meetings** There will not be a Patient Participation Group meeting in June.

#### Sue Mitson Operations Manager



I look forward to being able to report on the Village Hall AGM in next month's magazine but it is already clear that 2022/23 was another busy and successful year for the charity.

This month I will give a little more detail about two events which are taking place in the village hall in June/July:

## Sat 17th June

Nick Pelas and his Stage Theatre Company are performing the play 'Legends & Bridge' by C. Stephen Foster, an American playwright. The matinee is at 2.30pm and the evening performance follows at 7.30pm. The play is the imagined story of Joan Crawford inviting Bette Davis and Judy Garland to live with her to work on their comeback film. All is well until they see what project she has in mind! This play is for adults and was well received in the USA. Critic comments included 'Light-hearted script.....Nifty, colourful comedy filled with intrinsic wit and charm'. 'Wild and whacky! Hilarious'

The matinee performance at the village hall is the UK premiere of this play which has an English director and local actors from the London/Essex area.

Tickets and more details from Eventbrite.co.uk or the Box Office on 07754 398113.

### Sat 1st July

The Management Committee is hosting the village hall 100th anniversary celebration 11am - 4pm at the village hall. Entrance to the event is free and more details of what is taking place are included in the notice elsewhere in this magazine.

Martin Frostick - Secretary 01206 250263 villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk



# BROMLEY 10K RUN

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April we held the Bromley 10K race. Around 500 runners raced around our roads on this lovely sunny morning. As well as helpful marshals directing the runners around the course, we also had a water station along Waterhouse Lane for any thirsty athletes.

Starting from Park Farm, the run ended in Paynes Lane, Little Bromley. All runners were presented with a momento and the morning finished well.

The first man to finish was **Oliver Randall** and the first lady finisher was **Claire Jacobs.** Many other prizes were awarded for age and team categories.

We are pleased to say that £1500 raised from the run will be given to local

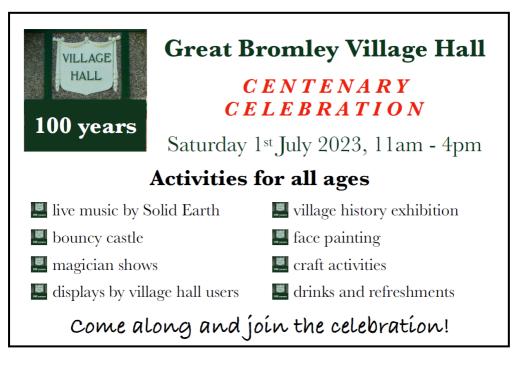
charity N.E.S.T. (North East Essex Support Team). This charity supports families around Tendring / Clacton / Harwich.

We would also like to say thank you to participating runners who donated £500 towards hedge plants for the village.

Finally we would like to thank all of our helpers, marshals, spectators for making the run once again, a lovely event.

Please note: The next Bromley 10K run will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We hope to see you there.

Carol Cordwell



# **SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME**

## Leonard Cheshire Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a fabulous Coronation Celebration, here at Seven Rivers we had a day full of music and fun. I know a few villages were booked to join us and if you did I hope you had a great time. We had the support of over 50 visitors plus residents and staff in the end, a lot of people in what we think of as a large space, but it seemed very small on Sunday. We made the decision not to be outside as rain was forecast, but it was a lovely summers day, but unfortunately it was too late to change.

Like lots of organisations we planted our flower beds with red, white and blue flowers and I'm happy to say they look good, I was just pleased we didn't get any frost to kill them off before the day.

Moving on, I often talk about things that are coming up in the home, this time I'm going to tell you a bit more about our day to day things that we sometimes just take for granted. the Rev Phillip visits to offer Holy Communion to our residents. After this service we have a songs of praise service. We thank all those who visit especially those who play the music and read from the Bible, it lifts up the residents who attend.

We also have the ladies from Great Bromley WI knit and Knatter visit. Our residents don't do much knitting but a lot of cake eating and nattering goes on and we thank the cake makers and those who spend their time with us.

Weekly we have Jenny and Christine who come in, Christine plays scrabble or word games, sometimes flower arranging and Jenny plays sing-a-long songs with a guess that tune making two fun afternoons.

We thank you all who give up time to spend with us to enrich our lives here at Seven Rivers.

