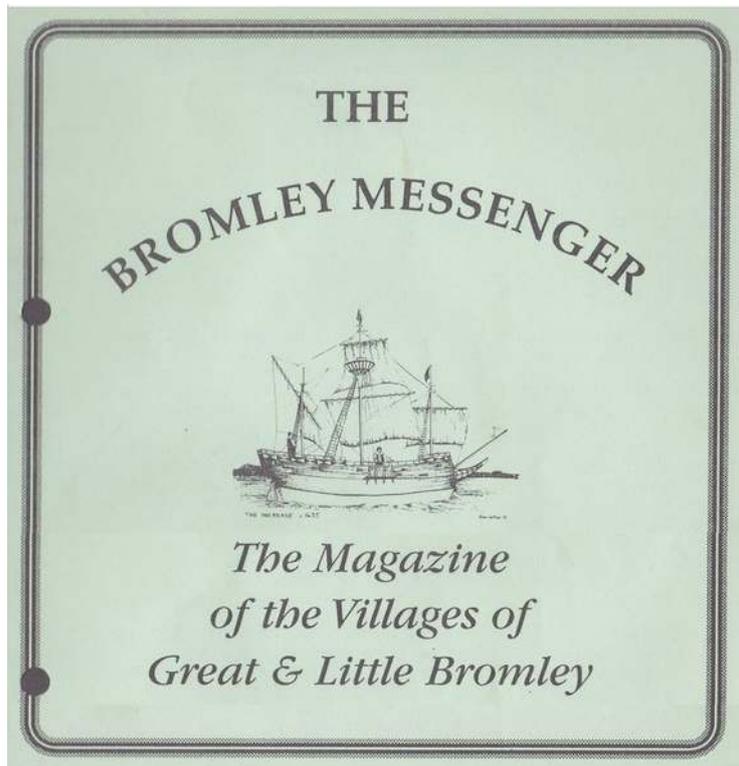


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5th Sunday - As announced

9.30 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

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2nd & 4th Sunday - S. Mary's Church, Ardleigh

3rd & 5th Sunday - S. George's Church, Great Bromley

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Mondays 7.30 pm Choir Practise

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Fridays 7.30pm Bell practise

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The Bromley Messenger January 1995

At the beginning of a new year we find ourselves more than other times looking ahead and wondering what lies in the future. We are aware of some of the opportunities that the new year will bring and we imagine how we will respond. It is a time for looking at the blank pages in new diaries and working out when we will fit in the various comments that we have.

The story of the Magi journeying on following the star that is remembered on 6th January is an apt one to ponder. It sets before us the example of three people who were motivated to find a special thing God wanted to show them. They didn't know where the star would lead but were sure that it was important and necessary that they followed step by step God's direction and prompting.

None of us can be sure exactly what will be required of us in the future or where that will lead. We can, however, be confident that during 1995 God does want to deepen our understanding of ourselves and others and help us move forward in our faith or spiritual awareness. What is important for the wise men and for us is that we have an openness and willingness to move on - to explore new ideas or even the truth about ourselves and our reluctance to change because we feel secure with ourselves as we are.

The wise men couldn't have found it easy journeying in a foreign land guided by a star. Yet their quest for truth and enlightenment meant they could do no other. When they found the king they were looking for on a bed of straw in the care of what seemed a simple Palestinian peasant girl it was not what they would have expected - but then our God is often a God of the unexpected. We find his love and presence in the most unlikely of circumstances and situations.

Fr Trevor Diaper

The Messenger this month is sponsored by GREENACRE BOARDING CATTERY, T & F MOTORS and PLEASS THOMSON & CO - Solicitors. We thank them all most warmly for their support. Material for the February edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 17th January please.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11- 14 Jan 'Puss in Boots' Pantomime, Village Hall
- 12 Jan Garden Club A.G.M., Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 7.30pm
- 19 Jan Friendship Club A.G.M.
- 26 Jan Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting
- 26 Jan Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting
- 17 Feb Archive Film Evening, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18/19 Feb Huntington's Disease stand at Bypass Nurseries Primrose Festival

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GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our Social evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Kempster was very enjoyable. A quiz arranged by Mrs Biddis (however does she think of them?) kept us all in fits of laughter especially some of the answers we had, but when you think that "Tory Signal" turned out to be "Bluebell" - w-e-l-l what do you make of the clue "Sounds a gay beast"? Of course all our answers had to be names of flowers. Mr Jones was the winner! Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Kempster, we enjoyed the carol singing at the end of the evening. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 12th January at 7.30pm at the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. *Vicky Griffiths.*

KITCHEN CORNER

Apples and carrots; both can be used in cake making, and give a moist but light texture. Sharp flavoured apples are usually the best sort to use.

Dorset Apple Cake

8oz SR flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb prepared chopped apples, 4oz butter/marg, 5 or 6 tablesps milk, 4oz sugar, 2oz currants.

