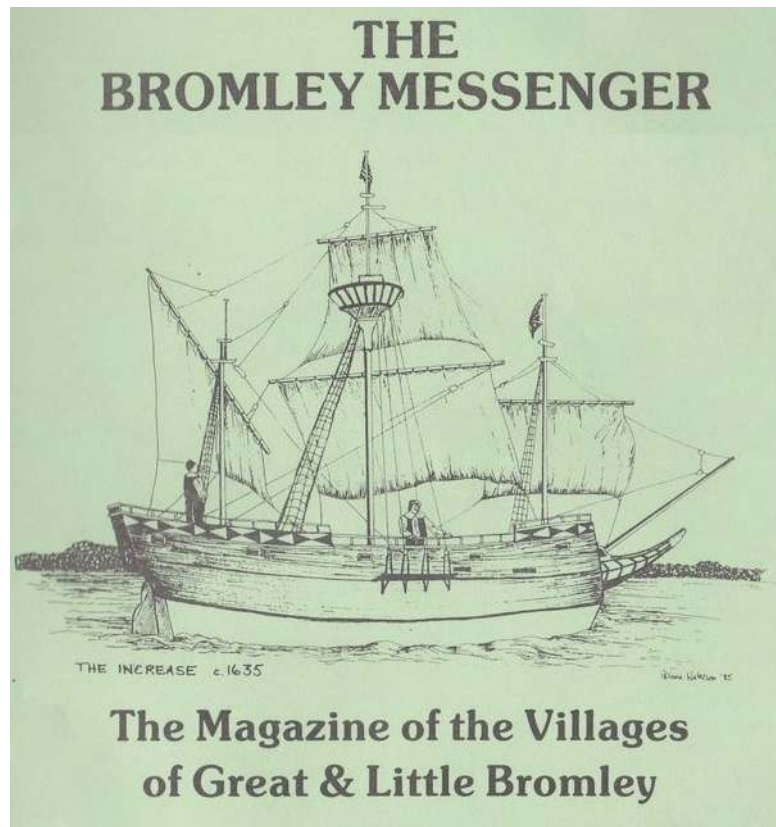


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The Bromley Messenger January 1990.

So here we are in 1990! A Happy New Year to all our readers. A few years ago I received a letter from a former villager now living in New Zealand, who asked me whether the village was now a suburb of Colchester. I was pleased to tell him that we are still very much a rural parish with its own identity, very many activities and organisations and the only link with Colchester was the postal address. We are still proud to be villages separated from urban sprawl and development, and our determination must be to maintain Our identity and independence throughout the 90's and into the next century. One way to ensure this is for every person in the parish, those who have lived here many years and newcomers to continue to be involved in our community life. There are so many organisations and activities in the village that there is room for participation by everyone who lives here. The reports of different activities published in 'The Messenger' bear witness to the vitality of the village. It will remain so as long as we all give our support and our energy to maintaining our community life, which is the breath of life for any rural community.

The W. H. Shepherd Funeral Furnishing Service. Ltd., are sponsoring this issue of 'The Messenger' and we thank them for their kind support.

Please could copy for the February issue be in the Rector's hands by Thursday, 11th January, 1990.

BABES IN THE WOOD.

DO NOT forget the Great Bromley Pantomime on Wednesday, 10th January to Saturday, 13th January with a matinee performance on 13th January. Tickets are still available from Betty Rowe (phone 231067).

CHRISTMASS SALE.

Many thanks to all who supported the Christmass Sale on 2nd December in aid of the Church Repair Fund. The total Sum raised was just over £700. Many people worked very hard to make this a success and I would like to thank all the stall holders and those who provided goods for sale. A special thank you is due to Jean Wright who organised and arranged the event. It was especially pleasing to see the newest organisation in the village taking part with its own stall - the S. George's Youth Club. *Rector*

THANK YOU.

My wife Meriel and I would like to send our warmest thanks to all who very kindly sent us Christmass cards. We very much enjoyed receiving them. *Rector*.

ROLY BANTICK.

One of a family who has lived in the village for more than three generations, Edwin Roland Bantick died on 6th December at the age of 84. Since the death of his brother Basil he had lived alone at Boulton Cottages and was known as one of the characters of the village. He was born at Hall Farm in 1905 when his father was coachman at Bromley Hall. Roly was baptised in S. George's church by Rector Graham and this was the beginning of a close association with the church throughout his life. He was a choirboy, then for many years a choirman and a member of the PCC. On retiring he was made a life member of the old Great Bromley PCC. He spent all his working life with local families as horseman, chauffeur. tractor driver. He was a source of detailed information about past life in the village, particularly of the Crossman family at the Hall, and the Rice family at the Lodge.

One word would sum up Roly's life; loyalty, loyalty to his employers, loyalty to his family and loyalty to his church. He was one of the dying breed of parishioners who were born, lived, worked and died in the parish, and he will be very much missed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

More than twenty parishioners living in the Mary Lane North, Chase Road and Park Road area recently met at Guildhall to form a Neighbourhood Watch. PC Andrew Lindsay showed two videos and led a lively discussion. The Watch, the first in Great Bromley, was duly formed and it is expected that others will follow. Gerald Gurney will be pleased to give help to anyone else interested in setting up 'a Watch in other parts of the parish.

S. MARY'S, LITTLE BROMLEY

I am sure that all readers will now know that the Queen signed an Order in Council on 1st November vesting S. Mary's church in the Redundant Churches Fund who now are the legal owners of the building. The Fund's architect informs us that urgent restoration and repair work will commence to be put in hand early in the year, and as soon as the work is completed, we will be able to use the church for worship from time to time, and for any other suitable purpose. This is a splendid end to a very distressing saga and one which I hope will bring great pleasure to the villagers of Little Bromley and to those for whom this lovely church means such a great deal.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH NEWS.

As we announced in the December issue, commencing on Sunday, 7th January, the morning service at S. George's church each Sunday will be a Parish Communion. On Sunday, 7th January, when we will keep

the Feast of the Epiphany, some of the children will take part in a procession and tableau of the Three Kings bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

After the service on that Sunday there will be a short and important meeting (only one item on the Agenda) of the PCC. During the last weekend of January we will be welcoming a visitor from the Community of the Resurrection, one of the two Patrons of the Parish, Father Aidan Mayoss. He is coming to talk with us and advise us on the possibility of having a Parish Mission sometime in 1991. He will be preaching at the Parish Communion and Evensong on Sunday, 28th January and on the following day he will visit the school and in the evening speak to a meeting of the Parochial Church Council to which all members of the congregation are invited.

S. GEORGE'S TOWER.

A detailed inspection of the interior of the tower was made in November which revealed considerable death watch beetle infestation in some of the main beams supporting the ringing chamber. It will be necessary to cut out and replace some of these mediaeval timbers before we can safely resume the ringing of the bells. This is a sadness, as with the completion of the exterior work on the tower, we had hoped to be ringing again by now. At the time of writing we do not yet know how much this work will cost or how long it will take to put it in hand. This means that we have to continue our efforts to raise money for the Repair Fund even longer- All your efforts to help in this repair are very much appreciated. This month I would like to acknowledge with thanks the donation of £300 to this fund from the Great Bromley Jubilee Carnival Association.

THE GREAT BROMLEY FOLK DANCERS.

We have now been formed for nine months and have progressed well in numbers. Because of the increase in membership we have now moved, by kind permission of the Revd. Robinson, into the Methodist Hall at Balls Green where we meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

During the last few meetings we have averaged seven couples. This is an ideal number to tackle most dances. During the month we arrange a Saturday evening visit to y a dance with the Romford and Brentwood Folk Dance Club. This evening proved to be the highlight of the year.

A visit will be available in February to Cecil Sharp House in London where the Essex District of the Folk Dance Society is to hold their seventeenth century ball.

We wish everybody a happy new year, *Ron Mears*

LEN CHRISTO'S QUIZ ANSWERS,

1 Psi 2 Macedonia 3. 14 4 Crete 5 Prometheus 6. Alexandra the Great

7 Melina Mercouri 8 Potato 9. Corfu 10 Orthodox (Greek or Eastern) 11 Aegean Sea 12 1821~1829

ADVERTISEMENT - GRASS CUTTING.

The Parish Council is seeking tenders for the grass cutting (using gang mowers) of the Recreation Field, Hare Green. Anyone interested and capable should contact the Parish Clerk, Mr. B. Booty.

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD

A Coffee and Bring~and~Buy morning was held at the home of Mrs. Dee Baxter on Tuesday, 5th December, to raise funds for the above project. This event was well supported and a total of £161 was raised. Grateful thanks to all those attending and also thanks for all gifts and donations/

GREAT BROMLEY BROWNIES.

We have had another busy month during which Shelley, Joanne, Sarah, Karina and Angela took their Promise. Beth received a birthday badge. We attended church for the Family Service in which the Brownies took part. The hard work of the dads, under Mr. Whitman, spent a Saturday fixing the roof and windows of the Brownie Hut ' and their work has been much appreciated during the recent cold spell.

Thank you to the dads for giving up your spare time. We ended Brownies for the year with an Open Evening which was marvellously supported by parents and friends. The Brownies arranged amusements, refreshments and an entertainment for their visitors and we would like to thank everybody for the generous amount of £30.17 which was realised during the evening. The Brownies had previously decided amongst themselves that the evening's surplus should be sent to this year's Blue Peter Appeal. The first meeting of 1990 will be on Thursday, 18th January.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. *Brown Owl.*

THE GARDEN iN JANUARY.

This is the start of the new year and time to get ready for spring sowings. Remove dead and diseased and untidy branches from shrubs and trees. Examine Chrysanthemum stools for grey mould, ventilate frames on mild and dry days. Prepare sites for spring sowing of annuals and order seeds. Remove faded flowers and leaves from houseplants, avoid over watering and give as much light as possible. Continue winter pruning of fruit trees and burn all prunings. Do not forget to sow broad beans and peas now.

Happy New Year. *Fred Wickham.*

ANOTHER CHRISTMASS.

Christmass Day was on a Monday that year. I came from Stebbing with my two children on the Saturday bus to Braintree, and then by Moores to Colchester to the old bus park in S. John Street where I met my sister who had travelled similarly from Blackmore. Sages bus to Great Bromley was packed and there was a sprinkling of RAF blue and army khaki, a friendly crowd on an open, sunny day. It was a Christmass of oil lamps and open fires, water from the well (take some out to prime the pump), fetch the milk and eggs from Brundells, a native chicken and a gift pheasant, a last year's pudding I had retrieved from home. We had to leave on Thursday to return to our evacuees. And then the January snow came down closing Stebbings deep lanes, and me with a raging wisdom tooth struggling up to Dunmow across the fields and a train home to my own dentist and a cold closed home. Waking next morning with an aching jaw and a flood, we had not thought to turn off the water when we abandoned ship in September. It was January 1940. *Irene Wilkinson.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

A few handy hints for the New Year. When chopping onions, leave the root end on so that you have something to grip while chopping. When making a pie, if you do not possess a pie funnel an inverted egg cup does just as well.~

For baking a pastry case 'blind' instead of filling with foil and beans, you can put in a size smaller baking tin to hold the shape. A dry pastry brush is the best thing to use to get grated orange or lemon rind off the grater. Freeze orange halves for a short time after squeezing out the juice to make them crisp and easy to slice up for marmalade making.

Happy New Year. *Jill Frostick.*

THE PLAYGROUP.

The annual playgroup Christmas party was held on Monday 18th December, in the Village Hall. The children all participated in the traditional games and then thoroughly enjoyed 'Uncle Dave's Magic Show. After that there was plenty to eat and the children looked lovely in their party hats that they had made in the playgroup previously, The party ended perfectly with a visit from Father Christmas who had a present for everyone. We send our best wishes to those who have left us to go to school this term leaving a few places for 2½ - 5 year olds on Monday and Wednesday mornings. *Amanda Rowe.*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Happy New Year to you all. . Our first meeting in 1990 will be on Thursday, 25th January at 7.30pm. It is the Annual General Meeting and all subscriptions are due then. Do please let us have your thoughts and ideas about the Club, and also any criticisms of the events of the past year. Hope to see you all then.

R._Field.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

A number of our members entertained at Lawford Over 60's Christmas Party with the show we gave at our Birthday meeting, this was well received and enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Redgrove will start off our New Year with some of their excellent slides at our meeting on 18th January. The competition - a 'robin' Christmas card. Our best wishes for 1990 to all. *Mildred Purkis.*

THE MESSENGER.

Some of us have perhaps not remembered recently that the 'Bromley Messenger' is delivered to every household in the villages of Great and Little Bromley free of charge. The financing is realized by sponsorship, by donations from you, the parishioners, and by organisations associated with the villages. However, one group of people who go unnoticed are those stalwarts who put the 'Messenger' through our letterboxes. So on behalf of you all I would thank them very much for their support and help in all weathers and wish them all a Happy and Healthy 1990.

Mrs. Lorna Brown who sorts the magazines when they are received from the printer and who delivers in her area, Mrs. A. Fairley, Mrs. D.Rogerson, Miss F. Orman, Mrs. Y. Cobbold, Mrs. J. Terry, Mrs. A. Prior, Mrs. B. Rowe, Mrs. M. Bush, Mrs. G. Gould, Mrs. W. Nicoll, Mrs. S. Ward, Mrs. L. Davey, Mrs. M. Roberts, Mr. S. West, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. J. Osborne and until she recently moved, Mrs. E. Sutherland.

Len Christodoulides.

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS.

On Wednesday, 11th October, the Cricket Club held its second Fashion Show at the Village Hall in Great Bromley. The event again proved successful with the Club raising £133.

On Friday, 13th October, the Cricket Club held its Annual Dinner Awards night at the Rose and Crown Hotel in Colchester. The function was very well attended and the awards were presented by the Club secretary, Mrs. Linda Allam.. The awards were received as follows:

Peter Wenden Trophy (Best Batsman) Peter Brinkley
Bowling Cup (Best Bowler) Steve Foley

Fielding award Fraser Eadie
Clubman of the Year John Boulton
Tubby Austin Shield Fraser Eadie .

The Club is also extremely grateful to the army of tea ladies who provide and prepare the tea throughout the summer. Gifts were presented to the ladies as a token of the Club's appreciation.

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 29th November. The election of Officers is as follows:

President Dick Hayward
Chairman Brian Wright
Secretary Linda Allam
Treasurer James Wild
Captain Phillip Allam
Vice-Captain Fraser Eadie
Fixture Secretary Nigel Rowe
Committee Members Bill Kempster Michael Tearle John Boulton

In the Royal London Indoor Cricket League Great Bromley are having a tough baptism in the 1st Division. At the time of writing the Club has played two games resulting in two defeats. The Cricket Club has been awarded a Gifford Certificate on the continued excellent appearance of the ground throughout the cricket season. This is only possible due to the sterling efforts and dedication of John Boulton.

CHURCH SERVICES

EACH SUNDAY AT S. GEORGES.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday School
10.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong and sermon

On the first Sunday of each month the Sunday School takes part in the Family Parish Communion to which We especially invite all parents.

SPECIAL PREACHERS

Sunday 28th January at 10.30am and 6.30pm - Fr. Aidan Mayoss, CR

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sunday 7th January at 11.30am (very short)
Monday 21st January at 7.30pm

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday, 14th January 11.00am at Balls Green
Sunday, 21st January 11.00am at Burnt Heath

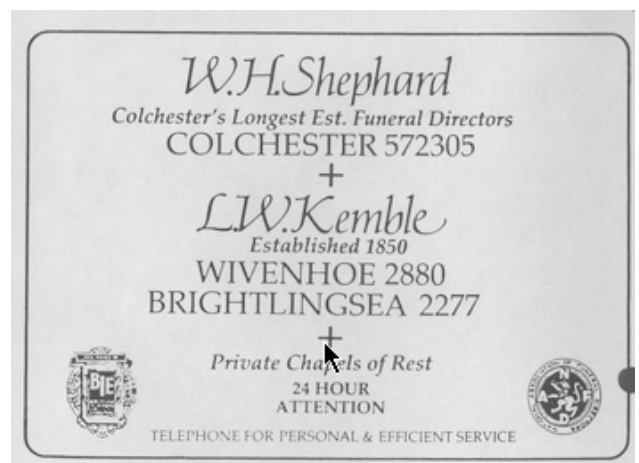
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BURIALS

7th December 1989 Jack Alfred Polson (died 1975)
and Charlotte Rose Polson (died 1987)
Burial of Ashes

12th December 1989 Edwin Roland Bantick



The Bromley Messenger February 1990.

Our thanks go to the residents and organisations who have given contributions to sponsor this issue of the 'Messenger'. Our treasurer, Len Christodoulides, writes about this on another page. Because February is a short month we need to have contributions for the March edition as early as possible. Can they reach the editor by Thursday, 8th February please.

FAITHFUL SERVICE.

One Saturday in 1950 the Rector, the Revd. James Ransom Found that as a result of an accident, he was without an organist for the following Sunday. He called on Mrs. Edna Sutherland to ask her if she could fill in for one or two weeks. As so often happens this period extended and thus began Mrs. Sutherland's long and faithful forty years as organist and choirmistress of S. Georges church. Without fail she played for all services leading and inspiring the choir. Many are the couples grateful to her for playing at their weddings and making a special day very special. Now in 1990 Mrs. Sutherland feels that she can no longer carry out this responsibility. We are all more than sorry that this long and faithful service to the church has come to an end. I am sure that many people in the village would like to join in thanking Mrs. Sutherland for all her labour on behalf of the church. It is proposed to make a presentation to her and the Churchwardens or the Rector will be pleased to receive any donations to a fund to make her a gift of thanks. In the next issue we will announce a date and place when the presentation will be made. we are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John Burggy to succeed; he is to be assisted by Paul Simons as assistant organist. Mrs. Sutherland is to receive the appointment of 'Organist Emeritus'.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

At our meeting on 15th February, Mrs. Bober, an ex-mayoress of Colchester, will be our guest speaker. The competition - a walking stick. Raffle tickets are now available for our annual Spring Sale to be held on 21st April. Help us to make this a success. Thank you! *Mildred Purkis.*

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER - 1989 DONATIONS.

The Friendship Club, the Cricket Club, Mr. L. Christodoulides and Mr. S. Cooper have made donations to the Messenger, but donations from villagers and clubs in the village have dropped considerably this year. In 1987 we received £237, 1988 £182 and 1989 £30. This means that 1990 will not start with a subsidy from a previous year and sponsorship will be difficult to sustain. I know that there are many organisations asking for your money, but you all get one magazine FREE so please send me your donations and Little Bromley, let us have some input from your goodselves in articles as well.

Len Christodoulides, Treasurer.

GRAHAM'S AT THE RECTORY.

When he baptised Roly Bantick in July 1905, the Revd. Arthur Graham had been Rector of Great Bromley for nearly fifty years. He was the eldest of William Hall Graham's children (the census of 1841 counted five children aged from six years down to nine months when their father was 30 and mother 25). William died in 1857 and after a two year interval, the Graham family being patrons of the living, Arthur became Rector at the early age of 24. By 1881 there were ten children, the eldest, another Arthur, was eighteen and a midshipman, Alan the youngest was three. The staff was reduced to three maid-servants and a governess from the five maids and one manservant of William's time. The Graham's church connection covering more than seventy years ended with Arthur's death in 1912, but I am sure that somewhere in this parish, or nearby, there are still Graham descendants. *Mrs. I. Wilkinson.*

GUIDES.

Soon after the half-term holiday Samantha, Helen and Susannah received their Outdoor Cooks Badges - well done! At the end of the Guide meeting on Monday, 6th November the Guides sang Happy Birthday and ate ice-cream cake and gingerbread to celebrate their first birthday. Quite a few Guide meetings and two Sunday afternoons last term were spent preparing for a Special Guide Meeting to be held on Monday, 18th December, 1989. One of the main objectives of the evening was to thank those who had helped the Guides during the past year. The invited audience were entertained with songs, dances, a shadowgraph, poems, music and jokes. Just before leaving the audience were each presented with a basket of home-made sweets. Congratulations to Hannah and Susannah on receiving their Yellow Trefoil Badges.

Some future events: 19th February we are entertaining disabled people at Ogilvy Hall.

22nd February - District Thinking Day from 6-9pm at Bradfield.