More next month, until then take care

Liz x

On a monthly basis we are so lucky that

## **GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

At our April meeting we welcomed a new member, Jean. We hope she enjoyed the afternoon and will continue to join us each month.

A donation in memory of Rose Field, a long serving member of our committee has been sent to EACH, and a donation in memory of Pat Petchy will be sent to The British Heart Foundation.

We are sorry to hear that Mary and Tom, two long standing members of our Club will not be able to join our monthly meetings due to ill health. We shall miss you both.

We had an excellent afternoon's entertainment by Keith and Lorraine who sang songs from the Musicals, and after delicious refreshments enjoyed the second half of their programme when members joined in with the songs chosen. We look forward to Keith and Lorraine returning very soon.

The competition for next month is a home made something and we look forward to seeing what items appear!

## LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday April 20th to discuss the Five Estuaries Stage 2 Consultation and gather feedback from the village. A large number of residents attended and following a short presentation which summarised the Five Estuaries plans we discussed the potential impact. A show of hands indicated that all residents present were against the development, and we received tremendous feedback on concerns. These have been included in the Parish Council response to the Stage 2 Consultation which can be found at https://www.littlebromley.org.uk/notice/ five-estuaries-feedback. Many residents also said that they would respond directly to Five Estuaries and we hope to be able to provide you with an approximate count of the number of responses sent in the next Messenger.

The North Falls Statutory Consultation starts on the 16th May 2023 and closes at 23.59 on the 14th July 2023. For the Onshore Infrastructure which will particularly affect Little Bromley they will be consulting on 3 options -

**Option 1**: Onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within Tendring, Essex, with a project alone onshore cable route and onshore substation infrastructure;

**Option 2:** Onshore electrical connection at a National Grid connection point within Tendring, Essex, sharing all or part of an onshore cable route with separate onshore export cables with another project (such as Five Estuaries) where practicable, or

**Option 3:** Offshore electrical connection supplied by a third-party electricity network provider. Such a connection will potentially be identified through the OTNR process. We will advise when we have further information on the Consultation on the village Noticeboard, Facebook and the Parish Council website. The Parish Council will take a similar approach to that we adopted for Five Estuaries please look out for further information.

Following the May 2023 Local Elections your Parish Council are looking for additional Parish Councillors. There will be a formal notice following our next meeting on May 18th 2023. We will advertise in the usual way (Noticeboard, Facebook and Website).

Our War Memorial is looking very neat and tidy thanks to Gemma and the Nasta Family for doing the tidying up in May. We received donations from Eric Benneson and Paul Stow, and we bought some lovely plants to brighten it up. I am sure you will agree, it's looking very smart. Paul has also offered to donate some time to paint the concrete posts and repaint the chains. A big thank you to everyone who has been involved so far.



### CONSULTATION LAUNCHED ON NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Third phase of consultation for project sited 20 kilometres off the East Anglia coast in the southern North Sea

# Southern North Sea offshore wind farm, North Falls, has launched the statutory consultation on its proposals today (Tuesday 16 May, 2023).

North Falls is a proposed extension to the existing 504-megawatt Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, and comprises an offshore array area totaling 150km<sup>2</sup> sited around 20 kilometres off the East Anglia coast and an onshore grid connection location in Tendring, Essex. Underground cables would carry power from landfall near Frinton-on-Sea around 24 kilometres to a new onshore substation.

In this third round of consultation, the project team seeks comments from communities and the wider public on its project proposals, and specifically on its preliminary environmental information report (PEIR).

This report sets out the initial findings from the thorough environmental impact assessment carried out by the project over the past three years. This work included onshore and offshore surveys, desk-based research and stakeholder consultation to identify potential environmental and community impacts from the project, and how those impacts could be dealt with.

**North Falls Project Director, Andy Paine** said that the consultation is a key chance for those with an interest in the project to review the current proposals and provide comments, particularly on any elements where their local knowledge may provide invaluable.

"The proposals presented are not the final application, but rather this is an opportunity for the local community and others to influence the details of the application before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate."

Following its previous two consultation in October 2021 and October 2022, this current consultation presents updated project proposals, particularly around its three options for transmission infrastructure, and offers a number of ways for people to feed in their views. There will be an online consultation portal and two webinars plus the chance to meet the team at five Essex events in early June being held in Great Bromley, Tendring, Frinton-on-Sea, Thorpe-le-Soken and Ardleigh.