Rub butter into flour, add other ingredients and mix to a stiff dough with the milk, using a fork. Spread into a prepared 8" cake tin and bake in a moderate oven 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Carrot and Hazelnut Cake

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb carrots (about 5oz when scraped and grated), 3 eggs, 5oz sugar, 5oz chopped hazelnuts, 2oz plain flour, 2 teasp grated lemon rind, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp baking powder.

Grease and line a 7" square, or oblong, loaf tin. Whisk yolks with sugar till thick, stir in carrot, nuts and lemon rind. Fold in flour sifted with baking powder and then fold in stiffly beaten whites of egg. Cook in a moderate oven for 45 minutes. When cool, ice the cake with a thin layer of glaze icing and decorate with hazelnuts.

Jill Frostick

TEARCRAFT COFFEE MORNING

Ian and Sue Orriss would like to thank all those who supported the recent sale and coffee morning. Over £174 was raised to support needy people overseas.

ST GEORGES REPAIR FUND

There has been a ready response to the sale of Church tea towels through the good offices of the Village Stores. Also the demand for ceramic churches has nearly exceeded supply. To date 40 have been sold. The St George's notelets are now on sale at the shop and through the Church.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The A.G.M. will be held at the monthly meeting on 19th January, 1995. Miss Eve Stebbing from Bradfield will be entertaining us with her "Theatre Talk".

The Competition - A Winter Scene on a Christmas Card. *Mildred Purkis*

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Moravian Cook Book 1910

CARPET BOWLS

We have achieved three good results in the league over the past six weeks which were wins against Thorpe, Weeley and Little Clacton. We had a drawn game with Wix but lost heavily to Alresford and Lawford. We hope to do better again next year. Of the two teams we entered in the Essex Fours Championship at Braintree, one managed to reach the 3rd Round before being knocked out by a fellow league club team from Lawford. A very enjoyable but tiring day. By the time this is published our Christmas social evening will have taken place consisting of an evening of 'fun bowls' accompanied by some seasonal food and drink. To all our members a happy and successful 1995. *Nancy Kempster*

GREAT BROMLEY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Recently I have been reviewing "Mobility & Migration; East Anglian Founders of New England, 1629-1640 by Roger Thompson, (ISBN 0- 87023-893-0). Published by the University of Massachusetts Press (1994).

Of course Great Bromley is noted together with Little Bromley, Ardleigh, Great Bentley, Elmstead and Lawford. There are references to our own Gregory and Simon Stone and Joan Stone and John Stone, Junior. It was especially interesting to find that among the clerical emigrants was the Revd Edmund Brown, aged 32, born 1606 at Lavenham, Suffolk. Brown graduated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1628 and went to the U.S.A. in 1638. In England he was Domestic Chaplain to the Bowes family at The Hall, Great Bromley, and helped as Assistant Curate at St Georges. Later he was Assistant Curate at Sudbury, Suffolk from whence he went to the States. There are many interesting persons among those who have served as Rector's assistants over the years as well as those who served as Domestic Chaplains to the Catholic family of Mannock who bought The Hall from the Bowes about 1700. Thomas Mannock was a Recusant in 1715 as was his wife. More about the Catholic Chaplains at The Hall in a later issue. (To be continued) *John Appleby*

THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped make the Christmas Fayre a success once again. £359.35 each goes to the Village Hall and W.I. funds. An especial thank you to Father Christmas.

Jean Wright

GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.45 Cost: £1 per session

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The photographer brought lots of people to the playgroup on 19th October with 10% of the proceeds donated to the playgroup. The final figure is not yet known.

The Bonfire Night raised £78.29 for funds.

The sale of raffle tickets for the Colchester and Tendring Community Trust made £10.00.

Teeny Togs clothes were on sale at the playgroup on 16th November alongside Dorling Kindersley books. Teeny Togs sold a total of £100 and 10% will be donated to the playgroup. Finally, if anyone has any new topics and ideas for this year please let us know. We all hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Remember Playgroup commences on 16th January and Toddler Group on 18th January. *Kelly Hazelton*

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The local Huntington's Disease branch has been granted a charity stand for these two days. We hope to have a large tombola, and please, if anyone has anything new or nearly new, small or large, to offer for this, please contact Jean Harding. All proceeds from the entry fee and the charity stands are generously given to the selected organisations of which we are pleased to be one.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th November at the Methodist School Room, Chequers Road, Little Bromley. The Parish Council would like to purchase approximately 3 acres of land for use as a playing field and to allow enough room for the future erection of a village hall. Local Landowners will be approached to see if they will sell a plot of land for this purpose.

Elizabeth Warren Trust - No nominations have been received to date.