18th March we have been invited to join with the Scouts for a days hike on the Shotley peninsula, including cooking on the beach.

Summer Camp - 22nd to 27th July at Great Hartbois House, Norwich.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Our next meeting on Thursday, 22nd February, will be in the Cheshire Home Chapel at 7.30pm. Mr. Hodgson of Lawford will talk to us about, and show us, how to propagate dahlias from tubers. As most of

us like to see these flowers in gardens during the summer and autumn we should find this helpful and interesting. *R. F. Field.*

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD.

Members of the Committee met at the 'Black Boy' public house on Tuesday, 19th December. The landlord, Mr. Peter Sauvory presented us with £77.25 towards our funds. Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed to this sum.

Our Christmass Eve parcel delivery by Father Christmas was a great success and a total of £76 was raised at this event. The Committee wishes to thank all concerned and of course, a big thank you to our very special Santa. *Eileen Fowler.*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Since a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was adopted in Little Bromley about three years ago there have been several newcomers to the village. For their benefit and for anybody who has not previously considered joining, brief details of the scheme are set out here. There is no charge to join the scheme which is sponsored by Essex County Police with whom close liaison is maintained. Really it is an extension of the sort of conduct which good neighbours display already, keeping an eye on other people's premises when they are not in, noting any stranger in the vicinity and promptly reporting to the police any suspicious event.

In return for this modest effort you have the benefit of the loan of a kit including pens, engravers and letter punches to enable you to place identifying marks on virtually anything. You all receive stickers to display on doors and windows which warn potential thieves that you belong to the scheme and your property is marked. Some insurance companies give a reduced premium to those who belong to a Watch scheme.

Periodically the Police issue newsheets for circulation to members giving details of the sort of things to watch for. These are passed from one member to another so if you receive a sheet please read and pass it quickly to another member so as not to deprive other people of a sight of it.

Should you see anything suspicious it needs reporting in detail promptly to the police using the 999 system and by this means perhaps the persons concerned can be caught in the act. Anyone wanting more details, or wishing to join the Scheme, should leave a note of their name and address, and telephone number, at the Village Post Office to be picked up by the co-ordinator. *J. G. Groom.*

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

The winners of the '100 Club' lottery for November were: 1st Mr. J. Boulton, 2nd Mr. B. Jones and 3rd Mr. T. Hubbard. The winners for December were: 1st Mr. D. Wenden, 2nd Mr. A. Williams and 3rd Mr. J. Boulton.

The next draw will be held on 31st January at the 'Black Boy'.

BARN DANCE.

The Bromley Folk Dancers are to celebrate their first anniversary by holding a Barn Dance at the Village Hall on Saturday, 3rd March. Come and enjoy dancing from 8.00pm until midnight to The Ratt Valley Band, with food and a bar.

All are welcome to attend, dances will be called so previous experience is not necessary. Entrance is by ticket, £4 each, available from Jacquie Terry (230490) or Chris Rowden (251361).

THE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY.

Brush with a birch broom if worm casts are a nuisance on the lawn. Encourage new growth in hedges by cutting them back to ground level to encourage new busy growth, from the base. Annual pruning of roses can be carried out in mild or sheltered gardens. Divide perennials and replant when soil conditions permit. Dig and manure sites for annuals and biennials, work in a good fertiliser prior to sowing. Complete the pruning of fruit trees, feed trees and strawberries with sulphate of potash. Sow broad beans in small pots for spring planting, grow geranium seedlings in Jiffy 7's. Feed the birds in the garden also make sure they can get at some water. *Fred Wickham.*

VILLAGE HALL FUNDS.

There will be a dance in the Village Hall on 28th February from 8.00pm to midnight in aid of their funds. Music is by Brian Lee and the Leaders. This band played For the Fifties Revival Night in November and are returning by popular request. Please give us your full support. Tickets are £3.25 including a buffet and a licensed bar will be available. Tickets from Jean Wright (230663), the Post Office, Committee members or ring 230398.

GREAT BENTLEY BYGONES EXHIBITION.

This exhibition takes place on Saturday, 10th February from 10.30am to 6.00pm and Sunday, 11th February from 10.30am to 4.00pm. It will be opened by Dr. Eric Craig.

Buy your copy of 'Great Bentley Past' and come and see our Parish Manorial Rights and Registers, old postcards and photographs, farm and domestic by-gones. There will be a display and sale by Colchester Bottle Club and some of Mrs. Arthill's dolls will be on show and a display by Graham Studios, specialists in old photographs. There will also be a raffle, cakes, Bring-and-Buy stall and refreshments. All proceeds to E.C.C. Fund for the Great Bentley Surgery. Any enquiries please ring 250524.

CHURCH NEWS.

Mr. Bill Bantick feels that he can no longer continue as churchyard gardener. We thank him for his work over the past three years. We urgently need a successor. If there is anyone interested to help please contact Mr. Robert Harding (230425) or the Rector. The rate of pay is £2.00 per hour.

The season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, 28th February. There will be a service in the Parish church at 7.30pm. Details of the programme for Lent will be available in a Lent Leaflet later this month. The Youth Groups will be arranging another Youth Service on Sunday, 11th February at 6.30pm. I do hope that this will be well supported. Once again the young people are providing a musical group to accompany the singing. Thank you to those who organised the very enjoyable Carol Singing at Christmas, and also those who heard them and helped to fill up the collection boxes. The sum of £220 was raised for the Church Repair Fund.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL.

So many wonderful prizes were offered for the Auction that had to be cancelled that the PTA has decided to hold a Grand Draw on Thursday, 1st March. Books of tickets will be available shortly. Please help us to sell as many books as possible at £1.00 each. A prize will be given to the family selling the most books.

CHURCH SERVICES AT S. GEORGES.

Each Sunday:

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Sunday School

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong and sermon

On Sunday, 4th February the Sunday School takes part in the Family Parish Communion. We especially invite parents and all members of the congregation to this service after which coffee and soft drinks are served in S. George's School. .

On Sunday, 11th February there will be a Youth Service at 6.30pm at which members of the Youth Group will provide the music and take a large part in the service.

Wednesday, 28th February is ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of LENT. Parish Communion at 7.30pm with the ceremony of the Imposition of Ashes.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday, 4th February at Balls Green at 11.00am.

Sunday, 11th February at Burnt Heath at 11.00am.

Sunday, 25th February at Balls Green at 11.00am.

CREMATIONS.

Monday, 22nd January at Weeley Crematorium:

Raymond Hedley (Moses) Gorringe.

Donald Lucien Wilkie. '

Margery Stonehouse.

All the above are residents of Hamilton Lodge.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Sunday, 21st January - Cassie-Louise Castilliano.

The Bromley Messenger March 1990.

Our apologies go to all our contributors and readers for the late arrival of the February issue; a number of problems arose which made this inevitable. We hope to do better in future!

This month we are sponsored by the 'Bromley Buskers'. On another page Linda Allam, their secretary, announces their next Cabaret Evenings on 6th and 7th April, together with a report of the donations they have made to charities and organisations over the past year. It is so pleasing to know that there is such a group in the village who so successfully raise money, not for themselves, but for worthy causes both in and out of the villages of the parish. Our congratulations go to them, and we remind ourselves that by supporting their productions we are all doing a little to help others who are not in such a good position to help themselves as we are. I hope that readers will support their April events and that as usual, they will all be completely sold out.

Here at the Messenger we have a somewhat odd year, dictated to us by the fact that we commenced publication in the middle of 1986. This means that our year goes from May to April. The next issue in April will be the last of the current year, Volume 4, and in May we start another year's issue. I would like to thank all who responded to the Treasurer's request for donations from readers, this is a great help. However, in order to publish this at no cost to readers we need every year to find sponsors who will underwrite the cost of an issue. This amounts to about £90. The Treasurer, Len Christodoulides will welcome any help from readers in obtaining sponsorship from businesses and traders which will enable us to continue into 1991. The date for receiving material for the April issue will be Monday, 12th March please.

LENT AT S. GEORGE'S.

Lent, the word comes from an old English word, Lencten, meaning Spring, commenced on Ash Wednesday, 28th February and lasts for forty days until Easter Eve, 14th April. There is much to commend the ancient, though rather neglected custom of fasting, 'giving something up' for the season. Those who deny themselves chocolate or some other treat fully appreciate Easter Day and the enjoyment of the treat which was avoided during the previous forty days. However, for those who attend church regularly there are other ways of observing the season. On Thursdays in Lent, commencing on 8th March and ending on 5th April, there will be a series of House Meetings. These will be a follow-up to the visit to the parish of Fr. Mayoss from the Community of the Resurrection, who came to advise us on the way we could go towards mission and evangelism in the parish. The topic of the meetings will be 'Guidelines to Mission'. They take place in the homes of parishioners, details of which are on a Lent leaflet to be obtained from the church. These meetings are open to any who may wish to join us, so please do come if you would like to take part.

On Sunday mornings a series of sermons about Hymns for Lent, at which well known hymns will be discussed, and on Sunday evenings there will be a course of addresses on five of the great statements of truth found in the Bible. This season does give a good opportunity for those who have not been too regular in their worship to make an effort to make this what it should be, a weekly part of life, and it can give the opportunity for those who have not been in the habit of worship to make a start. Everybody is very welcome at all the services at the Parish Church.

YOUTH SERVICE - 11th FEBRUARY.

On a Sunday with gale-like winds and penetrating rain, it might have been expected that many people would have been put off from attending this service. Not so.

It was most heartening to be able to welcome a congregation of about eighty people that night, young people, members of the Youth Groups, their parents, Youth Leaders and members of the regular congregation. The service was largely arranged and led by young people. They are to be congratulated on their efforts, the musicians, readers, actors, sidesmen and all who helped. We hope to have a similar service during the summer term when hopefully, we will not have to compete with adverse weather.

CONFIRMATION .

The Bishop of Colchester will be making his first visit to S. George's Church on Sunday, 15th July, for a service of Confirmation. I have a small group of adults and young people who wish to prepare for confirmation. It is not too late to join the group. Will anyone who would like to think about this contact me so that I may talk to them about it. *Rector.*

STORM DAMAGE.

Very fortunately the damage caused by the storm on 25th January to S. George's church was fairly slight. Some tiles came off the roof of the Lych Gate, some guttering came down and a small part of a window was blown in. Sadly this was not the case at S. Marys, Little Bromley, which lost a very large part of the South side of the roof of the nave. The Redundant Churches Fund, the legal owners of the church, has had a temporary repair made until the roof can be retiled.

SERVICE DUTY LISTS.

I will shortly be producing duty lists for services at S. George's church for the months of May, June and July. I would like as many people as possible to be included. If you have not already been asked and would like to read one of the lessons or act as intercessor and lead the prayers at the Parish Communion, please let me know as soon as possible. *Rector.*

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Great Bromley Women's Institute invite all the over 60's of the Village to a party on Wednesday, the 28th March in the Village Hall at 5.00 for 5.30. RSVP to Mrs. Vera Biddis (230506). Transport can be arranged.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Mrs. Gray, our guest speaker for Thursday, 15th March, will be telling us of her adventures whilst travelling on horse-back in the U.S.A. The competition - a fancy tea-plate. Our Annual Spring Sale will be held on 28th April. Sorry I gave the wrong date last month. *Mildred Purkis.*

GREAT BROMLEY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

The Committee met on 30th January with two new members, Lorna Davy and Andrena Catesby. Anyone else interested in helping, please contact Linda Pinhey (230126) or Graham Phelps (250953). We do need more help especially as by popular request, we are having a Carnival Procession and Queen. Carnival Day is 2nd June and the theme is 'Green'. The Carnival Dance will be held on 9th June with the popular Trinity Steel Band playing once again.

The Queen will be selected at the beginning of The Colne Fashion Show in the village hall on 22nd March at 7.30pm. The Queen must be fourteen years or over and the princesses eight years and older. Entry forms from Linda Pinhey or Graham Phelps.

The fund raising events leading up to the day will be a Sponsored Wheeled Event (50 pence per wheel) on 25th March from 2.30 to 4.30 starting at S. Georges Close.

A sponsored Litter-Pick-Up in the village on 7th April from 10 to 12 noon starting at the Village Hall. (Bags provided).

The Annual Crazy Sports at Hare Green on 7th May with Car Boot Sale.

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE.

A Rummage Sale is being held at Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 10th March at 2.00pm.

Admission 10 pence. Collecting bags will be distributed through- out the village prior to this date; these will be collected by our members on Monday, 5th March. Your support will be appreciated.

VILLAGE HALL.

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday, 14th March at 8pm in the hall. Please come along and support your village hall, we are always looking out for new ways to improve this vital facility and would welcome your ideas! A large 7'x3' noticeboard is to be erected in the village hall. If your association would like a regular space on this board, please ring Amanda (230398) and book it as soon as possible.

Amanda Rowe.

GREAT BROMLEY GIRL GUIDES.

The unit has been working on the Accident Prevention Madge and, after a visit to Park Farm in the half-term, the Guides all hope to take the badge.

Skip has visited a meeting and taught the Guides how to rewire a plug and about electrical safety. Brown Owl has paid us a visit and also tested Helen on the healthy issues, drug abuse and what tobacco and alcohol do to the body, needed for her red Trefoil. The Caterpillar Patrol had a go at making Spanish sweets but we forgot the oven was so small! Michelle shared some 'foreign' food she had cooked at home with her Patrol, that was for the green Trefoil. Emma tried the sweets at home and showed us the successful result.

By the time you read this we will have entertained disabled people in Ogilvie Hall, joined with the District for Thinking Day at Bradfield, then a Nite Hike, weather permitting. Jenny has decided that Guides are not for her and now goes to choir on Monday; thank you for a year's support and we miss you.

Dates to note: 18th March Hike with the Scouts in the Shotley area with cooking on the beach, 27th, 28th, and 29th April a weekend camp and 19th May a visit to London. *Jazz.*

PLAYGROUP.

We would like to welcome our several new members to Playgroup. We hope soon to be purchasing several new items of equipment which will be enjoyed by all the children. We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 28th March at 10am in the Village Hall, including a clothes and books sale to raise funds, please feel free to come along and visit us. We also (along with the PTA) are hosting a Fashion Show in the

Hall on Thursday, 22nd March. These evenings are usually a lot of fun and you may even pick up a bargain or two! Tickets soon to be available.

If anyone would like to purchase a brand new coffee filter at a more than reasonable price (£10), please ring Ruth on 251263 to help-Playgroup funds. *Amanda Rowe.*

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

Indoor nets have been arranged to get ourselves in trim for the coming season. They will take place on Sunday afternoons between 3pm and 5pm at the Gilbert School, Highwoods, on the following dates: 11th and 18th February, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March, 8th and 15th April.

All members and prospective new members are invited to attend on these dates. For further details contact Steve on Colchester 45568 or Bill on 230378.

'100' Club Lottery.

Winners for the month of January were 1st Mr. K. Stokes, 2nd Mr. P. Brinkley and 3rd Mrs. D. Lording. The next draw will be held on 28th February at 'The Black Boy'.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

We will meet in the Chapel of the Cheshire Home at 7.30pm on Thursday, 29th March. Mrs. Bird from Rooster Nursery, Boxted, will speak to us and show us slides on the growing of fuchsias; a fascinating plant you will agree. No doubt there will be some cuttings available. *R. F. Field.*

FLOWER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES MEETING.

All are welcome to this meeting in the Billiard Room at the Village Hall on Thursday, 1st March at 7.30pm.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE.

This service will take place on Friday, 2nd March at 2.30pm in Ardleigh Methodist Church. The preacher will be Pat Prestney.

BROMLEY BUSKERS, BUFFET, WINE AND CABARET.

This years show takes place at the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, 6th and 7th April, with a new programme but also some old favourites as requested. Tickets are £4 and seating is limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Mr. P. Wenden (230613) or Mrs. L. Allam (230375). Last year the Bromley Buskers made £2.000 in their three shows. The money was distributed as follows:

Great Bromley Village Hall £500

S. Georges Church £500

8. Helena's Hospice £300

Cheshire Home (outings fund) £200

Turner Village (Trust Fund, 1 Church Farm) £200

Baby Life Support System £200

Bromley Messenger £100

Without your very generous support throughout the year none of this would be possible and for this we are very grateful. *L. Allam.*

THE GARDEN IN MARCH.

This is the month when lawns are raked, spiked for drainage and given a sandy mulch. Complete the pruning of roses and renew any that are needed.

Fertilise perennial beds with a thick mulch, established plants can still be divided and reset.

Propagate Chrysanthemums with cuttings from the stools, it is best to cut them off, dip in rooting powder and set in pots or trays in peat and sand in a propagater, also start dahlia tubers into growth at 160C, 610F. Sow seeds later in the month. Sow hardy annuals outside towards the end of the month, sow half hardy ones under glass, also plant gladioli. Plant shallots and broad beans and get summer cabbage plants, potatoes stand on edge for shooting, get the ground ready for an early crop. *Fred Wickham.*

GREAT BROMLEY.

'A local habitation and a name' - well people took their names from places, places theirs from people.

Carringtons named a road and a farm, there are Carringtons still at Great Bentley, Bromleys too.

Brundells farmed here once and Stones gave us a road. And names linger on; there were Betts in Great Bromley once and we still have Bloyce (a hundred years ago it was Bloice), Bowell, Cole, Frost, Jaggard, Keeble, Pentney, Skeet, Studd and Wenden among us, and not only here but hereabouts.

Mrs. I. Wilkinson.

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KITCHEN CORNER.

If you are baking for Easter you might like to try these traditional Somerset Easter cakes, sometimes known more specifically as Sedgemoor Easter cakes. The story goes that the Duke of Monmouth was fleeing from the Battle of Sedgemoor and fell into a ditch. A local woman, thinking he was a poor peasant down on his luck, baked him these cakes to strengthen him. This recipe makes twenty-four cakes.

8oz plain flour

4oz butter

4oz caster sugar

4oz currants

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 beaten egg

2 tablespoons brandy

Milk to mix.

Sift flour into bowl, rub in butter, mix in other ingredients and enough milk to make a soft dough that will just fall from the spoon. Bake for 20 minutes in well greased bun tins. Gas 4, 3500F, 1800C.

Jill Frostick.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This year Church Law requires that a completely new Electoral Roll be prepared, this happens every six years. All members of the present roll and all those who wish their names to be added, will be asked to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Roll Officer for inclusion on the roll.

An application form will be sent to all those whose names are on the present roll; forms for those whose names are not at the moment on the Roll, will be available in the church and from the Rector. It is important that all who are connected with the church should have their names included as only those who are registered as electors can take part in the Annual General Meeting and be elected to membership of the Parochial Church Council and offices of the parish. From the Electoral Roll persons will be chosen to serve on the Deanery Synod; the Deanery Synod elects some of its members to serve on the Diocesan Synod, and this Synod in turn is responsible for electing representatives to the General Synod of the Church of England.

The preparation of the new Roll will commence on Sunday, 11th March, and the closing date for receiving applications will be Sunday, 1st April. The new Electoral Roll will be published on Sunday, 8th April ready for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the Annual General Meeting) on Thursday, 26th April. All persons who are baptised members of the Church of England, who are over the age of sixteen years and who either reside in the parish (the two villages of Great and Little Bromley), or habitually attend worship in S. George's Church but live outside the parish, are eligible for inclusion in the Roll.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday, 26th April, reports on the past year will be made and elections to Office will be held. Two persons will be elected to serve as Churchwardens for the year, three persons to serve on the Deanery Synod and twelve persons to form the Parochial Church Council. At the meeting any parishioner can ask questions concerning the life of the parish and the church.

Forms of Application for the Roll when completed should be sent to the Electoral Roll Officer, Commander Tony Catesby, 9 Fairview, Great Bromley.

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SERVICES AT S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Each Sunday:

8.00am Holy Communion.

10.30am Sunday School. Meet at the Church the in S. George's School for instruction.

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong except for the third Sunday, 18th March.

When at the request of the congregation, the service will be Holy Communion with hymns.

Sunday, 4th March. The Sunday School takes part in the Family Parish Communion. This is a simpler service at which we particularly welcome parents, friends and all members of the congregation to join us. After the service there is coffee in the school.

Sunday, 25th March, Mothering Sunday. A special welcome is made to mothers to be with us at this service at which the Sunday School children will be present. According to ancient tradition, posies of flowers are blessed at this service and given to all mothers, young and old, who are present.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday, 4th March at Balls Green at 11.00am.