For those in coastal regions potentially impacted by views of the wind farm, North Falls has also created a 3D interactive computer model with views from 17 different coastal locations for people to be able to see how it could look.

The consultation will run **until Friday 14 July 2023**. All the reports, maps and details related to the consultation, including the dates and venues of the in-person events, are now available on the project's consultation portal: https://stat.northfallsoffshore.com/ which can also be accessed via the website: www.northfallsoffshore.com.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm is being developed by a 50/50 joint venture company owned equally by SSE Renewables and RWE.

Consultation event:

Great Bromley Village Hall	Friday	3.30pm to
	2 June	7.30pm
CO7 7JA		

# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL





A big Thank You to all those residents that took part in our Coronation Celebrations, especially Lizzie, Carol, Jenny, Graham and Lewis who all helped to get the Village Hall looking so splendid. Thank you to all the cake makers, to Vicky (Patisserie4U) for the wonderful Coronation Cake that she donated, the washer uppers and anybody I may have forgotten.

Thanks to Bill for helping to take down some of the bunting and ensuring our flag was proudly flying.

You are by now probably aware it was not necessary to have an election for Parish Councillors as there were insufficient people nominated. The Parish Councillors that put their names forward will now serve on the Parish Council and will have authority to co-opt residents to ensure we have a full complement of councillors.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 17<sup>th</sup> May when various positions on the Council were agreed. Full details will be published in next month's Messenger. It is hoped that the co-opted residents will also be in place.

It has been quite a hectic few months for Councillors having been involved in the Platinum Jubilee, the sad death of the Queen and recently the Coronation of King Charles III.



It should be remembered that Parish Councillors at Great Bromley do not receive any allowance or payment, however we are here to assist residents, Councillors can be contacted via our Clerk.

### **Cllr Fred Nicholls**

# Dates for your diary



## **JUNE 2023**

- 07 WI 'Hi-de-Hi My life in Entertainment' David Webb, Village Hall 7:30pm
- 10 Tea and talk about Tariro project, St George's Church 4pm
- 14 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 27 WI Crafting Social. All welcome, Village Hall 10-1pm

## JULY

- 01 Great Bromley Village Hall Centenary Day 11am-4pm The WI will have a display, and some fun, crafty activities and legendary refreshments, and other local groups.
- 02 Pet Service St George's Church 3pm
- 05 WI Manningtree Foodbank presentation, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 12 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 20 Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain 7pm
- 25 Great Bromley WI Crafting Social, Village Hall 10am-1pm

## AUGUST

09 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm

## EXPLORE THE TENDRING HOLIDAY PENINSULA





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

- 15 June
- 06 July
- 27 July
- 17 Aug
- 9.45am to 10.15am





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

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.

# IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

Generally, you can be more relaxed about overnight temperatures but still check the weather forecasts to ensure that something unexpected is not likely in terms of frost or very heavy rain.

It is probable that greenhouses and cold frames can be left open at night saving the chore of opening every morning and closing every night.

This will be a busy month in terms of harvesting. As well as saladings and new potatoes possibly broad beans and early peas you may have strawberries and early blackcurrants.

Continue with succession sowing and plant out hardened off plants. Ensure that where possible and practical you mulch around plants to retain moisture. Depending on how much rainwater storage you have you will need to decide what plants should receive priority in the event of low rainfall and a possible hosepipe ban. The usual advice is to water a reasonable amount at any one time as small 'flash overs' of water result in close to the surface roots that are vulnerable in strong sunshine. It is suggested that if you have a slug problem morning watering is to be preferred as damp soil overnight gives the slugs easier access to the plants.

By mid-June you should check on the shallots and garlic and if they are a reasonable size, and if not still growing, you should consider helping them to ripen. If you crack the roots by raising them slightly with a fork it will prepare them to dry out naturally. Next month you can then harvest them, clean them off and dry them out ready for storage.

If you are following the 'no mow May' routine you will need to decide whether to continue this for a further period. Whenever you decide to resume mowing it is best if you gradually reduce the height rather than trying to achieve it in one cut. Whatever you decide you will have to accept the grass looking very yellow before it greens up again.