1995 sees the 50th anniversary of both Victory in Europe (VB) and Victory in Japan (VJ) Days. Little Bromley Parish Council would like to commemorate these occasions and would ask the Parishioners to forward suggestions on how this could be done. Replies to the Chairman, Mr R Poulter, in time for the next council meeting on 26th January would be appreciated.

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 Sunday 8 January 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs M Longley
 Sunday 15 January 11.00am Balls Green Revd J Robinson
 Sunday 22 January 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr L Holden
 Sunday 29 January 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd J Robinson

CHURCH CLEANING Can you help?

We still need a few more people to volunteer to give just an hour or so a month to keep our church here at St George's clean. Please fill in your name on the list at the back of church or speak to Fr Trevor. Hoovers etc. are available in the church. We don't want our church to look dusty, musty and uncared for, do we?

From the PARISH REGISTERS

We pray for THEOPHILUS BROWN who died recently. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. His funeral service took place on Wednesday, 19th December.



P.C.C. MATTERS

An important matter that the P.C.C. heard last month: Olive Sparling is now acting Churchwarden as Peter Rowe is not able to fulfil this role at the present time.

PRAM SERVICE FOR TODDLERS

Songs, stories, simple prayers - Lasts about 20 minutes

Thu 12 Jan 2.00pm Great Bromley Wed 18 Jan 2.15pm Ardleigh

EDITOR'S NOTES In the past people have written to me on various topics which are of general interest to the parish and I have when possible incorporated their articles or letters into the magazine. It may be that some of you would wish to express a view or an opinion on a matter of interest to other readers, if so please do put pen to paper and where space permits I will publish.
Leonie Henderson (Tel. 231262)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

These services are important in the spiritual life of the church. They follow the pattern of Rite A and are a simple, shortened said version of the service which we use on Sunday. They last about 20 minutes and are quiet and reflective in character with scripture readings and prayers of intercession. Do come and support the worship of your parish church.

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh

Wednesday 11.00am Great Bromley

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh

2 Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers, Gt Bromley

Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newssheet

THE PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS

SERVICES during JANUARY

- Sun 1 Jan 9.30am Family Service of Holy Communion, Gt Bromley with Fr. Eric Nugent
11.00am Parish Communion Rite A, Ardleigh
NO EVENSONG
- Sun 8 Jan EPIPHANY SUNDAY
8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion, Ardleigh
9.30am Parish Communion, Gt Bromley
11.00am Family Eucharist, Ardleigh
6.30pm Evensong, Ardleigh
- Sun 15 Jan 8.00am Eucharist with BCP Readings, Gt Bromley
9.30am 'Plough' Sunday Eucharist, Gt Bromley
11.00am Parish Eucharist, Ardleigh
6.30pm Evensong, Gt Bromley
- Sun 22 Jan 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion, Ardleigh
9.30am Parish Eucharist, Gt Bromley
11.00am Parish Eucharist, Ardleigh
6.30pm Evensong, Ardleigh
- Sun 29 Jan A FIFTH SUNDAY
8.00am Eucharist with B.C.P. Readings, Gt Bromley
9.30am Parish Eucharist, Gt Bromley
11.00am Family Eucharist, Ardleigh
6.30pm Evening Prayer and Readings, Seven Rivers

N.B. . Sun 5 Feb 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion, Gt Bromley

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Last month's date for copy was before Christmas so there was no opportunity to say how pleased we all were at St George's to see so many different people at the various Christmas services. It's good to see the Parish Church fulfilling its task at the main Christian Festivals so well. This year was our first experience of the Gt Bromley pantomime. We had been told that it was something not to be missed so it was with that sense of expectation that my family and I made our way into the Village Hall. We were not disappointed - especially our youngsters who roared with laughter at the slapstick and the jokes and the pantomime dames. However there was an uneasy moment or two in the Second Act when our four year old caught her first sight of the ogre. We now see some of the familiar faces of the village in a new light!

Sometimes Christianity is seen as being rather suspicious of humour and laughter and people enjoying themselves. This is surely a distortion of what God wishes us to be like. Moreover the message that Christ brings is one of joy and thankfulness. Jesus speaks in some of his parables as the kingdom of God being like a grand banquet. While an overdeveloped sense of humour can be tiresome and frivolous, humour, that ability to laugh and see the absurdity of things, is an important quality. It shows that we are able to see beyond ourselves in a wider, deeper perspective and that we realise that we live in a world in which the unpredictable happens which doesn't always make sense to the human mind. When faced with difficulty and problems it is easy to become absorbed in them in a way that saps our inner strength. The ability to set light to them and laugh or see the funny side of our lives can be for the Christian an expression of trust for it helps us take ourselves less seriously and realise that ultimately God has us in his care. As Jesus said, "Be not anxious for anything for your heavenly Father knows well what you need before you ask him". *Fr Trevor*