Sunday, 11th March at Burnt Heath at 11.00am

Sunday, 18th March at Elmstead Market at 11.00am.

Sunday, 25th March at Balls Green at 11.00am.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Sunday, 11th February Annie Robertson Chalmers.

CREMATION.

Wednesday, 21st February at Weeley Crematorium

Mrs. Lily Cresswell, aged 80 years, of Dearsley Place, Frating Road.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FUND --GREAT BENTLEY SURGERY.

Grateful thanks to all who supported the Great Bentley Bygones Exhibition. The magnificent profit of £1,300 was realised.

The Bromley Messenger April 1990.

This issue of The Messenger arrives just as we are preparing to celebrate Easter. It is always a lovely time of the year. For the church it marks the resurrection of Jesus and the beginning of the preaching of the Gospel to the world. Without the resurrection there would be no Christian religion, and the way of life in the world as we know it would be very different. Instead of a black despair and nothingness, mankind can look forward to life eternal after this life. This teaching is implicit in the teaching of Jesus and is promised to all by the glorious facts of Easter in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. The only reason why Easter is a time of holiday and happiness is because it marks this stupendous event in the life of the world - the raising to life again of Jesus from the dead. All the symbols of Easter, eggs and Spring flowers are a reminder of the fact that at Easter we celebrate life; the egg represents the life to come from the eggshell, the spring flowers remind how from the deadness of winter each year freshness and newness of nature shows itself in life. A happy Easter to you all, may you have a happy Easter holiday.

In the May issue each year we try to revise and update the list of Organisation and Association contacts in the villages. If there are any alterations, amendments or additions to the list on the inside of the front cover, can they be sent to me as soon as possible please so that the list can be changed where necessary for the next issue.

This month we are sponsored by Little Paddocks Riding School and Livery Stables. We are most grateful to them for their generosity in helping the monthly publication of The Messenger.

Can all contributions for the May issue be sent to the Retor by Wednesday, 11th April please.

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S. GEORGE'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL, 26th,27th,28th MAY.

This year the Flower Festival is being arranged, not by our own very capable flower arrangers, but by the Third Year Students on the City and Guilds Flower Arrangement Advanced Certificate Course at the Greyfriars Adult Education Centre, under the tutorship of Mrs. Joan Green. As part of their practical coursework assessment, the students are required to undertake a Flower Festival in one of the local churches. Last year it was held at Great Horkesley church, this year they have asked to come to Great Bromley. We are most grateful to them for their help.

The theme they have chosen is 'Flowers Through the Ages'. On Sunday, 27th May, there will be a special Vestal Evensong at which those who are arranging the-flowers will be present.

To make this a really successful event we are planning events to support the activities in the church. On Saturday, 26th May and Monday, 28th May there will a range of stalls in Church Meadow selling plants, cakes, books, vegetables and 'this-and-that'. On Saturday there will be a Tombola Stall and on Monday there will be a Treasure Hunt. On all three days refreshments will be sold in the marquee to be erected on the Meadow. On Saturday evening 26th May, there will be a Jazz Concert and Barbecue on the Meadow and tickets for this will shortly be on sale at £4 per person.

We do need help, persons to sit in church on the days of the Festival and helpers for stalls. We particularly need help in providing cakes. If you can help please contact Mrs. Lorna Brown (250360), Mrs. Ann Fairley (250229), Mrs. Joyce Fairley (230237) or Mrs. Elizabeth Lennox (302812). If you can help with tombola and raffle prizes please contact Mrs. Betty Rowe (231067). There will be a meeting of the Festival Committee in church on Monday, 1st May at 7.30pm.

The proceeds of all these events will go to the Church Repair Fund. Please support this Flower Festival in every way possible, it is our main money raising activity for the fund this year.

VILLAGE HALL.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall, Mr. Peter Rowe was elected to serve a further year as Chairman, Hr. Stan West was elected as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Nigel Rowe as Secretary and Miss Catherine Hart as Treasurer.

It was reported that bookings for the use of the Hall have been excellent during the past year. The Hall is used by Organisations every day. Some of the bookings come from a distance, this is because the charges for the use of the Hall are very much lower than in other places. The hiring charges work out at cost price. The Hall costs just over £3 per hour to hirers and the cost of running the Hall, heat, light, insurance, cleaning, rates etc., amount to the same sum. The Committee will meet in May to review the scale of charges.

Three quotations have been received for the exterior decoration of the Hall and it is hoped that the work will be able to commence very soon. The next improvement after that will be to put the Car Parking Area in good condition.

PARISH CHURCH NEWS.

We are delighted to say that Mr. and Mrs. Booty have undertaken to keep the S. George's Churchyard cut and tidy, and to know that the Parish Council has had the grass in the cemetery cut. As this month includes Easter, the services at the Parish Church are printed out in full. The Sunday School will not meet during the School Easter Holiday, but we hope that the children will attend church, particularly on Palm Sunday, 8th April and Easter Day, 15th April. The meetings of the Sunday School will resume on Sunday, 29th April.

This year our Patronal Festival, S. George's Day, falls on a Monday. We will celebrate the day in church on Sunday, 22nd April. Look out for the flag of S. George which will be flying from the flagmast on that day. As well as being our patron, S. George is also the Patron Saint of England. I wonder if many English people will mark the day in the same way that the Irish mark S. Patrick's Day, the Welsh S. David's Day and the Scots S. Andrew's Day? The emblem of S. George is a red rose; perhaps in order to honour our Special saint we ought to try and wear a rose on that day.

Please do not forget the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Thursday, 25th April at 7.30pm in the School. During the meeting we will be electing Churchwardens for the year and members of the Parochial Church Council.

MRS. MARY KENT.

As The Messenger was going to press we were very sorry to hear that Mary Kent, nee Bloyce, widow of George Kent, Senior, of Crabtrees, Little Bromley, had died in S. Mary's Hospital, Colchester, on Monday, 12th March. Mrs. Kent, born and educated in Little Bromley, was baptised in Little Bromley Church on 18th December, 1910 and was married there on 23rd October, 1937. She would have reached her eightieth year in this October. She was a staunch member of the church and, when a member of the Parochial Church Council, would ensure that the Diocesan Quota was paid in Full each year. Until last year when George suffered his eye problem and found it impossible to drive, Mary spent every Saturday afternoon in cleaning and arranging flowers in the little church which she loved so much. She was a true and committed Little Brumbellian, one of a generation of whom sadly few now remain who worked so hard to maintain the heritage of the village.

We tender our most sincere wishes and sympathy to George, her son, and would like him to know how much we have appreciated over many years the work his mother did for Little Bromley and its church. Mary's body was laid to rest with her husband in Little Bromley Churchyard on Monday, 19th March, after her funeral service in S. Mary's Church. May she rest in peace.

John Appleby.

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD.

A very successful Rummage Sale was held on Saturday, the 10th March at the Village Hall. The Committee would like to thank all who gave so generously and all the volunteers who worked so hard on the day of the sale. After expenses were paid a total of £172.03 was realised for funds.

BROMLEY MESSENGER - TREASURER'S REPORT 1989-90.

After a slow start to sponsorship, but with some extra advertisements and with a sudden boost of donations towards the end of our financial year, I am extremely pleased to say that we have had a very successful year. I am therefore reducing the cost of sponsorship to £85 per full page and £30 a half-page (a reduction of over 10% not bad in the current state of the country's economy!) My sincere thanks go to our sponsors and advertisers and to those of you who have sent donations as Village organisations and individuals. Please carry on supporting the village magazine both in money and also in articles and news for publication.

Thank you to the Rector for editing the magazine and to his wife Meriel, for typing it. Thank you to all the people who deliver the magazine and finally to Vis-Art For printing your Bromley Messenger.

Len Christodoulides.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Our Annual Spring Sale will be held in the Village Hall on 28th April at 2.00pm. We hope you will come along, there will be lots of bargains, and help make this, our only money-making event of the year, a success. Thank you. We would appreciate any gifts, raffle prizes, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, handicrafts, hooks, jewellery, groceries, tombola, nearly new and jumble. Mrs. Vera Biddis can arrange collection if necessary.

Mr. Cowen will be entertaining us at our April meeting with his 'String of Pearls'. The competition - a piece of pearl jewellery. *Mildred Purkis.*

BROMLEY FOLK DANCERS.

On 3rd March we are celebrating our First Anniversary with a Barn Dance in the Village Hall with a live band to provide the music. Our Club Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month are still proving popular and we now have eighteen members. During the three days following the May Bank holiday there will be a Swedish Folk Dance Team staying in the village. We have managed to book the Ardleigh Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th May, for a joint evening of dancing with both Swedish and English dances. We would like to extend the invitation to anyone in Great Bromley or Ardleigh who might like to come along and meet our friends from Sweden, who will be wearing national costume, and join in the dancing. There will be no charge for entrance but we will run a raffle to cover the cost of hiring the hall. *Ron Hears.*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Our next meeting on Thursday, 3rd May in the Chapel of the Cheshire Home at 7.30pm when, subject to confirmation, our speaker will be a representative from Fisons who will tell us about the use of fertilisers and soil structure, which should be of great interest to all. Owing to the change of the meeting night to the FIRST THURSDAY of the month, please note there will be NO meeting in April. *V. Griffiths.*

THE GARDEN IN APRIL.

After the gales of the last month, February, it is good to say that gardening can commence in earnest, it has been a hammer and nail time with fences, sheds and greenhouse repairs. It is back to lawn mowing with seeding in bare patches, or turfing. Keep the mower at medium height. Transplant evergreen shrubs, prune the lavender bushes and repair any damaged shrubs or trees affected by the winds. Apply a mulch around roses, weedkiller can be used to keep down weeds. Perennials should be supported with pea sticks or canes, also harden off Chrysanthemum cuttings and take cuttings of dahlias started into growth in March. Complete the sowing of half hardy annuals and move seedlings already pricked out to cold frames. Get the vegetable garden going with planting the usual summer vegetables, i.e. lettuce, radish, onions and lots more. Keep the hoe going. *Fred Wickham.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

School holidays are round again! Here are two recipes for easy no-bake takes the children might enjoy, taken from 'Bromley Bakes' and sent in by Mrs. H. Haywood and Mary Phillips.

Sticky Jaimies.

4oz marshmallows 4oz plain toffee 4oz margarine

Melt slowly in saucepan and beat well. Add one packet rice crispies and stir thoroughly, spread quickly into swiss roll tin and press firmly. Cut when firm.

Quite Yummy.

4 oz butter $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped dates $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar

Melt in saucepan until sugar is dissolved. Boil the mixture for two minutes. Add three cups rice crispies. Mix well and put in greased tin 11"x7". Sprinkle coconut on top. Put in fridge to set and cut when cold.

Jill Frostick.

GREAT BROMLEY.

During the early years of this century, life in Great Bromley did not change very much. Mechanisation was beginning, but the farmers were still the biggest employers. A very few experimented with those smelly contraptions, motor cars, but ordinary village folk still plodded about on their own two feet or, at most, on a bike. The Great Eastern Railway station at Ardleigh provided the nearest long distance transport and housing was still mostly two up and two down, a pump was shared by three or four cottages, the convenience was a little hut at the end of the garden. The Great War of 1914-1918 was the first great divide. *I. Wilkinson.*

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

In the '100 Club' lottery the winners for February were: 1st Mr. C. Pirie, 2nd Mr. C. Frostick, 3rd. Mr. F. Grainger-Brown. The next draw will be held on 28th March at 'The Black Boy'.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME RESIDENTS & STAFF COMMITTEE present a
COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT with the WESTERN RODEO BAND
Great Bromley Village Hall Thursday 26th April 1990 8.00pm -11.00pm
Admission £3.50 inc buffet * license bar * buffet

BROWNIES.

Congratulations to the Brownies who have gained Interest Badges: Alison, Eleanor , Chloe , Claire , Lindsay and ' Isabel have gained their Jester Badge; Beth, Sarah, Emma A, Emma N, Shelley and Joanne have gained their Hostess Badge with Hannah and Chloe obtaining their Pony Rider Badge. Brownie Birthday Badges have been given to Alison and Ellie. Well done all.

We have been learning about Brownies from foreign lands and have discovered things about Norway, Africa and France which brought us to Thinking Day on 22nd February. A number of the Brownies went to the Thinking Day Service held at Bradfield Methodist Hall after which we enjoyed refreshments, activities and singing all related to foreign lands.

The District Commissioner came to the meeting during which Brown Owl made her Promise. It was followed by a party for which we made food that Brownies from other lands would eat and discovered some of it was very similar to our own. At the party we said farewell to Robin our Pack Leader, who has been helping us for a long time and who will be sorely missed. Thank you from all the Brownies for all the time and help you have given us and good luck for the future.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed Badger, a Scout, to help us and more recently Jan, a Mum, who has offered to become our Unit Helper in place of Hedgehog who is finding she has less and less time. We do need more helpers and if anyone could spare us a little time each week we would love to see you - we are all very friendly!

GUIDES.

The Guides have been very busy, not only on Monday nights, but during the week and half-term holiday too. We visited Park Farm and were shown all the dangers and how to prevent accidents on farms. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Fairley for all their kindness. That same day after cooking mini pizzas we entertained disabled old people in Ogilvie Hall. The Guides put a lot of effort into their items and were pleased that so many gained the Entertainer Badge.

Ardleigh Guides joined us for a meeting when Mrs. Lewis came to talk about drug abuse and its effects on the individual and the whole family; after this we had a race of pancake tossing. The following meet Mrs. Maisie Shilsum visited our meeting to test the Guides on their Accident Prevention Badge and I am pleased to say they all passed. On Thursday in half-term we joined other Guides for Thinking Day in Bradfield. After the service the Guides tried their hands and feet at dances, songs and crafts from around the world. Two Brownies, Isabel and Eleanor, have paid us a visit and decided that Guides are fun and will be joining us after Easter.

Michelle has gained her Green Trefoil, Susannah, Sarah, Emma, Rebecca and Michelle all have received the Entertainer Badge and Hannah has received her Friend to Animals Badge. Well done. Future dates: 28th and 29th April one night camp at Thorrington. 7th May - Litter Pick-up from our Hut to meet Ardleigh Scouts working from their meeting place. Trip to London 19 May. *Jazz.*

SERVICES AT S. GEORGE'S CHURCH - APRIL 1990.

Sunday 1st PASSION SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 8th PALM SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion and Blessing of Palm Crosses 6.30pm Evensong

Tuesday 10th HOLY WEEK 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 11th HOLY WEEK 7.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 12th MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Celebration of 'The Last Supper

Friday 13th GOOD FRIDAY 10.30am Worship at the Cross 7.30pm Devotional Service

Saturday 14th EASTER EVE 8.00pm Preparation for Easter Service of Light

Sunday 15th EASTER DAY 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion & blessing Easter eggs
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 22nd S. GEORGE 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 29th EASTER 2 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING: Thursday, 26th April at 7.30pm in S. George's School.

CHURCH REGISTERS:

Holy Baptism - 4th March, 1990 - Jack David Adams

Burial -19th March, 1990 - Mary Kent of Crabtrees, Little Bromley, in Little Bromley Churchyard

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 1st Passion Sunday 11.00am Burnt Heath

Sunday 15th Easter Day 11.00am Balls Croon

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Burnt Heath

The Bromley Messenger May 1990.

With this issue we commence the fifth year of the publication of 'The Messenger'. As in most months, the response to our request for contributions is large and covers the whole spectrum of village life, showing once again how lively and active are the people of The Bromleys. Unfortunately it has not yet been possible to obtain sponsors for the whole of the next twelve issues. Without them we will have great problems in publishing the magazine, for it is by their good will that this is able to be distributed free of charge to all residents. The Treasurer writes about this on another page. If anyone can help him to obtain further sponsorship he will be pleased to hear from you.

This month however, the issue is sponsored by the Parochial Church Council of The Bromleys to whom we are most grateful. The list of organisations has been revised and amended. Please check to see that your entry is correct. It will help if contributions for the June edition can reach the editor at The Rectory no later than Wednesday, 9th May.

WELCOME.

We welcome to the village our new policeman, PC Christopher Phillips and his wife who have moved into the Police House in Chase Road. We hope that he will be very happy here with us.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AT S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

'Flowers through the Ages' is the theme for the Flower Festival to be held in the church on the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, 26th, 27th and 28th May. The church will be open for visitors on each of these days and other activities will be taking place on Church Meadow.

In the evening of Saturday, 26th May, there will be a Jazz Concert and Barbecue in the marquee. Tickets for admission, £4.00 each to include the meal, are available from Mrs. Betty Rowe.

² S. George's church
Flower Festival
May 26th 27th 28th
"FLOWERS THROUGH THE AGES"
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Saturday - stalls
Tombola
Refreshments
8-1145pm. Jazz concert and
Barbeque.
Sunday - Refreshments
630pm. Festival service in
Praise of Flowers
Monday - Stalls
Treasure Hunt
Refreshments
All proceeds to
Church Repair Fund.

We are very fortunate that a group of jazz musicians who are taking part in a Jazz Festival at Clacton during the weekend have agreed to come and play for us. We are indebted to Mr. Roy Twort of Clacton for arranging this concert which we are sure will be of a very high standard. Do not miss it! During the day on Saturday, and Monday as well, there will be various stalls and refreshments will be on sale in the marquee, and on Sunday there will be refreshments in the marquee. The evening service on Sunday at 6.30pm will be a special service in praise of flowers and the natural world. It is hoped that all who took part in the flower arrangements and the other activities of the weekend will be able to attend. All the proceeds of the festival will be given to the Repair Fund to enable once again, the church bells to ring out, which have been silent for far too long.

LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCHYARD.

We are most grateful to Mr. David Payne for undertaking to keep the grass in the churchyard neat and tidy.

A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE.

On Wednesday, 9th May, S. George's Church will be filled with Churchwardens from all the parishes in the deaneries of Norwich and S. Osyth who will be coming here for the annual service at which they will be admitted to office by the Archdeacon of Colchester and his Registrar, a lawyer complete with wig and gown. This is I believe, the first time that this service has ever taken place in Great Bromley. The service is open to anyone who may wish to attend, whether they are Churchwardens or not, and will commence at 7.30pm.

ASCENSION DAY - THURSDAY 24th MAY.

This day will be marked by a celebration of Parish Communion at 7.30pm. This is an important feast when I hope that many parishioners will want to attend.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Our first outing this year will be on 10th May, the coach leaving Elmstead at 9.15am, please note the early start, for the Bygone Village of Fleggburg near Great Yarmouth. The guest speaker this month will be Mrs. Sparling who will tell us about the telephone alarm system CareLine. The competition - a drinking mug. *Mildred Purkis.*

METHODIST NEWS.

A coffee morning and bring-and-buy stall will be held in the schoolroom at Balls Green Methodist Church on 12th May from 10.00am to 12.00am. The proceeds are for church funds. All are welcome.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We are having a coffee evening on Thursday, 24th May at 7.30pm at Broadlands, S. Georges Close. Please all come, you will be made most welcome.

Members - do not forget the 'Gone with the Wind' book- mark you have been asked to make for the WI Show. The book it is for is about 6"x9" and the colour scheme for the exhibit is grey, red and white. Any medium can be used so use your imaginations and come up with something special. Bring them to the May meeting.

The May meeting is very important as we will be discussing the Resolutions which will be put to the AGM at the Albert Hall in July. Susan Baines VCO is coming to explain all so try not to miss it.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Due to the change of meeting night information regarding club events will appear approximately a month in advance. Our meeting in June will be on the 7th when we are visiting Layer Mill Mushroom Farm for 7.15pm. Some of you will have been there before, but quite a lot of us have not. I am sure you would find another visit interesting. If transport is required please let me know and I will try to arrange a 'lift' for you. If anyone else feels they may like to know more about this club, do come and join us as a visitor, maybe you will then decide to join us, and be very welcome. *R. F. Field.*

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

A coffee morning will be held on Tuesday, 15th May at h Springhill Close, Great Bromley from 10.00am to noon. There will be a Bring-and-Buy stall and a SCF stall. Your gifts will be very gratefully received. Do come and join us for a pleasant morning with coffee and tea and scone for 30pence. I shall look forward to seeing you all. *Rose Field.*

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

With May upon us once again we embark on a new cricket season. During the winter break the Club has been doing battle in the Royal London Indoor League. Having gained promotion last winter the club were in the First Division this season and found the standard considerably higher than we were used to. After a

shaky start the team gained confidence and ended up with some good results, but unfortunately could not amass enough points to avoid the drop to Division Two next year.