Monty Don recently wrote that the effects of climate change are making him reconsider whether his style of labour-intensive gardening based on the back-up of greenhouses, coldframes and sheds in which to protect tender plants is both outmoded and inappropriate. His suggestion is that by growing less of the tender plants that need winter protection such as bananas, cannas, some salvias and dahlias, a lot of labour can be saved. Obviously, you can take a chance and leave some of them insitu with protection, but a severe frost, extended cold weather and heavy rainfall could prove very damaging.

Most spring bulbs have now finished flowering and it is beneficial to remove seed heads and allow the foliage to die back naturally combined with applying a general fertiliser. This will enable the bulbs to store energy for next years flowers. If any clumps appear congested lift them with a fork, divide the clumps and replant them. It is easier to do this now rather than lifting them, drying them off and replanting them in the autumn. Planting them in the green will look untidy for a while but it saves work and storage space.

Consider giving hardier house plants an outside break once all risk of frost has passed ensuring they are protected from wind and very strong sunshine.

Do not forget to sow winter greens that will need to be grown through the summer and autumn for harvesting next winter and spring.

# **ESSEX LIBRARIES**





Supporting readers with visual and/or print impairments.





Hi Vis Fortnight is coming to Essex Libraries! From 1 to 14 June, we'll be celebrating and highlighting all the ways that we support readers who have visual and/or print impairments.

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- Access Library Cards for registered blind or visually impaired people
- Essex Sight Drop-in Sessions in selected libraries
- Support tailored to children and young adults, including Large and Giant Print, Braille, ClearVision, Booktouch, and a selection of e-reading options.

Find out more about our support for visually and/or print impaired readers at www.libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/hi-vis-fortnight-2023

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS					
REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATIO N	DECISION		
23/00204/ FUL Mr R Craven	Proposed provision of an agricultural storage building.	Willow Farm Hilliards Road	Approval – Full 03.04.2023 Delegated Decision		
23/00249/ COUNOT S Brazier – Toad Hall Free Range Eggs	Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 2 single dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.	Barn A Bush Farm Hall Road	Determinatio n prior approval not reqred 06.04.2023 Delegated Decision		
21/02032/ FUL Halliday and Wynne	Provision of 3 bed detached house and integral garage. (Plot 2)	Weeping Ash Ardleigh Road	Refusal – Full 24.04.2023 Delegated Decision		
21/02033/ FUL Halliday and Wynne	Removal of existing single garage, Construction of 3 bed detached house with separate garage and formation of double garage to Weeping Ash. (Plot 1)	Weeping Ash Ardleigh Road	Refusal – Full 26.04.2023 Delegated Decision		
23/00248/ FULHH Mr Walker and Ms Higgins	Proposed single storey side and rear extensions.	Avalon Furze Lane CO7 7JU	Approval – Full 19.04.2023 Delegated Decision		



## Essex Oil Club

If you would like to pay less for your oil, wood and coal, come and join the Essex Oil Club and get discounts for these products by buying in bulk with other local people.

For further information and to register online go to www.essexoil.club/or call Lesley on 01206 231703.

# THE CORONATION

The arrangements and planning for King Charles's Coronation began in January 2023. The residents at Cheshire Home had written a song for this special occasion called "Coronation Party 2023" it is sung to the tune of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles":

It's a Coronation Party To celebrate King Charles the Third Fizzy stuff to down And a King to crown The flags will fly Red, White and Blue All the bands will play For this special day It's a Coronation Party For King Charles the Third At Cheshire Home today!

So, the flags did fly and the bunting too throughout this wonderful weekend in Great Bromley.

The Parish Council and St Georges Church planned a special service at the Church at 3pm on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023. The Reverend Canon Stephen Carter led the service, our Councillor Carlo Guglielmi and our Parish Council Chairman Fred Nicholls read the lessons.

The St Georges Choir sang a special Anthem commissioned for the Coronation by the R.S.C.M entitled "The Mountains Shall Bring Peace" written by Joanne Forbes L'Estrange a very beautiful moment in this Service of Celebration. St Georges Church looked beautiful dressed very patriotically in red, white and blue. Every child in St Georges School helped make the bunting strung across the pillars of the church. Thankyou children.

At 4pm The Parish Council invited the whole village to join in a special Tea Party at the Village Hall. A sumptuous array of cakes and savouries adorned a



central table, the centre piece being a huge Coronation Cake made by our own Vicki (Patisserie 4 U). No fizzy stuff to down but plenty of tea and coffee supplied by the Parish Council.