Nevertheless, the players did far better than many of the opposition had expected. The current outdoor season will probably have started by the time you read this. Once again the club will be playing in the Lancaster League Division Five. Although we gained promotion from Division Five last year the league has added another division and there are now six. So, even though we have jumped up a grade, it will still be known as Division Five.

The fixtures for May are as follows:

5th Silver End Home Friendly

6th Eight Ash Green Home League

12th Leavenheath Away Friendly

13th Tollesbury Home League

19th West Mersea Home League

20th Paxmans Home League

The last weekend and the bank holiday Monday will be taken up by our annual tour to Leicestershire. We do hope to see some of you at the ground on our home match days. Please come and give us a shout of encouragement and we will find you a cup of tea between innings usually around 5.00pm.

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

100 Club Lottery. Winners for the month of March were: 1st Miss J. Oakley, 2nd Mr. R. Littlewood and 3rd Mrs. A. Hubbard.

SPONSORSHIP AND VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

I knew I should not have spoken too soon about the finances of the Messenger as, so far I have only 1&1/3 sponsors, therefore please let me know if you think there is someone I should contact. I would also like to encourage all those villagers who have services to offer in any fields of expertise to put an entry into the Village Directory.

For example: Plumber - repairs to existing systems and installation of new ones including dishwashers and washing machines. 24 hour service. Mr. I. Leak, 175 Meadow Close. 259991.

Three lines in twelve issues for £5. I know we have all sorts of people with services to offer and if we knew who they were we would use them. Please let me or the Rector know who you are. *Len Christodoulides.*

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD - HARE GREEN.

On Monday, 7th May at 2.00pm there will be a Car Boot Sale in conjunction with Crazy Sports. No traders please. See you there.

GREAT BROMLEY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

Sponsored Bicycle Ride. An enjoyable ride around the village with thirty participants has realised over £60 with more to come. Many thanks to those who rode and those who sponsored. Despite a poor attendance the sponsored litter pickup collected over sixty bags of rubbish from the verges of the road between the Village Hall and the Cross Public House - many thanks to the few!

This year's Carnival Queen is Rebecca Scott and the princesses are Charlotte Knappet and Elish Hales. Congratulations to them and their deputies Claire Twilley and Amanda Scott.

The Carnival itself on 2nd June will start at 1.30pm with a procession of floats. All entries for floats and stalls should be notified to Linda Pinhey as soon as possible.

The Carnival Dance will be held on 9th June at Badley Hall with the Trinity Steel Band back by popular demand. Tickets are available from Linda Pinhey (230126) price £5 which includes a Barbecue Supper.

The prize for this year's Grand Draw is £300 cash so look out for tickets.

GREAT BROMLEY SCHOOL PTA.

A Grand Draw was held on 1st March and raised £471 for school funds. The PTA Committee would like to thank Colmar Videos, 'The Cottage Loaf', Jenny Dewell of 'S. Helier', the Cross Inn, The Black Boy, Mr. Rycraft, MacDonalds, Selectacare, the Hippodrome, Little Paddocks, Country Choice and The Kings Arms, as well as everybody else who donated a prize or bought tickets.

LENT HOUSE MEETINGS.

The Lent meetings this year were of great interest and very helpful. We read certain passages of the Bible and studied the notes and progress of the early disciples, their fears and weaknesses, and their strengths. By the end of each very informal evening of discussion we felt we could identify more with them and learn something which we in our very small way could put into practice in our lives. I would heartily commend these meetings when next Lent comes round, to a wider group than were present. *Jean Harding.*

GRAND RAFFLE.

By a very generous gift (on sale at Hamleys Toy Shop in London at nearly £100 I am told) we now have a magnificent child's dolls house with a difference, called 'Penny's Super Set'. It comprises a house fully furnished, a stable, pony and trap, small farm, garage for the car, a swimming pool, tree house etc., together with Penny and her family and friends. We have decided to have a big raffle for this, the second prize being a beautiful red first bicycle with stabilizers - a 'mountain bike'. The tickets will be twenty pence each and I hope many people will want to sell as well as buy the chance of these prizes suitable for either boy or girl. The winners will be drawn at the Harvest Supper on Saturday, 22nd September and the proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and Church Funds. Please contact Jean Harding (230425).

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

The AGM took place on 29th March and was well attended. Officers elected were: Chairman Mr. S. West, Treasurer Mr. G. Adcroft, Secretary Mrs. B. Rowe, The Committee is the same as last year plus Mr. D. Underdown. Pantomime Director Mr. Graham Phelps and Producer Mr. N. Rowe.

The Summer Play is on 15th and 16th June and tickets can be had from Mrs. Rowe (231067).

The Pantomime will take place on 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th January, 1991. Please book these dates and note new members are always welcome.

A donation of £100 was made to the Village Hall for Piano Renovation and a further donation to Charity to be discussed later. Remember - we may perform but you the audience make out continuance succeed.

Thank you for your past support. *Betty Rowe.*

FROM MRS. E. SUTHERLAND.

I would like to thank my many friends of Great Bromley Church for the gifts of a lovely suitcase and cheque presented to me on Sunday, 1st April, in recognition of my forty happy years as organist. Your kindness is much appreciated. Yours sincerely, *E. Sutherland.*

GREAT BROMLEY LADIES CIRCLE.

We are a small group of wives and mums who meet informally at a member's house on the third Wednesday each month at 8.00pm. We have talks, demonstrations, sales et cetera and would be pleased to welcome new members. Please contact Mrs. Carol Simons (250163) for further details.

ONE FOR SORROW?

A change of subject this month because on this cold, blustery April (3rd) afternoon, my attention was caught by a battle royal over Portlands. A kestrel, whose beat is roughly a triangle, Balls Green (where he nests), Black Boy, Portland's Farm. I think he had his eye on the two for joy magpies who were courting in the oak tree on the verge some fifty yards from my window. Suddenly swooping in from the north came another Kes, probably one of those nesting just back of Lee Cottage. I distinctly saw a feather drop before the pair disengaged and flew towards home. Within two minutes my chap was back firmly in control. of his own territory, but watching now for ground prey along the road. *I. Wilkinson.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

In America the cookie jar is a great standby, with something interesting to offer guests or family with their coffee or tea. Here are recipes for two Essex equivalents of the cookie:

Essex Shortcakes.

9oz self raising flour

2oz sugar

3 oz margarine

1 oz lard

1½ oz currants

1 oz milk approximately.

Blend together flour, fat and sugar. Add currants, add milk gradually to bind the mixture. Roll out and cut into shapes. Sprinkle with sugar and bake in a hot oven, 400F.

Date Slices.

4 oz sugar 4 oz margarine 2 oz SR flour

8 oz dates 2 eggs

Cream the margarine and sugar, beat in eggs. Rough cut the dates and stir into mixture with flour. Bake in swiss roll tin for 30-40 mins at 3250F. Slice when cold.

These recipes come from the WI publication 'Essex Then and Now'.

Jill Frostick.

FROM GEORGE FISHER.

To the people of Great Bromley who over the past three years have shown me so much friendliness if only by a wave of the hand, a toot on the car horn, or a pause for a chat which lightened my days, I wish to say

a heartfelt thank you to you all. I am now resident in Brightlingsea which really means I am 'home' again, having lived here previously for thirty-four years. I am truly grateful to have made so many friends in Great Bromley on my daily walks whom I shall miss but never forget. God Bless you all.

FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship is a golden chain,
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel
It is treasured more each year.
And God looks down and blesses
The heart where friendship lives,
And happy are the folks who know
The joy that friendship gives.

Vicky Griffiths.

S. HELENA HOSPICE.

We have a group of qualified volunteers who come to the Hospice on a rota basis to care for the hair of the patients. We are in desperate need for others to join this group, so if you have time on your hands and can wash, cut and perm hair, why not contact me for more details.

Mrs. J. Cain, S. Helena Hospice, Col. 845566.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Great Bromley has been entered for the 'Best Kept Village' competition again this year. The judges will not only be looking for a well-kept Village but also for community efforts, at private gardens, commercial undertakings, garages and public houses. Judging takes place in June so come on Bromley, let us see if we can win the prizes of a wooden seat and £100 for the benefit of the community and a village sign which is kept for one year. The Carnival Association has made a good start with their sponsored litter pick- up on 7th April. Please do all you can to support this effort. *Peter Rowe.*

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THE GARDEN IN MAY.

Keep the lawns mowed regularly and apply fertiliser and weedkiller as needed. If grass is growing poorly use sulphate of ammonia, 1/3oz per square yard. Spray roses against pests and diseases and apply a general fertiliser. Plant outdoor Chrysanthemums early in the month, stop the plants around the middle and stake. Plant out young dahlias when danger of frost has gone. Plant out half-hardy annuals when the soil is right and free of frost. To make room for bedding plants it is easy to lift bulbs that have flowered and heel them in a spare patch. Get your winter vegetables in, brussel sprouts, carrots etc., and give the ground a dressing of Growmore before planting.

Do not forget your hoe, spray fruit trees and fruit bushes and hope the Frosts of April have not done too much damage. *Fred Wickham.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Graeme Knott planned and organised a sponsored cycle ride for the children of the Sunday School friends. This was in aid of the Church of England's Children's Fund and was held on Saturday, 7th April. The eager participants rode 14½ miles pausing only for refreshment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knott, ending up at Greenacre for tea. A really good time was had by all. Grateful thanks to Graeme and to Mr. and Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Parker who bravely accompanied the group. During the past twelve months we have raised £84 for the Church of England Children's Fund and know that when all is collected Saturdays efforts will bring the total to well over £100.

We are planning another Cake Bake in June. *Olive Sparling.*

CONGRATULATIONS.

On Sunday, 13th May, Stan and Margery West celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They have lived in the village for the past forty years, coming here in 1950 when Stan took up his appointment as the Village Policeman. They, in all these years, have contributed a great deal to both the life of the village and the Church, being involved in many village organisations as well as being in the Church Choir and helping in very many ways in the smooth running of the Church. We offer them our sincerest congratulations and many more years of happiness.

FAMILY SERVICE - S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

For quite a time now we have been offering the congregation, on the Family Service held on the first Sunday in each month, coffee and soft drinks in the school after the service. During the months of May, June and July this will take place in the Rectory garden when the weather is fine enough. We hope very much that all who attend the service will come across to enjoy this little gathering.

FOUND.

A child's gold ring has been recently found in the church. It is a plain band with a white enamel bow, or butterfly, on it. If anyone has lost such a ring please ask Mrs. Davis at the Rectory where it is being kept in safety.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 14th to 19th MAY.

Each year we are asked to take part, during the month of May, in Christian Aid Week. Whatever we may feel about the state of our country's or our personal economy, there is no doubt that, compared with people who live in other parts of the world, we are very much part of the 'haves' as opposed to the 'have nots'. By contributing to the annual appeal we can help a little in trying to share the world's wealth on a more equitable basis.

The slogan for this year's appeal is 'The World is our Community and this is our Charge'. During the week envelopes will be distributed to every house in the villages of Great and Little Bromley, and it is hoped that you will feel able to support this world wide concern of caring for the needs and underprivileged. Collectors who will have an official identification will call back for your contributions.

If you can arrange a special event to raise money for this cause, or if you could help as a collector, please contact the Parish Organiser, Mrs. Marion Bromfield, S. George's Close. (230089).

COFFEE MORNING.

There will be a Coffee Morning to support Christian Aid Week at the home of Robert and Jean Harding, The Hollies, Colchester Road, on Friday, 18th May from 10.30am to 12 noon. There will be a Bring- and-Buy Stall and a raffle. Please do come and make this a successful part of our Christian Aid Week endeavour.

SERVICES AT S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Sunday, 6th May. The Sunday School takes part in the Parish Communion. This is a simpler and shorter service at which we particularly welcome parents and friends of the children. After the service coffee is offered in the Rectory garden.

Sunday, 20th May - Rogation Sunday. This year the Annual Blessing of Crops and Farms takes place at Stacies Farm, Little Bromley, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Lennox at 10.30am. This is instead of the service at 10.30 in the Parish Church. If you need transport please contact the Rector.

Thursday, 24th May - Ascension Day. This is one of the major festivals when we remember the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and many years ago, was always a holiday. Parish Communion in S. George's Church at 7.30pm.

Sunday, 27th May - Flower Festival Sunday. A special Evensong, 'In praise of flowers' at 6.30pm.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 6th May Burnt Heath 11.00am

Sunday 13th May Balls Green 11.00am

Sunday 27th May Burnt Heath 11.00am

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Marriage.

Saturday, 14th April Tracey Lorraine Twilley and Christian James Clark.

Mandy Chapman and Toby Probert Freke.

Burials and Cremation.

10th April Gordon Newport Miniken - burial of ashes.

11th April Tom Phelps - cremation at Weeley Crematorium.

The Bromley Messenger June 1990.

June is the month we traditionally associate with Summer, and it sees a great deal of the customary summer activities in the village. It commences with the Carnival on Saturday, 2nd June, which this year returns to its traditional format with a procession and events at the Village Hall. On 9th June there is the annual Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete, and in the evening the Carnival Association is holding a repeat of their very successful Dance with the Trinity Steel Band. This year the venue is Badley Hall. Linda Pinhey can provide tickets which cost £5 each to include a Barbecue Supper. Amongst a long list of activities (some of a domestic nature) announced in S. George's School Newsletter, one particular item to be mentioned is a School Sponsored Fun and Games Afternoon to be held on Friday, 22nd June.

After a feverishly busy month of May, June this year is a quieter month at S. George's Church with but one special event. This is a special service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, 5th June at 7.30pm to mark the 35th anniversary of the Ordination of the Rector. At this service Canon Neil Munt, who was the Rector's first Vicar when he was a Curate, is coming to preach. After the service there will be a reception in Saint George's School.

You will see from the back cover that we have almost completely covered the list of Sponsors for the Year. There are some small gaps; if you know anyone who would like to fill these, please contact the Treasurer, Len Christodoulides.

Our thanks go to the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home for their sponsoring of this month's issue. Can contributions for the July issue reach the editor at the Rectory by Tuesday, 12th June please.



S. GEORGE'S CHURCH NEWS.

At the Annual Meeting on 26th April, the two outgoing Churchwardens, Mr. Robert Harding and Mr. Douglas Rogerson were elected to serve for another year, but Mr. Harding announced that it would be the last year in which he would be prepared to serve. Mrs. Olive Sparling, Mr. George Kent and Mrs. Meriel Davis were elected to serve on the Deanery Synod and the following were elected to membership of the Parochial Church Council: The Rector, Mr. John Appleby (Parochial Reader), Mrs. Ann Fairley, Mrs. Joyce Fairley, Mrs. Elizabeth Lennox, Mrs. Betty Rowe, Mrs. Sarah Locke, Commander Tony Catesby, Major James Heaney, Mr. William Lock, Mr. Peter Rowe and Mr. James Wild.

It was reported that the Electoral Roll of the parish now contains ninety-four names.

Whitsun, not a public holiday this year, falls on Sunday, 3rd June. This is the day when we think especially of the power of the Holy Spirit enabling the first Disciples to go into the world with their message of salvation. We ignore the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the life of the Church at our peril, for it is only by our depending on the Spirit that we can lead our lives in the way God requires. On that day we pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will be spread abroad in our church and lives, and not only in our Parish, but also throughout the Church in this land, and the world. On Whitsunday there will be a Family Service, Parish Communion at 10.30 followed by coffee in the Rectory garden. It was always looked upon as one of the great festivals of the Church's year when all people endeavoured to attend church. Can we make it so in this parish this year?

The Bishop of Colchester will be coming to S. George's Church on Sunday, 15th July at 10.30 for a service of Confirmation.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way in making our Spring Sale such a success. We are most grateful as this is our only money-making effort of the year. Thank you! The guest speaker for June is Mrs. Perrins who will speak on the origin of names. The competition - a self-addressed envelope in your own handwriting. *Mildred Purkis.*

GUIDES

In the middle of March on a lovely sunny day we hiked with Ardleigh Scouts on the Shotley peninsular. The Scouts had first turn at map reading and we eventually arrived at the beach where we cooked our lunch. Then the Guides took on the map reading for the return journey, by a different route, and Sarah, Emma and Rebecca proved that they too could read a map accurately.

The last week of the Spring term was spent in two different ways. Roses Patrol chose to take up an invitation to a Brightlingsea Guide meeting and the Caterpillar patrol opted for a Patrol meeting in one of their homes making sweets; the results were delicious and most were given as presents.

We have had a one night: camp at Thorington in beautiful weather. One Patrol of six worked out their own menus and looked after themselves, quite an experience. Jazz and Middle C 'went for the ride'. For the Guides playing a wide game in the dark really did take some courage, as did mounting the rope ladders they had built.

Three Brownies have joined us and we welcome Eleanor who has decided to be a White Rose, Elisha and Isabel who are undecided as to which patrol they want to belong to. Come on Guides, you will really have to be friendly and active to win these two. Accident Prevention Badges have been presented to Sus, Hannah, Rebecca, Sarah, Emma, Lynn and the swimmers to Rebecca.

Lastly the Guide Division (Brightlingsea, Wivenhoe through to Bradfield) were invited by the Scouts Central District after some persuasion, to enter two teams in Centrek. Helen and Michelle were part of the Section 2 team for ages 12, 13, 14 and Emma and Rebecca were in Section 1, ages 10 and 11. The older girls had to walk sixteen miles with an overnight stop using grid references and going through checkpoints carrying all their needs on their backs. We did some training for this, walks, trying out lightweight foods, first aid and of course, map and compass skills. The team totalled five girls, Helen, Michelle, Eleanor, Elizabeth and Clare all local, and managed to carry off two out of three certificates for their section; these were the 'best turned out' team and 'best at map and compass' along with Wivenhoe Scouts. There was a lot of friendly camaraderie and the most common remark at the checkpoints was have the Guides been through yet? Perhaps a new badge ought to be made 'We Overtook the Guides', this being considered quite an achievement whilst walking. Needless to say the Scouts are determined that next year will have a different result, that is, if the girls are allowed to enter. So, very well done on your first effort.

The Section One team did not manage to win the only certificate presented, that went to Ardleigh Scouts, but some of them want to have another go next year. We all learned a lot and thank you girls, for being such fun. *Jazz.*

THE GARDEN IN JUNE.

The dry weather is playing havoc with lawns but if things alter it is better to mow them once a week. This month take some shrub cuttings, leaf bud cuttings of clematis and soft wood cuttings of fuschia, catoneaster and hypericum. Trim hedges of privet and conicera nitida. Disbud hybrid roses, remove suckers, spray against greenfly and diseases, also remove faded flowers of rhododendrons. Complete the stopping of outdoor Chrysanthemums and pencil out the leading shoots of dahlias, mulch and spray. Keep runner beans, and dwarf, well watered, use plenty of mulch, keep the topsoil open with the hoe and make sure of winter greenstuff. Hoping for some rain soon with some strawberry teas. *Fred Wickham.*

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD.

Having had a wonderful response to our fund raising efforts, the Committee would like to explain to people who have helped the reasons why facilities in the field are so slow in being installed. This is in no way any fault of the Committee. Tendring District Council has informed us that the delay is with the manufacturers. We have provided goal posts; nets are on order at a cost of £150. when nets are used a

deposit will be required; this amount will be refunded when nets are returned to ensure a longer life for the nets, it is not intended that they will be in position at all times.

Can we please ask that no 'short cuts' are used to enter the field; breaking down trees and hedgerows to obtain entry will only widen gaps and be a danger to young children using the field.

Suggestions for future fund raising will be most welcome. The Committee would also like to say a big thank you to all those who supported the Car Boot Sale on 7th May. It was another big success and over £100 was raised. Eileen Fowler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Bicycle Ride organised by Graeme Knott in April raised the grand sum of £104.92. We would like to thank those who rode and those who sponsored them. The money has been sent to the Children's Society. Our next effort is to be a Sale of Cakes on 23rd June from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Greenacre, Briar Road. We would be grateful for cakes to sell. This is a nationwide effort on behalf of the society called the Great Cake Bake. Last year, thanks to the efforts of Nancy Kempster and her family, we were able to send £63. *Olive Sparling.*

MODERN TIMES.

The first decade of the twentieth century saw the beginnings of change in the village, the Great War of the second brought more. Cottages, the odd bungalow were built, though many people relied still on the communal pump or the rainwater barrel for water, oil lamps and candles for light, the kitchen fire for cooking and warmth, the earth closet at the end of the garden for sanitation. The village shops and your garden supplied your needs, for entertainment there were the inns, maybe a trip to Colchester once in a while. From the mid-twenties you could make or buy a crystal set, farmers were getting mechanised and Austin Sevens were within the reach of ordinary folk, horizons were widening. *I. Wilkinson.*

GREAT BROMLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB.

The following are the dates for the Great Bromley Carpet Bowls Club meeting in June and July. All meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at approximately 7.30pm.

June: 8th, 14th, 23rd and 30th.

July: 2nd, 11th, 18th and 25th.

New members are always welcome so if you are interested why not come along one evening.

THE BROMLEYS AND LT. BENTLEY CONSERVATIVES.

There will be a Family Strawberry Tea on Sunday, 24th June at Brundells Farm at 3.00pm. The price is £2.50 (under 11 £1.00). Please ring 251264 for tickets. All are most welcome. (Advertisement)

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

A farce 'I'll Get my Man' by Philip Knight will be presented by Great Bromley Pantomime Group on Friday, 15th June and Saturday, 16th June at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will be a bar and raffle. Tickets from Mrs. Betty Rowe (Col 231067). Hope to see you all there. *Betty Rowe.*

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL.

In the near future it is hoped to be able to build a pond in the school grounds. If anyone can help with materials, labour and/or expertise please would they contact the Headteacher, Mrs. Pat Fitzgerald.

Do not miss the PTA Barn Dance from 8.00pm to midnight on Saturday 14th July at Park Farm, Great Bromley. Live music will be provided by 'Three Farthings' and the caller will be Ron Coxall. Tickets £3.75 (including superb supper) are available from Ruth Lawson (251263).

The Bromley Messenger July 1990.

From time to time visitors and residents ask me why we have the picture of a boat on the cover of a magazine for two landlocked villages. When this magazine was first issued in July 1986, thought was given to the title and the cover. The name 'Messenger' came up as we hoped it would carry messages throughout the area, and the boat was chosen as one way in which news can travel. The ship depicted, 'The Increase' is a ship very important to the history of the villages, for it was on this boat that villagers, including Simon Stone and his family left for a new life in 1635. The ship, commanded by Captain Robert Lea, left London bound for Boston, Massachusetts. In the centre upper panel of the 'Stone' window in the North Aisle of S. George's church, there is to be seen another illustration of this ship.

Simon Stone and his brother Gregory, who joined him later, both settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts and became important and founding fathers of the settlement in the Americas, from whom a very large family has grown which is dispersed throughout the United States. The family has never forgotten its roots in the Bromleys and hardly a month goes by without some visiting members of the family coming to the church and calling at the Rectory. In the first issue of the 'Messenger' I wrote that just as the good ship 'The Increase' took news and information to the Colonies in America, so we hope that the Bromley 'Messenger' will bear news and information wherever it goes. Our hope has been realised; it is a pleasure to be able to produce this magazine once again, now in its Fifth year of issue.

This month we are sponsored by Hiskey's Poultry Farm and Finishing Touches, specialists in designer finishes of Briar Road. We thank them very much for their support and hope that you will support them. May I have contributions for the August issue by Wednesday, 11th July please.

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S. GEORGE AT THE FLOWER FESTIVAL.

The Lovely representation of our patron saint at the flower festival made me think that a note about him would be appropriate. S. George was probably a soldier of Lydda in Palestine in the 4th century and it is said that he saved the life of a princess offered in propitiation of a menacing dragon. He later suffered martyrdom and death, and centuries later, was adopted by the Crusaders as their patron saint. 'For England and S. George' was Edward VIII's rallying call in the French wars, and his cross became the centre-piece of our national flag. *I. Wilkinson.*

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Our outing to the Bygone Village of Fleggburgh near Great Yarmouth was enjoyed by all of us in spite of the weather. The coach to Holkham Hall on 13th July leaves Elmstead at 9.15am. Mrs. M. Purkis is our speaker for July and the competition is a tablet of soap. *Mildred Purkis.*

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH.

The Bromleys Branch of ARC will be holding a Garden Wine and Cheese Party at the Old Rectory, Little Bromley on Tuesday, 10th July from 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Please come and support the Branch in raising funds for research. Entrance is £2 for the cheese and a glass of wine and to wander round this lovely garden. There will be a Bring-and-Buy stall, the ARC stall, plants, tombola and raffle.

If the weather is bad the event will be moved to the large barn at Newhouse, Little Bromley. Further information can be had from any member of the Committee.

At the Branch AGM the following members were elected to the Committee: Mrs. Carole Eugster (Chairman), Mrs. Joan Landon (Secretary), Mrs. Anne Clapham (Treasurer), Mrs. June Fairley (ARC sales representative) and Mrs. Joyce Fairley, Mrs. Cynthia Walker and Mrs. Jane Sutcliffe Committee members.

THANK YOU.

Margery and Stan West would like to say thank you Rector for a lovely church service, which was a wonderful start to our great day. A big thank you to all our family and friends who helped to make our Golden Wedding so enjoyable; their generosity and kindness was overwhelming. From the 11th to the 20th was fantastic! which is something we both will never forget.

PTA BARN DANCE.

S. George's School PTA is holding a Barn Dance on Saturday, 14th July from 8.00pm to midnight at Park Farm, Great Bromley. Music will be supplied by 'Three Farthings' with caller Ron Coxall. Tickets at £3.75 (including supper) are available from Ruth Lawson (tel: 251263).

TENDRING SHOW - SATURDAY, 14th JULY, 1990.

Our local show is on 14th July this year, as usual in Lawford Park. This year, after a gap of a few years, there is to be a Church Stand. The show is designed to let local people celebrate the life of their area; a wide range of activities will be on display from flowers to ferrets, tomatoes to traction engines. In the Church Stand arranged by the Harwich Deanery Synod, there is to be an exhibition entitled 'The Country Church'. In the marquee you will be able to see models and photographs which show the development of typical villages in recent times, there will be a Children's Puppet Theatre which will present shows throughout the day, and there will be a bookstall and literature and information about local churches. Next to the marquee the Mothers' Union is manning a caravan, a 'Young Families Centre' which will provide a welcome rest and shelter for those who find the need for peace and quiet. In particular mothers can find there a place to change or feed their babies.

During the day Stewards will be on duty to make you welcome and to give you any information you may seek. We hope that this will add to your enjoyment of a splendid day out at this Show of which The Tendring Hundred Farmers' Club rightly feel so proud.

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD.

We are holding a coffee morning and book sale on Saturday, 21st July from 10.00am until 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you there in the Village Hall.

Dangers of making 'dens'.

Recently piles of grass cuttings, ready for collection, were used to erect a 'den'. Inside this were large pieces of wood with wire attached with 4" nails protruding, also broken bamboo canes with sharpened ends; a child could lose its sight if falling on to these, and there is also the risk that a child could be suffocated.

Three new seats have now been placed on the field, these being purchased from our funds. Thanks to a donation from Mrs. Connie Davis, small items of play equipment are available on request. *Mrs. E. Fowler.*

8. GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY YOUTH GROUP.

Just over a year ago a group of us sat in the Rectory planning the start of the S. George's Great Bromley Youth Group. How many youngsters could we expect?

What should we do on the first evening? Should we restrict membership to children of families attending church? On which evening should it be held? (not when Top of the Pops is on) etc. All of that seems a long way off now and, during the past twelve months, the group has flourished with an average in excess of thirty attending each week. A standard evening consists of playing games (outside whenever possible) interspersed with a quiz or craft work. In addition a number of events have taken place including a weekend camp at the Red Braces Christian Music Festival, East Mersea, a swimming evening, ice skating, roller skating, a barbecue, hand bell ringers, kite making, a disco and a bird-cum-nature walk. We have also held two church services specifically designed for young people. Future events include Red Braces, a treasure hunt and a cycling evening followed by a barbecue. We have had some very generous donations of equipment and are very grateful for these. If anyone has any sports equipment or games which are in good condition but are no longer required then please, do give us a thought. *Dennis Simons.*

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT C.C REPORT.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend of 26th-28th May, Great Bromley embarked on their now traditional cricket tour to Leicestershire staying in the pleasant village of Whissendine. Great Bromley played three entertaining fixtures against Oakham Mosquitoes, Whissendine and Uppingham.

With the weather being superb throughout the Tour Great Bromley opened with a match against Oakham on the picturesque Oakham School ground. Oakham batted first and scored 132 all out with T. Tearle returning bowling figures of four overs, four maidens, three wickets for no runs. In reply Great Bromley made 106 all out (M. Tearle 29, T. Biscoe 23) and were therefore defeated by 26 runs.

On Sunday Great Bromley played the local side Whissendine. Whissendine batted first and scored 163 for 7 off 40 overs with Peter Brinkley taking 3 for 33. Bromley's reply was 94 for 9 and with one batsman retired hurt all out. Only three players made double figures with Steve Foley's boundary peppered 47 being the biggest contribution.

The final tour fixture was against Uppingham Town Cricket Club. Great Bromley batted first and in 40 overs amassed 176 for 8. Steve 'Bullseye' Foley again top scored with a well struck 59 and was well supported by M. Tearle 22, G. Miller 15, P. Allam 14 not out and T. Huish 15. After tea Uppingham were bowled out for 119 leaving Great Bromley the victors by 57 runs. T. Huish returned figures of 3 for 7 off 43 overs after some earlier miserly bowling by T. Tearle. The return trip to Essex was made on the Tuesday with everyone having enjoyed a great weekend.

At the time of writing, on the local scene Great Bromley has played 5 Lancaster Garages Div. 4 matches recording three victories against two defeats and are currently lying sixth in table. In friendlies Great Bromley has played six matches, won 2 and lost 4. *F. Eadie.*

PLEASE CAN ANYONE HELP?

Has any reader of the parish magazine got a picture of the old-time Batman? (not the new one with horns!) from which I could take a tracing. My grandson would like him embroidered on a jumper but I cannot find one anywhere. I would be very grateful. *Meriel Davis, The Rectory.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

The total sum collected during Christian Aid Week in May amounted to £352.30, a really magnificent sum. I would like to thank the collectors for their diligence in calling for the envelopes, Mrs. Marion Bromfield for master minding and organising the week, and all those who donated so generously to this worthy cause. Thank you all very much. *Rector.*

S. MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY.

It is a great pleasure to see that the Redundant Churches Fund has now made a start on the repair and restoration of Little Bromley Church. The first phase is the retiling of the South side of the Nave, this to be followed by the lowering of the ground level around the church to overcome the problem of damp, repairs to the tower and re-leading the tower roof and cutting back the plaster inside the church and redecoration. Most of the work will be finished by the end of the year, with the exception of the redecoration, as the interior walls will have to be left a long time to dry out. The Director of the Redundant Churches Fund tells me that it will be possible to resume occasional services in the church next when it is planned to have services on various special occasions.

The first service will be a service to mark the re-opening of the church on Sunday, 2nd June, 1991, when we will be welcoming the Bishop of Chelmsford, The Right Reverend John Raine. More about this next year!

FLOWER FESTIVAL - S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

We were lucky enough to have a fine and sunny weekend for the Flower Festival in May. Mrs. Joan Green and her students from the Greyfriars Flower Arrangers Course decorated the church in a beautiful way with very striking arrangements. On Church Meadow the marquee and the activities inside attracted a great deal of interest. It was unfortunate that the evening turned very cold, but this did not dampen the enjoyment and enthusiasm of the Jazz Concert and Festival. A large number of people contributed to the outstanding success of the event, principally Mrs. Betty Rowe and Mr. John Appleby who together were responsible for the organising of the weekend. Without their efforts the event would not have been possible. The stallholders contributed much to the success of the weekend, and to them I extend my most grateful thanks; Peter and Nigel Rowe for the barbecue; Betty Rowe, raffle; Vicki and Frank Griffiths, plant stall; James Wild, vegetables; Tony and Andrena Catesby, This and That; Jill Frostick and Joyce Fairley, cakes; Rosemary Heaney, books; Dennis Simons and the Youth Club, sweets; doll, Audrey Appleby; and Ann Fairley, teas and lunches; together of course, with all their helpers.

In the church we were helped by a goodly number of stewards and John Burray, Paul Simons and Mr. Theo Landen who provided music for the visitors. It was a pleasure to welcome Father Michael Fox from S. James the Great, Colchester, to preach at the special evening service. Quite apart from the financial result the weekend was a very happy and relaxed experience which we always associate with events in the parish. Visitors from all over Essex and adjoining counties were delighted with the time they spent with us.

Although at the time of writing all the expenses are not known, it looks as if a sum of about £1,400 will have been raised for the Church Repair Fund. Thank you all who helped, and all who attended. *Rector.*

CONFIRMATION SERVICE - 15th JULY.

The Bishop of Colchester is coming to S. George's for a Confirmation Service on Sunday, 15th July, when six persons from the parish are to be confirmed. I do hope at all members of the congregation will be there to support the candidates, and perhaps those, already confirmed, who have lapsed in their duties to God, may attend to make a reaffirmation of their promises, and to make a new start.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Our 5th July meeting will be in the Chapel of the Cheshire Home at 7.30pm. It will be an evening of discussion and ideas, also of slides of gardens. Do not forget members, we have our own 'Show' on 2nd August along with a cheese and wine party, so do nurture your house plants, flowers, vegetables and fruit for this event, as many entries as possible please, and note all entries to be entered by 12 o'clock on 2nd August. New members would be welcome so do come along and find out about us, we are none of us professional gardeners, just folk who enjoy our gardens.

We were very pleased to be able to raise £200 for Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, along with the help in providing plants from Rolts Nurseries, and the hard work of those who worked on the stall at the Cheshire Home Fete on Saturday, 9th June. *R. F. Field.*

SAVE THE CHILDREN.

Thank you so much for the wonderful support I had for my Coffee Morning for this charity on 15th May. We raised £150 and the SCF has asked me to say thank you to you all. The money will be well spent for the welfare of children everywhere. *R. F. Field.*

HARE GREEN PLAYING FIELD.

There will be a Tupperware Party to raise funds for the Hare Green Playing Field at Dairy Farm Cottage, Chase Road West on Wednesday, 4th July at 8.00pm. If you would like to support your recreation field and are unable to attend, you can telephone or send your order to Valerie Harris, Mrs. Eileen Fowler or any Committee member. Enquiries to Valerie Harris (251691).

THE GARDEN IN JULY.

The rain in early June came as a boost to the garden, the lawns are lovely and green, also the weeds have got a new lease of life, so mow the lawn at least once a week. Take semi hard cuttings of shrubs, camellia, cistus, hydrangea, pyracantha, skimmia, also layer wisteria. Keep hedges like hawthorn and privet trimmed. Dead head hybrid tea roses, also floribundas, apply fertiliser and continue to spray. For large blooms on Chrysanthemums reduce stems to six or eight and begin disbudding, tie in young shoots of dahlias, if long stems are required for cutting disbud some of the shoots. Prune plum trees, summer prune pears early July, apples late July, tip layer blackberry and loganberry. Keep the hoe going and hope for a good harvest. *Fred Wickham.*

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

The fixtures for July are as follows:

Sunday 1st Ashdon Home F

Saturday 7th Ardleigh Away L

Sunday 8th Grasshoppers Home L

Saturday 14th Bures Home F

Sunday 15th Tollesbury Away L

Saturday 21st Cavaliers Away L

Sunday 22nd Cavendish Away L

Saturday 28th Eight Ash Green Away L

In the May issue of the Messenger it was stated that Great Bromley were playing in Division 5 of the Lancaster Garages League. After having my knuckles rapped, and receiving a tongue lashing from our secretary, I can firmly state that I got it wrong and we are definitely playing in Division 4. *Bill Kempster.*

CRICKET CLUB '100 CLUB' LOTTERY.

Winners for the month of April were: 1st Mrs. J. Austin, 2nd Mr. A. Neale and 3rd Mr. G. Smith.

Winners for the month of May were: 1st Mrs. D. Williams, 2nd Mrs. L. Allam and 3rd Mr. D. Pentney.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL.

A very busy term for staff and pupils. The Carnival Parade and the Cheshire Home Fete Painting Competition are behind us, the Relay Race at Manningtree School, Manningtree Sports, the Area Rounders Tournament, our School Sports Day and Rounders matches are still to come. The children's work will be exhibited in the Schools Tent at the Tendring Show and in school at the end of term Open Evening.

We have two fund raising events this term. A sponsored fun and games afternoon on Friday, 22nd June (please be generous when the children ask for sponsorship) and a Barn Dance on Saturday, 14th July at Park Farm. Tickets are £3.75 each available from Ruth Lawson (251263) but include a lovely supper and live music. Do come and join in. At the end of this term we lose fifteen children to Secondary School. We sent our good wishes to Adam Ardley, Mark Reed, Joseph Davy, Robert O'Hare, Robert Fisher, Tristan Twilley, Emma Riches, Sarah Simons, Lynn Anderson, Jessica Lucking, Lucy Lucking, Helen Foot, Aimee Peck, Caroline Neal and Rebecca Taylor.

BROWNIES.

In March Isabel and Eleanor each completed their Highway Journey and received their badges. Mrs. Pinhey came and helped us make a chick and eggs for Easter from fondant icing which we put into baskets we had already made. Last term we said goodbye to Hedgehog and welcomed Fox who has taken her place. We also said goodbye to Elisha, Isabel and Eleanor who have gone on to Guides. The talk at the beginning of term was about the new uniform of which the Brownies approve. It should be available from September, but existing Brownies do not have to rush out to buy a new one as the old ones can be worn for a further three years.

A re-shuffling of Sixers has taken place with Ellie, Alison and Chloe becoming new Sixers and Hannah, Lyndsay and Emma A new Seconders. We spent some time making a giant size Snakes and Ladders which we call Worms and Spiders to help us to learn how to behave in the countryside. Two new Tweenies, Sophie and Sarah, joined us just in time to help plant some runner beans for an experiment we are doing. Still with plants in mind we have also learnt to identify some of the wild flowers by the roadside and to recognise some poisonous ones.

With Chloe and Aniela making posters as part of their Artist Badge we stuck raffle tickets on bottles ready for our stall at the Carnival. Thank you everyone for your support in donating bottles, and Brownies and Mums for manning the Stall and the Roll-a-Coin. £27.90 was raised which will go into our funds.

We have a few vacancies in our Pack and any girl who is over seven can join us. We meet in the Brownie Hut every Thursday during term time from 5.30pm until 7.00pm. Our last meeting this term in on 12th July.

GIRL GUIDES.

This has been a short but full month. One Guide evening was spent in the bicycle saddle when explored different parts of Great Bromley. Patrol projects have started; the Caterpillars are clearing completely around the outside of the hut, whilst the White Roses have chosen to spread their talents wider and have undertaken to do a Patrol Purpose Patch. This entails choosing four of the eight 'Guide Points' to work at and complete within a three month period. This is hampered when Guide meetings are held elsewhere. In between this we are practising for the Water Safety Badge which will be taken at Manningtree swimming pool on 25th June. Ardleigh Guides have invited us to their meeting one Monday to do the theory part of this badge and to have fun and games .with them.

We have welcomed two older girls to the unit, Eleanor and Elizabeth who are working on their Blue and BP Trefoil along with Helen. Eleanor Henderson has made her Promise outside the hut, Emma, Rebecca and Sarah have all received their Yellow Trefoil and Sam has her Green Trefoil. Helen has gained her Map Reader Badge. Well done all of you. Jazz.

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 1st July Elmstead Market 11.00am

Sunday 8th July Burnt Heath 11.00am

Sunday 15th July Balls Green 11.00am

Sunday 22nd July Elmstead Market 11.00am

Sunday 29th July Burnt Heath 11.00am

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism

17th June Richard Gareth Jones

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 19th May Robert Frank Knowles and Kim Helena Davis

Saturday 25th May Harry Andrew John Clark and Sophie Elizabeth Stewart

Saturday 9th June Simon Peter bucking and Anne Marie Bowles

Saturday 9th June Julian Thomas Orman and Carolyn Elizabeth Hill

Saturday 23rd June Richard John Dixon and Joanna Bloom

Burial - Monday 18th June

Margaret Christine Lyon, late of Colliers Wood Farm, Ardleigh.

S. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The regular meeting of the Sunday School at 10.30am on Sunday mornings will close on Sunday, 22nd July, for the summer holidays. It is hoped that the children will be able to join us for our normal Sunday worship in church on those Sundays when they do not meet in the school.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

All young people are invited to Evensong on Sunday, 8th July, when the service will be simplified to enable them to participate and share in it.

The Bromley Messenger August 1990.

This month the Messenger is sponsored by Bromley Private Hire (Mr. D Mead) and D.W. Edwards Plumbing and Heating. We thank them for their help! Please support them.

Because of holiday arrangements; can contributions for the September issue reached the editor by 6th August.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Our guest speaker- for August is Mrs Watling who will tell us about when she helped to decorate Westminster Abbey for the wedding of Prince Andrew and "Fergie", and also for Princess Beatrice's christening. The competition - a single rose . *Mildred Purkis*

S. GEORGE'S NEWS

The Order in Council has been received to close the Cemetery for burial except for burial in already existing graves. The Parish Council will now take on responsibility for its upkeep and maintenance. Already they have undertaken this on an informal basis and we would, like to thank them for their concern and help.

We are delighted to see the Churchyard in such a splendid condition, due to the hard work of Mrs. Booty whom we thank for her work. The Churchyard light has now been reinstated and the rubbish heap at the rear of the Churchyard has been cleared. For this we have to thank Peter Rowe and James Wild for their labours. We do now need to try to keep the rubbish heap as tidy as possible. It would help if only dead flowers were put on it. Can those who use it please take away any plastic, wire or material that will not rot down.

On Saturday, 8th September, we plan to repeat last years sponsored walk round the Parish boundaries in aid of the Friends of Essex Churches. Please let the Rector know if you can join in. More information next month.

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THE GREAT BROMLEY FOLK DANCE GROUP.

The Group continues to enjoy folk dancing with a number of events planned for the next eighteen months. The first of these is a Barn Dance in the Village Hall on 10th November, 1990, when the Iceni Folk Dance Band will entertain us with music and dancing from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Tickets will be £4 including refreshments and a bar will be available.

A big event is being planned for the 2nd November, 1991, when our group will combine with the Colchester Folk Dance Group and organise a Day of Dance at the Woods Leisure Centre. This is the first event of this kind to be held in Colchester. Activities will include instruction in Traditional Lancashire Clog Dance, Elizabethan Court Dancing, English Country Dance and Morris Dance, and there will also be a Musicians Workshop. A schools/children's workshop will be held in the afternoon (seven years and over) and invitations will be issued to all schools in the Colchester area. The day will end with an Evening Dance with one of the country's top folk dance bands 'Wild Thyme' and a well-known caller, Colin Hume. On a smaller scale the group continues to hold its usual meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month at the Balls Green Methodist Church with a few extra garden meetings during the summer. We have also accepted an invitation to display country dancing at the Ardleigh Village Hall's 10th Birthday Party on 1st September, 1990.

HOLIDAYS THEN.

In early August once upon a time, Carter Paterson collected our big black shiny dome-topped trunk (luggage in advance, cost 2/-, door to door) and a day or two later we set off for London Bridge Station, or Waterloo, or Paddington, for the seaside.

For a fortnight of mornings on the beach I paddled, built sandcastles, dabbled in rock pools, Mother sat in a deck-chair and read Home Chat, Father read The Daily Telegraph or went fishing. In the afternoons there were sedate games on the promenade or walks along the cliffs or drives into the country, boat trips from the pier. The evening brought sounding brass from the promenade bandstand or parents went to a concert on the Pier and I went to bed and waves breaking on the shore lulled me to sleep. Plus ca change? (continued next month). *I. Wilkinson.*

ANTIQUES.

Anything old and interesting bought. Houses cleared. Free evaluation on any article. Ring K. W. Hazell on 298644 any evening.

THE GARDEN IN AUGUST.

Lawns should be mown regularly, water when dry and apply weedkillers when needed. Peed roses with 1oz of sulphate of potash per square yard, keep dead-heading. Make sure perennials never dry out particularly the autumn flowering kinds. Dead-head all faded flowers not needed for seed. Keep Chrysanthemums well supported and tied in, continue to disbud, feed and water. Rub out young buds on the side shoots of dahlias, deadhead any that have flowered.

Take semi-hard cuttings with a heel of all heathers, propogate in sand and peat. Keep all vegetables watered, runner beans, marrows, tomatoes, they all dry out so quickly. Summer prune apples and pears, cut down fruited rasp- berries and support new-canecan, plant our strawberry runners. Keep the hoe going. *Fred Wickham.*

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE.

We are pleased to announce that the new play equipment has been installed.

There will be an official opening ceremony on Sunday, 12th August at 2.00pm. Mr. Henry Fairley has kindly agreed to perform this ceremony. It is hoped to organise comic football matches. There will be a 'Bouncy Castle' for the younger ones and refreshments; hot dog stall and ice cream will be available. Look forward to seeing you there! *Eileen Fowler.*

CAKE SALE IN AID OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY FUND.

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to this most successful afternoon, those who baked so beautifully, those who purchased the cakes and those who, although they were unable to attend, sent contributions of money. The afternoon raised the large sum of £90.20 pence.

There was even more to send because £29.65 pence had been collected from the Societies' boxes which are placed in homes for people to put in their odd coins. The Children's Society is always most grateful for any donations to aid their on-going work with children in need. Once again the people of Bromley have shown that they care.

GREAT AND LITTLE BROMLEY AND LITTLE BENTLEY CONSERVATIVES.

A successful strawberry tea was held at Brundells Farm on 24th June. Mr. B. Jenkin, Sir Antony Buck's successor was present to introduce himself to guests. I would like to thank all those who attended. We shall be having a revitalised membership drive shortly. *L. B. Christodoulides. Hon. Treasurer/Secretary.*

BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

The 2nd August is our Show and Cheese and Wine Party. Please let us have your entries in by 12 o/c on that day and lots of them, and your company in the evening at 7.30pm. Hopefully the weather will be nice for us. See you all then. *R. F. Field.*

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

Fixtures for August are as follows:

Saturday 4th Sudbury Away L
Sunday 5th Grasshoppers Away L
Saturday 11th West Mersea Home L
Sunday 12th Saturday 18th Bures Away F
Sunday 19th Ashdon Away P
Saturday 25th Cavendish Home L
Sunday 26th Marks Tey Away L

100 CLUB LOTTERY.

Winners for the month of June were:

1st T. Tearle
2nd F. Eadie
3rd J. Hodge

BROWNIE DISTRICT PACK HOLIDAY AT THORRINGTON SCOUT CAMP.

On the 15th to the 17th June we went to Thorrington Scout camp for the district pack holiday. When we got there we had a birthday party for someone from Bradfield Brownies, her name was Joanne. The next day we made some plain yoghurt with powdered milk for the science investigator badge. We also made carts to race down a board but we had to carry an Oxo cube. Ellie's came first with 2 metres 63 cm. That night we had a campfire with the Scouts who were camping near by. The Scout Leader said he could read feet and he took a boy's shoe off. On the last day we went on a walk and we had to follow a trail of hand prints and at the end there was a box of wigs and dressing up clothes. After that we had a drink and went home. *Ellie Parker and Alison Taylor.*

BROWNIES.

We are delighted to welcome a new helper to our Unit, Rabbit, who has been with us since half-term. Alison, Ellie, Chloe, Hannah and Lindsay went to Thorrington Scout Camp one weekend in June for the District Pack Holiday. The theme was the Science Investigator Badge which they all obtained through fun and hard work during the weekend. We enjoyed beautiful weather with the sun shining helpfully on to our sundials and we cleaned our teeth with the help of egg-timers made from squash bottles, sellotape and sand. One lovely sunny meeting a few Brownies went to Brown Owl's garden and made Tussy Mussy's - nosegays made from herbs and sweet smelling flowers originally made to ward off the plague and nasty odours. They last for ages in water and are very pretty. Six Brownies are making charts and welly pegs in preparation for going with the Lawford Brownies on Pack Holiday in July when we shall be going to Weeley for five days.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 5th, August - Elmstead Market 11.00am
Sunday 12th August - Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 19th August - Burnt Heath 11.00am
Sunday 26th August Elmstead Market 11.00am

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism

15th July Shelly-Jo Wade
Emily Rose Benneworth
Christina Anne Benneworth
19th July Sandie Jane Young

Confirmation

15th July Shelly-Jo Wade
Kurt William Bowen
Jennifer Sarah Rogerson
Maureen Wynn
Patricia Ann Julie Bowen
Carol Patricia Cordwell

Cremation

16th July Peter James Cutts, Hamilton Lodge

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB.

The Club has now closed for the Summer holiday period and will reopen on Wednesday, 5th September, in the School. We are urgently in need of additional helpers and leaders in order to continue this important activity in the village. If you feel that you can offer any help please contact the Rector. We would particularly like to hear from any parents (especially fathers!). The commitment would be leaders meetings twice a term to plan the sessions and helping in the running on Wednesday evenings by rota. Please help if you can.

The Bromley Messenger September 1990.

Although most of the residents of our two villages no longer depend on farming for their employment, the in-gathering of the harvest is an important time for a rural parish such as ours. It is a reminder to us all that agriculture is the largest industry in our country and also, that the production of the harvest does not rely entirely on man's management. A factory, whatever it produces, stands or falls on the skill of management and its workers. Raw materials arrive and, providing the work systems are efficient, the finished article leaves for the market. In agriculture efficiency of management and workers is important, but there is another fact that is all important: the weather. Too much frost early in the year, too much rain, too much sun, lack of frost, lack of rain, lack of sun can prove a disaster for the farmer. He can see his crops destroyed overnight, the labours of twelve months come to naught.

We who are privileged to live and work in the countryside can understand in a way that is impossible for town dwellers how dependent we are on powers that are greater than man. We find it natural to commend the work of the farmer to the mighty hand of God. On Plough Sunday in January we pray 'God speed the plough', in May at Rogation Tide we ask for God's blessing on the growing crops, and now in September we return to give our thanks to God for the fruits of the farmers' labours:

All good things around us
Are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
For all His love.

R. G. Gwinnell & Sons, Funeral Directors of Manningtree have very kindly sponsored this edition of the 'Messenger'. We would like to express our thanks to them for their help. Material and contributions for the October edition should reach the editor by Monday, 10th September, please.

BEATING THE PARISH BOUNDS.

The date for this event announced in last month's 'Messenger' has had to be changed and will now take place on Saturday, 15th September, starting at Burnt Heath Chapel at 9.00am. The route to be taken will be the opposite direction to last year's walk. We will go off behind the orchards which are parallel to the Colchester Road as far as the Bromley Brook where we will cross the road and walk along the Brook, over the A120 and the Harwich Road as far as Morehams Hall Farm. This is the first stage. From the Warm the route takes us to the Frating Road and through Spring Farm to Ravens Green. We go along Ravens Green Road until we meet the A120 which we cross and walk towards Park Farm, the second stage. From here we go towards Welhams Farm and then across country to Stacies Farm, the third stage. The final stage is from Stacies Farm to Chequers Farm, mostly road work, and then over fields behind Normans Farm back to the Burnt Heath Chapel.

There will be a map in S. George's Church together with a list of estimated times at the stages. It is not necessary to complete all the stages, please join (or leave) whenever you wish. You will need to bring refreshments, sandwiches etc., and suitable clothing!

The walk is a sponsored walk in aid of the Friends of Essex Churches who have been most generous in helping our Tower Appeal. There are sponsor forms in the church. I hope that this will be well supported as it was last year. Quite apart from raising money, it will be a most enjoyable day. If any further information is needed please contact the Rector (230344).

GREAT BROMLEY CEMETERY.

The Privy Council issued an Order in Council on 7th June, 1990, closing the cemetery for new burials. The only burials permitted there are the re-opening of existing double graves. There is no restriction on the opening of new graves in S. George's churchyard.

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB - IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The first meeting of the Youth Groups in the Autumn Term will now be on Wednesday 12th September, and not on 5th September as noted in last month's 'Messenger' and announced to members at the last meeting. We hope to see all past members then, and any other young people who may wish to join. Junior meetings (10, 11, 12) commence at 6.15pm and Senior meetings (13+) commence at 7.30pm.

Sadly Mr. Dennis Simons feels that he can no longer continue as leader of the Group. I am sorry that he can no longer continue and I would like to express our appreciation of all that he has done to help set up and lead this successful venture.

BAPTISM.

I am always very pleased to arrange services of Baptism in the parish church, and I do not make any conditions of the parents. However, I am very disappointed that most of those who are baptised, and their parents, do not maintain any link with the church. We do send out anniversary cards to those who have been baptised to assure them and their parents that they are not forgotten. Parents and God-parents do undertake that the children that they sponsor are taught the Christian faith and encouraged to grow up as

practising members of the church. Being baptised means becoming a member of the family of God, a child of Christ - a Christian. If we are members of any club or society, we are bound to take part in its activities. Similarly a member of God's family is expected to take part in its activities, prayer and worship. We are always pleased to welcome children to our weekly Sunday School which meets in the church at 10.30 each Sunday and goes for instruction in S. George's School. We also particularly ask parents to come with their children, whatever their ages, to the monthly Family Service on the first Sunday in each month. This is a simplified form of worship at which we encourage children to take part. It is an 'all-age' service, so we are not at all disturbed or worried by children's noise and activity.

On that Sunday we do not have our usual Sunday School classes. It is sad when children who come on other Sundays do not come on the first Sunday in the month. It is sadder still that their parents do not come with them. Perhaps those thoughtful parents who seek Baptism for their children will endeavour to come with their children to join with them in worshipping God and growing in the faith into which they are baptised. *Rector.*

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Thursday, 13th September, at 7.30pm in the Rectory, when we will be discussing and planning the work of the Sunday School and the Christian education of young people.

HARVEST AT S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday, 29th September at 7.30pm when the preacher will be the Reverend John Swallow, Rector of East and West Mersea. S. George's School will be holding their own service on Friday, 21st September at 2.00pm when all parents and friends of the School are especially invited.

The Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday, 22nd September at 7.30pm. As last year there will be an excellent supper followed by an entertainment to be given this year by the Leigh Singers from Ardleigh, arranged by Mrs. Jill Frostick. Admission will be by ticket; £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. These can be obtained from the Rectory and members of the church.

The Parish Communion on Sunday, 23rd September and Festal Evensong at 6.30pm will be services of Thanksgiving. Help will be much appreciated in decorating the church on Wednesday and Thursday, 19th and 20th September.

CAT LOVERS FETE AND OPEN DAY.

On Sunday 23rd September from 2.00pm-4.00pm there will be a Fete at Pensoomis Pet'otel, Ardleigh Road, Little Bromley, all proceeds from which are to be given to the Colchester Cat Rescue (a registered charity). The following items are needed to make this a success: raffle prizes, home-made cakes, jam, honey, fruit, vegetables, plants, cut flowers, craft items such as tapestries, paintings, embroideries, second-hand items which are saleable, books, clothing etc. Any help in providing these or any other goods will be most welcome. Pat and Alan Peachey, Pensoomis Pet'otel, Rosewood House, Ardleigh Road, Little Bromley, telephone 393527.

CHURCH ARMY SUNDAY.

The Church Council has decided that on Sunday, 9th September, all the collection money is to be given to the work of the Church Army. Captain David Edwards of the Church Army will preach in S. George's Church at the Parish Communion on the work of the organisation.

HOLIDAYS NOW.

You carry your luggage and fly from Luton or Lympne to Minorca or Malaga, Teneriffe or Turkey. Your children still dabble in the sand but swim with you too and you sunbathe and waterski and windsurf. Along the front are cafes and bars and amusements and though haloa may replace Brighton rock there is icecream and you can take trips to see ruins and relics. At night there are the bright lights and music, both canned and live, and fun and games - plus, plus la meme chose, but faster and noisier. *I. Wilkinson.*

THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER.

Owing to the very dry spell there is little that can be done to lawns which have dried up, so hope for rain then fork it all over so the water can penetrate, and apply a fertiliser. Plant, or transplant, evergreen shrubs, take hard wood cuttings of holly, conifers, laurel etc. Roses, dead head, tie in new shoots of climbers, but watch for diseases. Keep dahlias watered and supported, plant young border plants of pinks and carnations, pinch out the growing tips. Sow annuals to flower next spring and plant out biennials, wallflowers. Keep the vegetables going, runner beans etc., also pick apples when ready and plant out spring cabbage plants. *Fred Wickham.*

THE GARDEN CLUB. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 6th September in the Cheshire Home Chapel at 7.30pm. A 'cuttings' evening so please bring along your cuttings, named, rooted or otherwise, and any

information re their care. Keep them fresh in plastic bags in they are unrooted. What a marvellous effort you made for our Show, amazing what one can do despite the weather isn't it? *R. F. Field.*

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The Friendship Club is for the Over 60's and meets every third Thursday in the month. If you would like to join us please contact Mrs. Biddis. We are visiting the Westcliff Theatre on Thursday, 13th September. The coach will leave Elmstead Market at 6.30pm.

Mrs. Boustred is our guest speaker for September and her subject will be English Heritage. The competition - an old bottle. *Mildred Purkis.*

BROMLEYS AND LITTLE BENTLEY CONSERVATIVES.

At a recent meeting the Committee decided to hold a Harvest Barn Supper at Brundells Farm on 13th October. It was also agreed that charges for use of our Branch chairs and tables would have to be formalised as a repair fund was needed to be set up to carry out maintenance on break ages as they arose.

CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION. The AGM of the Carnival Association will be held at Whyte Cottage, Back Lane East at 8.00pm on Monday, 24th September. Everybody interested in the continuance of a Carnival should attend as many members of the Committee will be retiring this year. The Grand Raffle was won by Gavin Adcock.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

The Seven Rivers Staff and Residents Social Committee are holding a cheese and wine evening on Friday, 21st September at 7.30pm in the House. Tickets are £2 each including a glass of wine. Please telephone Bert on 231428.

PLAYGROUPE.

It seems the summer term ended just in time as several of the children contracted chicken-pox in the first weeks of the holiday; our best wishes to them all for a speedy recovery. On a happier note we all enjoyed a summer outing at the end of June to Mistley Environmental Centre and it was lovely to have our last Few meetings in the sunshine.

Next term will commence on Monday, 10th September, to be joined by the toddlers on Wednesday, 12th September. Our AGM will be in the evening of Monday, 17th September and we hope for lots of support and some new members for the committee, so please come along. Our thanks to Eve and Carol for another successful and enjoyable year of playgroups and best wishes to Estelle for the imminent birth of her new baby. *Amanda Rowe, Secretary*

GREAT BROMLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB.

The Carpet Bowls Club will be starting up again after a summer recess on Wednesday, 12th September. On Wednesday, 19th September from 8.00pm we will be holding an Open Evening. Please do come along, all would be most welcome, spectators and participants alike!
Further meetings are 26th September, 17th, 24th and 31st October.

HARE GREEN PLAYING FIELD.

Thank you to all those people who came to the Tuppaware Party on 4th July, and also to all of those who placed an order. It was an enjoyable evening and we raised £41.80 for our Recreation Field. *Valerie Harris.*

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE.

We are holding a 'Field Day' on Saturday, 22nd September from 2.00pm onwards; the idea of this being to have displays of local activities; folk dancing, aerobics, judo, handicrafts, exhibitions of painting by local folk, cake stall, flower arranging, archery etc. Anyone interested in taking part in this venture? If yes please contact me, Eileen Flower on 250300 or Dee Baxter on 250989 not later than 31st August and we will supply further details. Look forward to hearing from you.

PANTOMIME.

The pantomime for this year will be 'Humpty Dumpty'. Readings for parts will be on Tuesday, 25th September at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The Casting Committee meeting will be on Thursday, 27th September at 7.30pm also at the Village Hall. Any new members will be most welcome so please come along.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

The following is an extract of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July:

1. The 'Travellers' site in Briar Road has been the subject of an inquiry. The Inspector has given the occupants six months to vacate this site.