We were also treated to a Concert by our very own "Black Cactus Choir" – conducted by Alex. It was a superb concert, lovely joyful medleys of popular songs.

The Village Hall looked splendid also decked out in red, white and blue bunting. Thankyou to all the volunteers who helped Fred and the Parish Councillors set up in the Hall for the celebration.

The wonderful day finished in time for us to be home and watch the Coronation Concert at Windsor Great Park. Thankyou to all who helped to make May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 such a memorable occasion.

Well done Great Bromley!!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS					
REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION			
23/00534/ FULHH Mr and Mrs John Butcher	Proposed single storey rear extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comments.	Orchards, Frating Road CO7 7JW			
<u>23/00606/</u> <u>FULHH</u>	Proposed single storey front and side extension. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comments.	Northgate, Frating Road, Great Bromley			



# **GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

## INSPIRING WOMEN

Our AGM was a merry meeting electing our new committee and thanking all who made the last year so successful. We had a table display of wonderful items made by our skillful crafters. We moved smoothly into a fabulous demonstration on how to make a bouquet with Sharon Perfect. She lived up to her name and

we went home convinced that we could pull off that degree of beauty at home.

Ladies, you are all welcome to join us next month for a humourous journey into the entertainment world with David Webb.

> For more information: gtbromleywi@gmail.com Dorothy 07791974053

### Forthcoming Events:

#### June

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm VH. David Webb: Hi de Hi: My Life in Entertainment Wed 14th 2-4pm Cheshire Home. Knit and Knatter. Creating, Chatting, Friendship Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Noon, Ladies Lunch

Tues 27th 10-1pm VH Crafting Social. Making Aprons. Bring your fabric, patterns, creations. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

## July

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 11-4pm. Village Hall Centenary Celebration. The WI will have a display, and some fun, crafty activities to have a go at. We will also provide some legendary refreshments. Come along and meet the village!

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm VH A presentation about Manningtree Food Bank from Pat Chandler

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Knit and Knatter

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> WI ladies who Lunch

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm VH Crafting Social

# STOUR VALLEY U3A

Make the most of life once you're no longer in full time work and come and explore new ideas, interests and skills. Across the country U3A members are learning, staying active, meeting new people and having fun later in life. It's local, social, friendly, low cost and open to all.

We have over 40 interest groups including walking – from strollers to 5+ milers – theatre trips, garden visits, art appreciation, curry club, science group, languages, keep fit, pickleball ....... there's something for everyone.

Monthly coffee mornings are held on

the first Friday of the month 10am – 12pm at the Lambe School, East Bergholt. Our monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2pm in the Constable Hall, East Bergholt. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4. On 14<sup>th</sup> June there will be a talk on the Commonwealth War Graves and on 12<sup>th</sup> July we have Tania Harrington " Selfie Power – a History of Miniature Portraits ". There will not be a talk in August.

Please take a look at our website <u>www.u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley</u> for more information and contact details.

## STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY 'SING A RAINBOW' CONCERT

SCS invites you to their summer concert where they will perform a rainbow of weather-related songs from rain to shine!

The concert will be on Saturday 1st July 2023, 2.30pm at Mistley Parish Church, New Road, Mistley CO11 1ER

The musical director will be Susanna Rose, accompanied by Stephen Smith on organ and Ben Steinitz on percussion.

Interval refreshments will be provided by members of Mistley Church, with proceeds going to the church.

Concert tickets (Adults £12, under 18s free) are available from choir members, Howells Hardware Store, Manningtree or by emailing info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you for a fun and entertaining afternoon of music.



#### Songs of Praise is coming to Colchester's Castle Park Bandstand and we would love you to join us!

We hope you will be part of our outdoor recording of hymns and songs on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Castle Park Bandstand, Upper Park, Castle Park, Colchester, CO1 1UN from 13:30 - 16:30.

We will be singing some family favourite hymns, which will be conducted by Ken Burton and accompanied by a brass guintet.

All tickets to our recordings are **free of charge**. To apply for free tickets, please contact SOPcongregations@afantimedia.tv with your name, contact phone number and the number of tickets you'd like.

Please be sure to include 'Songs of Praise Colchester' in your subject header.

Alternatively, you can call us on **07734 030 888** to book your tickets.

We don't have an automated system. Real people from the team will respond to you as soon as they can so please bear with us.

Also, if the weather prevents us from recording outside, we will relocate to St Botolph's Church Colchester, Information will be sent to those with tickets via email.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards, The Songs of Praise Team

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## THE FRANKENBERG PARTNERSHIP

Manningtree and the surrounding area has been partnered with Frankenberg in Germany for over 50 years. Many friendships have been formed and trips made to our respective countries. This has been very enjoyable - socially and educationally.

The Frankenberg Partnership has now re-launched and we are looking for new ways to forge links with our partner town and we invite you to participate. Perhaps you are happy to communicate visit our website www.mdfpa.org

via Zoom or Facebook with our German friends, to form links with groups that share your own interests or to join the Partnership and come along to our social events and even travel with us when we next visit Germany?

Whatever your level of interest, we will be happy to hear from you. Contact our Secretary - email

mdfpa2023@yahoo.com or phone 01255 870509 or 07891 963005 and do

# **RECTOR'S LETTER**

#### Dear friends,

Cucumber sandwiches, coronation chicken, Union flags and even a dash of Pimms – the perfect recipe for a nation-wide bash, as we celebrated amongst family, friends and neighbours the coronation of King Charles III. I don't know if you're anything like me and you keep slipping back to a 'God save the Queen' when the national anthem comes on (even more awkward when leading prayers in church!), but these things do happen when one era concludes and new one begins.

I hope that, however you were able to celebrate it, you did so safely and happily. Times of transition are marked by a certain nostalgia for the past and what has come to an end, joy at the prospect of something new and hopefulness for what lies ahead. This can all be hard to maintain with the backdrop of increasing hostilities between nations, pressing problems on our shores and significant uncertainty about the future economically, politically and even spiritually.

It is at such times that I find great comfort from this short verse from the New Testament: "King Jesus is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). It is a reminder that, even though monarchs, like the seasons, come and go, there is something that remains fixed, firm and reliable amidst it all: a King whose way is love, who is full of both grace and truth. Elsewhere He is described as the "King of Kings" (Revelation 17:10). another reminder that all political rulers are, ultimately, accountable to Him which can be a wonderful relief in uncertain times, in times of transition.

May you know something of the security that comes from His rule and reign at this time.

#### Best wishes, Phillip

## **DEANERY CHOIR**

June 10th - The Deanery Choir will be supporting the Flower Festival at St Mary's Church Lawford CO11 2JX at 11am. They will sing a number of anthems suitable for weddings which is the theme of the Festival. Composers, Walford-Davies, Bob Chilcott, Victor Young, Thomas Tallis and John Rutter will feature along with a few surprises. Peter Clayton will accompany them on the organ.

June 11th - The Deanery choir will be singing at St Georges Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ at the 10.30am communion service. The anthem that they will be performing is, 'Blessed are the pure in heart' by Henry Walford-Davies. This verse is generally believed to have been taken from Psalm 24: 3-5 either by Jesus or the author of Matthew who was adding this verse that is not found in Luke. A number of scholars have been certain that there were originally seven Beatitudes, as seven was a holy number. Since this verse is similar to the Psalm some believe it was the one incorrectly integrated into the Sermon on the Mount.

> Graham Bell Deanery Choir



# St George's Church Great Bromley

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June 4 <sup>th</sup> June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Sunday Trinity 1	Parish Eucharist BCP Parish Eucharist	10.30am 10.30am
June 18th	Trinity 2	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	St John Baptist	Sung Eucharist BCP	11.30am
		at St Mary's Little Bromley	
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 3	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity 4	Parish Eucharist BCP	10.30am
		Pet Service	3.00pm
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 5	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 6	Evensong (BCP)	6.30pm
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 7	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 8	Service at Little Bentley	11.00am

## St Mary's, Little Bentley

June 4<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer 11am June 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 11am July 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion 11am July 16<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer 11am July 30<sup>th</sup> Joint Service Holy Communion 11am

Services details for Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze, Lawford/Mistley can be found on their websites.

#### Saturday 10th June - Looking Outwards

All are welcome to refreshment and fellowship at two special events

Wrabness Church 10.30am - Coffee Morning for **Practical Compassion for Destitute Children**. The charity helps children in the Lands of the Bible.

Great Bromley Church 4.00pm

Tea and a talk about **Tariro** by Fr Nicolas Stebbing from the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. The Tariro project works to give 'Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe'. A short Evening Prayer follows at 5.15pm.