2. As a result of the recent village survey on housing a letter is to be sent to Tendring District Council Planning Department that few 'executive' homes are required within the planning envelope and more 'starter homes'.
 3. A letter is to be sent to ECC (Highways) regarding soil tipped adjacent to the highway in Carringtons Road.
 4. Tendring District Council is to be approached regarding clearing out the land opposite Pond Farm. The Parish Council are also obtaining estimates for the work to be carried out in anticipation of the receipt of a grant towards the work from Tendring District Council.
 5. Grants of £500 and £200 respectively were made to the Village Hall and S. George's church.
 6. After an approach by the Parish Council to ECC (Highways) a reply was received that nothing further could be done by ECC to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through Hare Green.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 27th September commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and express their views or raise questions to members of the Parish Council present. *H. Booty.*

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - BARN DANCE.

The Essex Association of Change Ringers has a well established Fund, the Bell Restoration Fund, out of which they make grants to parishes to help in the restoration and maintenance of their bells. Last year the Association made a grant of £1,000 to S. George's Repair Fund to aid us in getting our bells ready to ring again. In order to raise funds the Association is organising a Barn Dance to be held in S. Anne's Hall, Harwich Road, Colchester, on Saturday, 29th September. Tickets at £3.50 each can be obtained from Brian Lord, Colchester 271386 or the Rector. As the Association has so generously helped us I hope that some will be able to support them in this fund raising event.

THANKS.

Many people admire the flower beds in front of the church porch and around the rose bushes on the church path. These plants are not only provided, but also lovingly tended to provide a beautiful welcome to the church by Mr. John Brown. As well as this he also keeps the strip of grass on either side of the church path neat and tidy. I would like to express our thanks to him for his caring work which is very much appreciated. Another person who helps to maintain the churchyard is Mr. Dick Hayward, who for a long time now, has kept the cremation plot tidy, and now cuts the bank of the churchyard adjacent to the road. Our thanks go to him; his work is such a help. Finally, thanks to Tendring District Council for erecting the reflector posts in Badley Hall Road which will help to keep traffic from the churchyard.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 2nd September Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 9th September Burnt Heath 11.00am
Sunday 16th September Elmstead 11.00am
Sunday 23rd September Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 30th September Burnt Heath 11.00am

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 29th July Sandie Jane Young
Sunday 5th August Aislinn Perry Arthey

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 12th August Shelley-Jo Wade and Kurt William Bowen

Burial of Ashes

Wednesday 25th July Ethel Wenden, died 4th September, 1989.

Burial

Thursday 9th August Dorothy Mary Robinson, died 3rd August,

1990 GUILD OF THE SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY.

The Guild Office and Benediction will be sung in S. George's Church on Tuesday, 11th September at 8.00pm. This is the annual visit of the local chapter of the Guild to Great Bromley and they invite all members of the congregation to attend.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 1991.

Please note that S. George's Church will be presenting a Flower Festival in the parish church on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 29th AND 30th JUNE 1991. It is hoped that as this year, we will be able to have a marquee on Church Meadow with a Concert on Saturday evening and a special Evening Service on Sunday.

The Bromley Messenger October 1990.

In April 1989 the S. George's Youth Club opened its doors, and since then on each Wednesday, up to forty young people come to take part in the activities which have included games, crafts, barbeques, a midnight hike and various Visits. It would seem from the enthusiasm and the attendance of the young people that these meetings play an important part in the life of the village. A small group of adults have given unstintingly of their 'time to organise the club and run the meetings.

Because some of the leaders have reluctantly had to give up this work for various reasons, we are in a state of crisis with only two leaders and the Rector to carry on this work. Without further assistance it could be necessary to close down this work. There must be some persons in the village who would be prepared to help, especially parents of the young people.

If you can help, and it would not necessarily be on a weekly basis, please contact the Rector as soon as possible, or come to the Club to see what happens and to talk over the possibility of help. Please come on Wednesday, 10th October, when there will be a club open evening. Please drop in at any time between 7.00pm and 9.00pm and have a cup of coffee and a chat. This really is a most urgent request.

The Sponsors this month are the Parish Councils of Little and Great Bromley. We thank them for their support. Contributions for the November issue should arrive at the Rectory by Wednesday, 10th October.

GIFT TO S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Thank you to Mr. Harry Wilbourn for the lovely gift of silver cruets for water and wine given by him in memory of his wife, Eva, who died in May 1989.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Outings are finished now for this year, but on the 18th October we shall be celebrating our 29th birthday. Some of our own members are again busy rehearsing an entertainment for this event which we are sure will be as well received as last year. The competition - a paper-weight. *Mildred Purkis.*

BROWNIE PACK HOLIDAY TO WEELEY.

On the Brownie Camp we went to Weeley. We liked making kites best. Our group was called Mermaids. We liked doing the cooking best. We were next to the station and we went to Walton. The last day we had a water fight. *Emma Anderson & Shelley Simons.*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW?

Baking bread, making preserves, flower arranging, knitting, embroidery, needlepoint, dress and toy making; you name it we might be able to help. WI members are willing to help you in a friendly, informal way, with a creche, so do please come along to Grove House, (Jill Frostick's house - tel: 250263) on Tuesday, the 16th October at 10.30am to 12 noon and have a cup of coffee and discuss ideas. Children will be most welcome.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME RESIDENT & STAFF SOCIAL COMMITTEE present a COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT

Great Bromley Village Hall Thursday 11th October 1990. 8.00pm-11.00pm

* Licensed Bar * Buffet * Admission £3 50 (inc Buffet) Tickets available from Cheshire Home or ring Bert.

BROMLEYS AND LITTLE BENTLEY CONSERVATIVES.

At a recent meeting which was attended by our new Agent for the North Colchester Association, Mrs. Rona Hammond, membership was discussed. The Barn Harvest Supper at Brundells Farm will now be held on Saturday, 20th October and not on 13th October as previously quoted due to a clashing of dates. Tickets will be distributed to committee members. It was also agreed to have a Hat Competition during the Barn Supper with a prize for the most original. *Len Christodoulides*

THE BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 4th October at 7.30pm in the Cheshire Home Chapel when our speaker will be Mr. Chatfield of Tendring Waterworks, talking to us about our water supply. Anyone interested please come along, you will be most welcome. Our water supply is of great importance to us all, especially with the draught conditions this year. *R. F. Field.*

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN.

The sudden snarl of a plane from Bentwaters or Woodbridge on this hot September afternoon set me back half a century for it was fifty years ago that the Luftwaffe onslaught began, and the Bromleys found themselves in the front line of defence. For a year a contingent of RAF and WAAFS had lodged in hutments in Back Lane or been billeted about the district, busying themselves mysteriously about and under those weird pylons just beyond Park Farm. You will read this in October and it was then in 1940 that the battle was beginning to slacken and the coastal radar stations had played their part in the eventual defeat of Goering's strategy. *I. Wilkinson.*

GUIDE SUMMER REPORT.

Our first camp was different this year, the whole of Elmstead Division joined together for one big camp at Hautbois House near Norwich. We were on Badger site with Lawford and Bradfield and had lots of joint activities. LINK organised an afternoon 'It's-a-Knock-out' which we won and we did canoeing and a carousel of activities such as waffle making, making a Mississippi boat and crossing a rope bridge over an alligator swamp. Another day we went on a river trip on the Broads, visited a Dinosaur Park and did some shopping. Two nights we played wide games such as stalking in the dark and acting and singing round the campfire. The last night none of the Bromley Guides were in their tent but were 'visiting' Dedham and then Ardleigh where we had a midnight feast.

At the end of the summer holidays four of us went to London by train where we visited the Museum of Childhood. Then we went on the Dockland Light Railway and after lunch we went down eighty-seven steps to get into the Greenwich Foot Tunnel under the Thames. After running up one hundred steps we came to the 'Cutty Sark' which we then explored, and then Gypsy Moth IV. Then we went on a boat trip to Westminster Pier and as we got off we heard Big Ben strike 4 o'clock.

A few Guides joined Jazz on a cycle ride to see the sun set on the longest day and then slept in a tent in her back garden. *Eliza, Eleanor, Suz and Clare.*

At the last meeting in July Elisha made her promise in front of her parents. Many badges have been awarded signifying much hard work; well done all of you. Handywoman, Ramblers and Emergency Helper to Eliza and Eleanor. Water Safety to Helen, Michelle, Suz, Els, Emma, Eliza, Rebecca, Hannah, Sarah and Eleanor. Swimmer to Sarah and Suz. Accident Prevention to Helen, Eliza and Els who also received her Service Emblem. Yellow Trefoils to Lynn and Clare and Blue Trefoil to Eleanor. *Jazz.*

THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER.

After the recent rain this is the ideal time to make and sow new lawns. Weedkillers may be used on established lawns, also increase the height of the mower blades when mowing. Take hardwood cuttings of shrubs from the middle of the month, plant roses at the end of the month, take cuttings of ramblers and some floribundas. Divide and replant overgrown perennials that have finished flowering, when frost blackens the foliage of dahlias cut down the stems to 6" and lift tubers. Remove all annuals from the ground and complete the planting of bulbs by the end of the month. Move houseplants away from window ledges at night, reduce feeding and watering. Take hardwood cuttings of red, white and blackcurrants, also gooseberries. Begin planting trees and bushes. Set out spring cabbage and arctic king lettuce and give them a feed of Gromore. *Fred Wickham.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

Marrows are plentiful now and good for many dishes. I think they are better baked which seems to bring out the flavour and they are less watery. I like to cut them up small and mix with sliced tomatoes, sprinkle with chopped chives or basil, seasoning and oil, or else dabs of butter. Bake in a hot oven for 20-30 minutes. When my cousin Alice was visiting us I made up this recipe for a starter which is named after her.

Marrow Mangini (for four).

Cut 4 x 1½ inch slices from a medium marrow, peel and seed and steam till just softened.

Stuffing:

3 slices bread. Large sprig of basil. Handful of parsley. Stick of celery.

2 tablespoons butter. Salt, pepper, garlic to taste.

Process in a food mixer and use to stuff the rings laid in a buttered dish. Top each ring with half a tomato and bake in hot oven for 10-15 minutes. Adapt to suit, adding chopped ham, chicken, prawns etc. and use a mushroom on top instead of tomato. *Jill Frostick.*

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME RESIDENTS & STAFF SOCIAL COMMITTEE

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY Saturday 3rd November 1990, commencing 6 30pm

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. Great Bromley

Coffee and Refreshments afterwards – Tickets from Cheshire Home or ring Bert

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

'100' club lottery. Winners for the month of July were:

1st Mr. P. Wenden, 2nd Mr. F. Eadie, 3rd Mr. E. Norfolk.

Winners for the month of August were: 1st Mr. D. Fuller, 2nd Mrs. J. Frostick, 3rd Mrs. J. Austin.

The next draw will be held on 26th September at the Black Boy.

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Exhibitions and Maintenance Grants for educational purposes are offered to young people resident in Ardleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford S. Mary. Application forms may be obtained from Christopher Barlow, 47 Butt Road, Colchester, CO3 3BZ, Clerk to the Governors. Closing date 20th October, 1990.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GREAT BROMLEY.

Term started on 4th September with eighty-nine happy pupils and staff who are already looking forward to the half-term holiday from Monday 22nd October until Friday, 26th October. On Monday, 8th October the annual meeting of the PTA takes place in the school hall at 8.00pm, together with the Annual Meeting at which the Governors present their annual report to the parents.

As it is an annual event the school held its Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the church and distributed to elderly residents the gifts of fruit, vegetables and produce with which they had helped to decorate the church. It is always a very happy occasion to see so many parents and friends joining in this thanksgiving.

A note for next month. The School Fete will take place in the school grounds on Saturday, 10th November at 2.00pm. We hope that this will be well supported as the school, of which the whole village must be proud, relies heavily on fund raising to carry on its work.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The Family Service will be on Sunday, 7th October, when we hope the children will take a large part in the service, and David Rogerson will play for some of the organ music. The Sunday School continues each Sunday but we do need more teachers. Help with preparation will be given to any who can offer this service. Please contact Mrs. Olive Sparling or the Rector. Finally, thank you to those stalwart souls who took part in the most enjoyable Beating-The-Bounds on 15th September. A note of sponsor money raised will be given in next month's Messenger.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 7th October Elmstead 11.00am
Sunday 14th October Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 14th October Burnt Heath 11.00am
Sunday 28th October Elmstead 11.00am

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism.

Sunday 16th September DANIEL ADRIAN HILL & LAURA MARY HILL

Holy Matrimony.

Saturday 22nd September FIONA JANE MACDONALD and ANDREW GORDON EDMOND

Funeral Service and Cremation.

Monday 20th August WILLIAM PEARSON GOLDING of Wright Kings Farm.

ALL SOULS DAY.

This year ALL SOULS DAY, when we remember especially our departed relatives, families and friends, falls on Friday, 2nd November. There will be a Requiem, a special service of Holy Communion, at which we will pray by name for the departed. Please let the Rector know of any names to be included in the list. There will be a sheet of paper in the Church on which names can be written. The Service will be at 7.30pm.

The Bromley Messenger November 1990.

In 1977, to mark the Silver Jubilee of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne, a carnival was held in Great Bromley and a Jubilee Carnival Association was established. Since then each year on the first Saturday in June, Great Bromley has had its Annual Carnival. Over the years many people have given a great deal of their time and effort to this and in total, a very large sum of money has been raised, most of it to provide amenities in the village.

In this month's Messenger Nigel Rowe, the Secretary of the Carnival Association announces regretfully that, due to lack of enthusiasm in the village, it has been decided that unless support is forthcoming by the beginning of December, the Association will be wound up. Another note, from Jean Wright, asks for organisations and residents of the village to come to the rescue and attempt to revive the Association and ensure the continuance of the Annual Carnival. Mrs. Wright was of course, the prime mover in the establishment of the Carnival in 1977 and has been closely connected with it for many years as Chairman. If there is no, or too little response to her appeal, we can only assume that the village no longer wants a Carnival. If there is sufficient response it behoves all of us to make sure that 1991 will be a year of great success for the Carnival. It is up to us all to decide whether or not this annual event is to continue. Whatever the outcome it is right to pay tribute to all those over these past years who have worked so assiduously to organise and run the Carnival which has not only raised such a lot of money, but has also given a great deal of pleasure to all who have attended and taken part. Thank you all who have undertaken this task for the village.

Our thanks go to The Wivenhoe Bookshop and the Cross Inn for sponsoring this edition of the Messenger. Contributions for the December issue by Monday, 12th November please.

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GREAT BROMLEY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

The AGM of the Carnival Association was held at Whyte Cottage on 24th December. It was decided to donate £400 to the Parish Council for the erection of a sign and seat on the site of the gallows opposite the Black Boy. A lively debate then ensued on the future of the Association during which the Chairman dismissed the Secretary, the Treasurer then resigned after thirteen years on the Committee, forcing the Chairman to stand down. If anyone would like to reform the Association would they please do so by contacting Nigel Rowe. A minimum of ten people will be required by 1st December. On that date the remaining funds will be donated to the Parish Council for grants to those organisations who apply in writing to the Council.

Those present at the meeting: Graham Phelps, Chairman; Linda Pinhey, Secretary; and Nigel Rowe, Treasurer. The remainder of the Committee had already resigned and there was no one from the public in attendance.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

Our 1991 pantomime will be 'Humpty Dumpty' on 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th January. There will be two performances on the 12th. On Wednesday the 9th the Mayor and Mayoress of Colchester will be present for our Mayor's Charity performance; all proceeds to the Children's Hospice. Please support us and help us to make 'Humpty Dumpty' a record.

Bookings taken now. Please phone Betty Rowe on Colchester 231067.

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD.

The 'Field Day' held on 22nd September was a great success. Our grateful thanks to all who made it possible.

Football Matches - it is hoped the field will be used on a regular basis now that the Black Boy have their 'Greene King' colours. It is also hoped to form teams for the younger age groups. *Eileen Fowler*

FIREWORKS.

Remember when Ken Lovett would come and collect our garden rubbish and on an early November Saturday night there would be a great 'do' on the playing field? Remember the smell of burning leaves which heralded the winter's cold? Perhaps we have had enough of fires now without celebratory ones. But

out of the fire? A small field near Hare Green, devastated in the August burn-ups, barely a week after the first rains, was filmed with green and well into October bedecked with clumps of common toadflax. Even the still black gorse surrounding had poked out a tentative golden finger or two. Still life! *I. Wilkinson*

CHURCH WEDDINGS.

Belinda Mottram, classical soprano, wishes to announce that she is available for church weddings. For further details please ring Ipswich 831812.

PTA SCHOOL FETE.

The PTA School Fete will take place on Saturday, 10th November at 2.00pm. Tombola (adults and children), teatowels designed by the children, cake stall, raffle, bouncy castle, plus many games including the Human Fruit Machine (courtesy of the teachers), Splat the Rat, Bacon and Egg, Beachcombing and more. Something for all the family so please come along and support your village school. Refreshments available.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to all village organisations and clubs.

As you are aware the present Committee of the Carnival Association has resigned. I hope to keep the Carnival alive by asking interested village organisations to contact me, Jean Wright on 230663, to arrange a meeting. Two members from each organisation interested will be needed for the committee, and help from other members on the day, 1st June, 1991.

Profits from the Carnival Day will be shared by all organisations willing to participate. The Committee of at least ten persons must be formed by 1st December. This is the only village function where most organisations amalgamate. Please help it to survive.

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB LOTTERY.

Winners for the month of September were: 1st Mr. F. Griffiths. 2nd Mr. J. Hart. 3rd Mrs. G. Christmas. With November with us once again subscriptions for the '100 Club' Lottery are due For the 1990/91 season. Those wishing to join for the year should try to get their monies to me, Bill Kempster (230378), or Peter Sauvary at the Black Boy by 20th November. If existing members do not wish to re-join would they please let me know so their number can be re-allocated. Any new members are most welcome. Details of membership can be obtained from the above number. The cost is still £1 per month preferably paid in one payment of £12 for a full year.

Bill Kempster

GREAT BROMLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB.

The Bowls Club will be meeting on the following dates during November and December.

14th November, 21st November, 28th November. 12th December, 19th December.

All existing members, and any new members, are welcome.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

The Family Christmas Fayre will take place on the 1st December, 1990. This year it is being organised by the Village Hall Association and Women's Institute; there will be all the usual stalls. There will be a free visit to Father Christmas, paintings by local artists and if we are lucky we might have a magician attending. If you have any items you would like to donate for stalls or raffle prizes please ring Jean Wright on 230663. Doors will open at 2.30pm and entry is free.

GREAT BROMLEY GIRL GUIDES.

Our theme this term is Europe mainly because our three oldest Guides are in need of help whilst working for the European Badge. We will be dressing in Guide or national costume, cooking dishes, making models, learning songs, hopefully culminating in a Grand European Christmas Evening.

Our numbers to start the Autumn term took a steep dive but we are recovering slowly. We welcome Zoe as an older Guide and Karina who wants to see what Guiding is all about. The Patrols have been re-shuffled and we now have the Swallows Patrol and the Daffodils Patrol. If any past members would like to contact us we would be only too pleased to meet you.

On a Sunday afternoon in September we had a Brambling Ramble and a fair number of blackberries were picked. These are now in freezers waiting to be made into jam. We have had one most unusual qualification gained by two girls. I can safely say that no-one in the District nor Division has gained the Camp Permit for a number of years; very well done to Eleanor and Eliza. This means that they can each take a patrol of Guides to camp for a week-end without an adult looking over their shoulder, though they must be within shouting distance. It certainly opens up lots of opportunities and I hope they make use of it.

MY CAMP PERMIT.

On 21st-23rd September I did my Camp Permit, there were six in my patrol; Eleanor, Helen, Liz, Clare, Suz and Eleanor. At 6.00 in Wivenhoe tents went up in gale force winds. The theme was on Brer Rabbit, a

great theme. We went to bed at 9.00 and got up at 7.30. In my patrol two people want to take their Patrol Camp Permit very soon and two people who have never camped before did very well. We had an obstacle race and fish and chips for dinner in Wivenhoe, and a quiz; we toasted jelly cubes as a treat and fell fast asleep.

Next day we came home after a great weekend that had been fun although a bit wet and dull. I hope lots more people have fun getting their Camp Permit Badge; I passed and it was easy! *Eleanor Terry*

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM.

My name is Charlotte Knappett and my age is ten years old. I am very interested in forming a Girls Football Team for girls between the ages of 10-13 years. If you are interested please contact me by telephone on Great Bentley 230156. ,

CONCERT - SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER - S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

It is a great pleasure to announce a return visit of the Choir of the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch, who are to give a concert of secular and sacred music on Saturday, 24th November in S. George's Church. Like many of the large London churches, the Church of the Annunciation has a professional choir of a very high standard, and those who attended last year's concert will remember how uplifting and memorable was the music. As last year, the concert will be followed by a buffet supper in S. George's School. Tickets for the concert and supper are £5 each, or £3 for the concert only, with half price for children. These can be obtained from Mrs. Jill Frostick (tel 250263) or the Rector. We are most grateful to Gregory and Jill Frostick for arranging this event which I hope will be well supported.

BAND CONCERT (BIG BAND SOUND).

The Harwich School Band is to present a second concert of music for all in the Village Hall on Friday, 2nd November at 7.30pm. Many will remember how much they enjoyed last year's concert. Tickets for entrance are £1 and 50 pence for children. They can be obtained from Stan West (tel: 230584), Frank Griffiths, the Post Office, or bought at the door. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall Funds.

FLOWER FESTIVAL MAY 1900.

As a result of the Flower Festival held in S. George's church in May of this year a profit of £1,287.82 was made for the S. George's Church Repair Fund. Our very grateful thanks go to everyone who made this splendid result possible. A detailed balance sheet has been put on the notice board in church and circulated to members of the Parochial Church Council and the organisers of the event. Please do not Forget the Flower Festival 1991 which is arranged For Saturday and Sunday, 29th and 30th June.

THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM.

At the Lambeth Conference of Bishops of the Anglican Communion in 1988, in response to an initiative by His Holiness Pope John Paul, it was suggested that the closing ten years of this century should be a ten year period of Evangelism. This ten year period (the Decade) is to commence in 1991 and run until 2000. This decade is being supported by the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church and the United-Reformed Church, and during the ten year period great efforts will be made by all these churches, working together as far as is possible, to extend the Faith of Christ among the peoples of our country. There will be an official launch to the campaign in February, 1991, in Cathedrals and Churches throughout the land.

Here in the Diocese of Chelmsford, the Bishop of Chelmsford has called us to observe the week Sunday, 25th November to Sunday, 2nd December as a week of Prayer for the Decade, and he has asked all parish priests to encourage their congregations to use this time as a time of special prayer. In this parish the following arrangements have been made for as many people as possible to share in this endeavour of prayer:

Sunday 25th November Special prayers and addresses at all services

Monday 26th November 6.00pm Said Evensong and prayers

Tuesday 27th November 7.30pm Sung Compline, address and prayers

Wednesday 28th November 6.00pm Said Evensong and prayers

Thursday 29th November 7.30pm Sung Compline, Address and prayers

Friday 30th November 6.00pm Said Evensong and prayers Saturday

1st December 6.00 Said Evensong and prayers

Sunday 2nd December Special prayers and addresses Advent Sunday at all services

On Wednesday, 28th November, the Bishop of Chelmsford will be addressing a gathering at The Harwich School, Dovercourt, to launch the Decade in the Harwich Deanery. I hope that as many people from the parish as possible will be able to attend. *Rector.*

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in Seven Rivers Home Chapel on All Saints Day, Thursday, 1st November at 11am and Holy Communion and prayers for all departed souls on All Souls Day, Friday, 2nd November at 7.30pm in Church.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME.

Seven Rivers Residents and Staff Social Committee present a Grand Fireworks Display with a barbecue, plus Christmas stalls inside the Home on Saturday, 3rd November, at 6.30pm. Price £1.50, children 75p. Also on Thursday, 29th November a demonstration of flower arranging for Christmas decorations will be held in the home commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets £1.50 each. *Bert Smith.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

This month a simple Italian peasant dish that is quick and easy to make with ingredients that are usually in your store cupboard.

Spaghetti Carbonade (serves 4).

½ to ¾ lb spaghetti, 4 large rashers of bacon, 2 plump cloves of garlic, 1 medium or large onion, oil for frying (olive oil for preference) and 3 or 4 eggs.

Chop onion and bacon and crush garlic. Fry gently in the oil in a pan. Meanwhile cook spaghetti in boiling salted water, a teaspoon of oil helps to prevent it sticking together. When just cooked drain well, return to hot pan with a tablespoon of butter. Toss well then add the bacon mixture and stir in. Add well beaten and seasoned eggs plus extra seasoning to taste. Toss and stir over low heat until the egg is cooked. Serve at one on warm plates on its own or with a green vegetable. Hand grated parmesan or cheddar cheese separately. *Jill Frostick.*

DAPHNE MACAULAY.

A self-effacing, dependable and beautiful person has left us in this parish, and many further afield, mourning her untimely death. Daphne had many strands to her personality that at her crowded funeral there were some who knew practically no-one else. Her family life had been rooted round the farm which she loved but as her children grew up her love of singing and music took her into the University Choir; she excelled in Scottish dancing. Her involvement with the Tendring Hundred Art Show widened her artistic dimensions to which later was added a further facet by working at the Wivenhoe Book Shop. She always however, put others before herself; this more publicly obvious in the past few years by her work with elderly people at Hamilton Lodge where she loved the boys. Her gradual adoption of S. George's church began soon after our present Rector arrived, helping quietly at all manner of events. We are privileged to have known Daphne, the perfectionist in every way, lying in our windswept churchyard and are grateful for her faith. *Jean Harding.*

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 4th November Balls Green 11.00am Mr. P. Gill

Sunday 11th November Burnt Heath 11.00am Miss S. King

Sunday 18th November Elmstead 11.00am Mr. R. Banyard

Sunday 25th November Balls Green 11.00am Rev. V. Cameron

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Matrimony.

Saturday 6th October PAUL ADAMS and JULIA MARY LUCY BOOTY

Saturday 13th October PHILIP ANDREW LAWS and CAROLINE LILIAN TWILLEY

Funeral Service and Burial.

Saturday 6th October DAPHNE MARGARET VERNA MACAULAY

Died 28th September at S. Helena Hospice, Colchester.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 11th NOVEMBER.

This year the Royal British Legion Remembrance parade and service will be held in Great Bromley. The parade will form up at the Village Hall at 10.35am and march to the War Memorial near S. George's church. Here the Act of Remembrance and the reading of the Names of the Fallen will take place, after which the Service of Remembrance will follow in the church. After the service which will end at 12 noon, the parade will return to the Village Hall for dismissal.

The Royal British Legion hopes that all members will attend and that members of other uniformed organisations will also take part. After the service a wreath of poppies will be laid on the war Memorial at Little Bromley.

The Bromley Messenger December 1990.

Before very long your first Christmass card will tumble through the letter box, a reminder that preparations for the Christian and family festival of Christmass are under way. Some of the Cards we receive will have traditional scenes, robins, stage coaches etc., others will have religious pictures, churches, the holy family etc. All have the same message irrespective of the picture, to remind us that this is a Holy Season when, in addition to our natural desire to have an enjoyable and happy family occasion, we give some thought to the amazing mystery that God sent His Son into the world some 2,000 years ago. We celebrate this in carols, in the giving and receiving of presents and above all, in joining together in church to worship 'Christ the New Born King'. We work hard to prepare for the festivities but we must be aware of the thousands who do not have the means to enjoy the Festival as we do, or are unable because of their circumstances, to have an festivities at all. We think of those who are homeless and lonely, those who are still kept as hostage in the Lebanon and the Gulf, those who are facing a potential foe in the military forces in the Middle East. If we really mean to give a welcome to The Prince of Peace, then especially at this time, our thoughts and prayers must be directed towards the achieving of a real peace in the world where armies do not face each other, where people are not kept prisoner against their will, where no-one is allowed to be homeless, and where loneliness is an unknown word. Let us not forget, and help however we can, those whose Christmass will not be as happy as the Christmass we are all preparing to enjoy.

Our thanks to the Pantomime Group for sponsoring this issue. Do not forget to obtain your tickets for Humpty Dumpty to be presented from 9th to 12th January.

Contributions for the January issue by Monday the 11th December please.

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THE PEREGRINES - 1st LANFORD VENTURE SCOUT UNIT.

The Peregrines Venture Scout Unit was formed in Lawford just 2½ years ago and has been supported by young people from Lawford and surrounding villages. Venture Scouting is about outdoor pursuits, international experience and travel, community involvement, sport and social activities. To this end the Peregrines plan and carry out their own programme which can lead to the Venture Scout and Queen's Scout Awards.

This summer the unit spent a week in East Sussex, camping, rock climbing, abseiling, shooting and archery. The following week the unit spent a week touring Holland on cycles, travelling from youth hostel to youth hostel. Recently we entered a team in the Essex County Scout Marathon held in the Black Mountains in Wales. This is a thirty hour test of mountain skills and endurance walking a twenty-six mile course between bases. The hard work and pre-planning paid off winning first position with a clear sixty point lead.

Currently members are achieving experience in canoeing and hoping to qualify for the British Canoeing Union, 2 star award.

If you are between 15½ and 20 years old and enjoy any of these activities, please come along and give the unit a look. We usually meet on a Thursday evening at The Venture Hall, Lawford. Please contact Natalie James (tel: 396193).

TEARCRAFT COFFEE MORNING.

Thank you so much for supporting the Tearcraft Coffee Morning on 20th October. Over £89 was raised for Tear Fund's work with poor people in the Third World. *Sue and Ian Orris.*

HARVEST SUPPER - GRAND RAFFLE.

Many thanks to all who gave prizes and bought and sold tickets for the Dolls House and other items. £260 was made and divided between Village Hall funds and Church Funds. *Jean Harding.*

THE CROSS INN AND MOTEL.

There will be Carols by Candlelight at the Cross Inn on Sunday, 23rd December at 8.30pm. Everyone will be most welcome.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS.

Once again the Harwich School Band gave us a most happy and entertaining evening, their second visit to us. The selection of music was varied and if one enjoys classical, music from the Shows or a little bit of 'rock' it was all there. Can we hope Stan West and Frank Griffiths can arrange a further visit in the near future? Many thanks to all who helped to make this such an enjoyable evening. Just as an added note the youngest musician was just seven years old, the oldest too shy to reveal their age! The proceeds were in aid of the Village Hall Fund. *Vicky Griffiths.*

CHRISTMAS THEN.

Fifty years ago we were preparing for our second war- time Christmas. The Battle of Britain and the fear of imminent invasion were gone, but RAF personnel in the village were on constant alert as the bombing attack shifted to the cities. Rationing was in force but somehow we managed to find that little bit extra for a feast of sorts.

The church bells would not ring in Christmas or New Year, but we were thankful that we alone among our friends were still free, our country unoccupied by an enemy. *I. Wilkinson.*

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

With the end of another season of the 100 Club lottery, the club would like to thank all participants for their support. Some of you won money, unfortunately some did not (myself included). The winners for October were Mrs. J. Knappett, D. Goss and M. Hall. Congratulations to all those who have won. *Bill Kempster.*

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The festive season is almost here so we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmass. Our Christmass lunch will be on 20th December. The coach leaves Elmstead at 12 noon and lunch is 12.45pm. The Patchworks are to entertain us. We now look forward to another happy and successful year. *Mildred Purkis.*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Once again we are coming to the end of our Garden Club year, what an interesting and varied year it has been, I am sure you will agree. We will get together for our Annual Dinner at The Wooden Fender in Ardleigh on 13th December at 7.30pm. You will be informed of arrangements for transport. Hope we will have an enjoyable evening as before.

Do not forget our AGM is on Thursday, 3rd January and will be at Mrs. Field's house. Do come along and join us, it will not be a 'stuffy' Annual General Meeting. New members are welcome. Our sincere good wishes for your happiness at Christmass from us all. *R. F. Field.*

THE GARDEN IN DECEMBER.

This is the month when we put our feet up and look at the colourful seed catalogues coming through the door, and to decide what was good last year to have the same again. Continue the planting of trees and

shrubs during mild conditions, order your perennial plants and seeds for Spring plantings. Examine dahlia tubers for any sign of rotting or withering. Keep houseplants on the dry side but give plenty of light, keep plants in flower moist, especially bulbs, cyclamen and poinsettias. Continue winter pruning, tie in new growth of blackberry and loganberry, plant new trees. Check all fruit in store for rot and mice. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas. *Fred Wickham.*

HARVEST SUPPER.

Our Harvest Supper in September was again a very big success. We were delighted to have as guests Ben Stone Jr., Ben Stone Sr., and his wife Virginia. Our most grateful thanks go to Mrs. Ann Fairley and all her helpers for all their efforts in making this such a success. The profit of £130 was given to S. George's church fund.

THE BUNGALOW CHESHIRE HOME.

I would like once more to say thank you to all the kind people who have bought my marmalade. with their support I have been able to give the Home £50 again this year. *Mrs. D. Chilvers.*

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHAPEL.

There will be a Carol Service at Little Bromley Methodist Chapel on 19th December at 7 o'clock. A warm welcome is extended to all. *Joyce Osborne.*

GREAT BROMLEY RECREATION FIELD.

The Committee wishes to thank Max and Brian for giving up their time to organise training sessions for the younger boys on Saturday mornings. Last week over thirty boys turned up for their football training. Well done! *Eileen Fowler.*

GIRL GUIDES.

The Guides have been investigating 'night-time' walking. The Monday that saw the thunder and lightning also saw the Guides outside being Danish and Polish adventurers crossing the Baltic Sea. On a Friday evening in November the Scouts and Guides combined forces for night-time expeditions. The younger ones had to collect various items on their journey and also use the public telephone. They were led by adults for safety but found walking at 10.30pm quite tiring. The older group had to self-navigate a route of eight miles, this they found difficult in the dark, not arriving back until midnight and a drink and food soon revived them.

The Daffodils held a Patrol meeting at half-term and made jam from some of the blackberries gathered on the Bramble Ramble. Bonfire night being Monday, was held at The Nook. The patrols made female guys which were hoisted high on top of the bonfire and a few fireworks were lit. All of the evening was shared with the Scouts. The wood for the fire was kindly donated by a firm in Ardleigh and came as a complete surprise. We congratulate Suz on gaining her Green Trefoil and Zoe her Yellow Trefoil; she also received her Water Safety badge and Clare her Map Reader. *Jazz.*

BROWNIES.

By half-term we had said goodbye to Badger, our Scout, who has been helping us. He had been good fun and a great help and is much missed by us all.

Congratulations to Aniela who has gained her Pack Holiday Badge; she went to Weeley in July with Great Bromley and Lawford Brownies. The Brownies were pirates, mermaids and Indians from Never, Never Land. They played games, learnt new skills, kept their hut clean and cooked meals. We also had a day in Walton-on-Naze where we visited the Coastguard Station and found out things on the computers and looked through their powerful telescope way out to sea.

The new Brownies, and some of the older ones, are sporting the new uniform, as are Brown Owl and Squirrel. As well as doing journey work we have been out and about doing 'autumnny' things, identifying different trees and their fruits. We also spent an evening at Brown Owl's house singing songs sitting on our newly made 'sitters' round a campfire and then ate sausages, chicken and baked potatoes.

On Thursday, 6th December, we are holding a Open Evening in the Hut from 5.30 to 7.00pm. Mums, dads, grand- parents, brother, sisters and friends and anyone interested are very welcome to come. The Brownies will be providing amusements, refreshments and entertainment. Please do come. We have some vacancies for new Brownies and would welcome any girls of seven years or over to come and see us and find out how friendly we are and what fun we have.

A BIT ABOUT BROWNIES.

Any girl of seven or over may join the Brownies and can stay until she wants to leave, usually at ten or eleven. Brownies learn through Journeys (footpath, roadway and highway, each according to their age) to work as a team; to think individually; to share; be kind, thoughtful, and friendly and they are well known for their good turns. She can also pursue a number of other interests through Interest Badges which range from pets, cooking, swimming to computers and Stargazing. A handicap need be no problem as everything is adapted to suit individual needs in any event.

THE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was reported in last month's edition in humorous tone to draw attention to the fact that the Carnival was unlikely to be continued. There is of course, no question that all the officers, particularly the secretary, Mrs. Linda Pinhey, have served with honour and enthusiasm for many years and apologies are due for any offense caused.

Graham Phelps.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL.

Many thanks are due to all who supported the School Fete on Saturday, 10th November, and especially to the PTA, the staff and the children who organised this successful event. The sum of £512.70 was raised for the School Funds. The help and encouragement such a result as this gives to the school is very much appreciated.

At the Annual Meeting of the School Governors, Mr. George Kempster, who has been Chairman of the Governors since 1976, decided that it was time for him to lay down this office. Over the past fourteen years he has worked indefatigably on behalf of the school, and has given much appreciated leadership to his fellow governors and the staff. At the same time Mrs. Jaqui Terry, who has held the office of Vice-Chairman for a number of years, also decided not to seek re-election.

Our most grateful thanks are due to Mr. Kempster and to Mrs. Terry for their carrying out of their offices with so much enthusiasm and dedication. They both remain of course, members of the governing body. The Rector was elected as Chairman of the Governors with Mr. P. Martin as Vice-Chairman.

This year, instead of the customary Christmass Carol Service in church and a play at the Village Hall, S. George's School is presenting a Musical Nativity Play entitled 'The Gift that Talks' in S. George's church on Wednesday, 12th December at 1.30pm and on Thursday, 13th December at 7.00pm. Both of the performances will last approximately one hour. All parents and friends of the school will be made very welcome at either of these performances.

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH GROUPS.

As a result of an appeal to parents and readers of The Messenger, six people have volunteered to help with the running of the Youth Group. I would like to welcome Mrs. Yvonne Cobbold, Mrs. Lyn Hales, Mrs. Sharon Baker, Mrs. Betty Wade and Mr. Steve Wade. Mr. Peter Abbott has taken over as treasurer and Mrs. Suzanne Abbott and Mr. Richard Davey have taken over as Joint Leaders. We are most grateful to them for all their help.

On Sunday, 16th December, the Youth Group is arranging a service of preparation for Christmass at S. George's church at 6.30pm. The last meeting of the term will be on Wednesday, 19th December when both groups will combine for a Christmass Party starting at 7.00pm until 9.30pm. The first meeting in January will be on Wednesday 16th January; There will be no meeting on 9th January although this is the first evening, as the Great Bromley Pantomime Group is giving a Charity Performance of the pantomime 'Humpty Dumpty'.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH ORGAN.

The PCC has agreed to a small modification to the organ in S. George's church involving the blower. The present one has a fairly small capacity and is to be replaced by a larger blower which will be sited in a new position so that it does not protrude into the Lady Chapel as at present. This work is being put in hand as a memorial to Mrs. Daphne Macauley, whose death was announced last month. The old blower is to be installed in S. Mary's Church, Little Bromley, where at present, the organ is hand blown.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Macauley's son and daughter, and to Mr. John Burggy, whose gifts have made this improvement possible.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 2nd December Burnt Heath 11.00am Revd. Robinson
Sunday 9th December Elmstead 11.00am Miss M. Holford
Sunday 16th December Balls Green 11.00am Mr. M. Clegg
Sunday 23rd December Burnt Heath 11.00am Mr. E. Lansdown
Sunday 30th December Elmstead 11.00am Rev. Robinson

CAROL SERVICE.

This year at the invitation of the Minister, the Revd. J. Robinson and the members, the Annual Carol Service in Great Bromley will be held at Burnt Heath Methodist Chapel on Sunday, 23rd December at 6.30pm. The service will consist of familiar carols and readings and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

CHRISTMASS SERVICES AT S. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Sunday 16th December	6.30pm	A Christmass Service for Young People arranged by S. George's Youth Groups
Monday 24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of Christmass
Tuesday 25th December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 30th December	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong with Christmass Music

POORLANDS AND JACOBS CHARITY.

In accordance with the Trust Deed of these ancient charities the annual distribution will take place in S. George's church at 10.00am on Tuesday, 1st January, 1991, New Year's Day. As last year it is hoped to be able to give each recipient £5 each. The original Trust required the trust money be used to provide loaves of bread but in 1951 this was changed to provide a sum of money.