FROM THE EDITOR In April the covers for 'The Messenger' will be re-printed for the year. Please let me have any changes of address, telephone numbers etc. there may be for the contacts of the organisations and associations in Great Bromley by Tuesday, 14th March. Material for the March edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 14th February please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 Jan Huntington's Disease meeting, Seven Rivers, 11.15am
1 Feb WI meeting the Police, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Feb Garden Club meeting goes 'on safari', Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
14 Feb St George's Repair Fund meeting, Hollies, 8.00pm
17 Feb Archive Film Evening, Village Hall, 7.30pm
18-19 Feb Huntington's Disease stand at Bypass Nurseries Primrose Festival .
4 Mar Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
8 Apr Coffee Morning at Ilex Farm
27-29 May Gt Bromley 'Flowers and Gardens' weekend and Flower Festival in the Church
29 May Gt Bromley Open Gardens' Day

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This month we pay a visit to China via a film of a holiday in China provided for us by Mr Adrian Keeble. The Competition - A China Cup and Saucer. *M Purkis*

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GT & LT BROMLEY and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Among "Selected Women Emigrants" to the United States mentioned in the book entitled "Mobility and Migration - East Anglian Founders of New England, 1629-1640", are the following:- Sarah Fosdick, nee Wetherall, wife of Stephen Fosdick, Carpenter, was born in 1589 and when 46 in 1635 went to America. Her birthplace is given as Little Bromley but I cannot find her baptism although others of her family were baptised there; her marital home was in Wenham, Suffolk. Susan Stone, wife of Henry Kimball, Wheelwright, was born in 1599 at Great Bromley and emigrated with her husband in 1634 when she was 35. Their marital home was Mistley.

John Appleby

EVENING OF NOSTALGIA

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There will be an interval during which coffee will be served. Tickets - £2.50 adults, £1.50 children - available from James Wild (230679) or the Post Office.

Programme: Boxted Farming Scene, 1925; Harwich Electric Palace, 1975; Manningtree Regatta, 1973; Clacton Butlins, 1960; Colchester Town, 1976; Barley Mow, 1955; Light on East Anglia; Back to the Sun; Singing Postman.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

The A.G.M. was put forward to 26th January so no report on that till next time. A little late but to all our members we wish a very Happy New Year with many thanks for their regular attendances during 1994, with good gardening in 1995. Thanks and good wishes to Leonie for her work on the reports in the 'Messenger' each month. Did you guess the "Gay Beast"? - (Dandelion!) Our next meeting at Seven Rivers (7.30pm) will be 9th February when Mr Ian Rose will be speaking to us on "Safari in Kenya" with slides. Don't miss it. *Vicky Griffiths*

CARPET BOWLS

At our Social Evening in December, the Club Pairs Trophy was presented to Jayne Bates and Roger Kynaston who won a tough final against last year's winners, Pauline Keeble and Cyril Childs, in November. There were some tense moments for players and spectators alike. Well done to all four finalists. After a good start in the league, our standard of play has slipped and at the halfway mark, we are only 1 point above last year's position at this stage, which wasn't good enough to get us to the top. As most school reports say, "We must try harder". We welcome Bevan Willgress to the Club, and as a newcomer to the game we wish him every success and enjoyment in his new sport. *Nancy Kempster*

WHAT A JOY it was to be part of your celebration of the coming of the Christ Child in Little Bromley Church on 23rd December. To see St. Mary's (which has become such a part of me over the past four years) packed with people enjoying the thrill of worship and of making music most certainly "made" my Christmass. I am sorry that not everybody managed to get a seat, although I rather enjoyed my position of squatting on the pulpit steps for much of the service (not, may I add, for the purpose of barring the way for any rival preachers)! Every act of worship is a "special" occasion, but I've learned that the occasional service in one of our Trust Churches usually turns out to be "extra-special". I am aware that a great deal of time, talents, thought, effort and elbow-grease was spent by several people, including Fr. Trevor, in the preparation of the church, the service, the music and the goodies afterwards. All of the hard work is an act of worship too and I for one am grateful to every person who was involved in any way. Having been an avid collector of Parish Magazines since the age of seven, may I congratulate you on yours, which is always a good "read" - and even better than the copy of "Church News" (serving twelve churches around Manningtree) which I bought on my first visit to the Bromley churches as a twelve-year-old church-crawler in 1959.

Roy Tricker (Churches Conservation Trust Field Officer)

I WOULD DRAW the attention of all contributors to Roy Tricker's last paragraph as without you there would be no magazine. My thanks to Mr Tricker on behalf of you all. - Editor

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY YEAR 1894-1994

The Parish Council will be publishing a book containing some extracts from the Parish Council's Minute Books, to commemorate 100 years of the existence of Parish Councils. This exercise was carried out by John Appleby and it is hoped that a free copy will be distributed to each household in February/March. If further copies are required then please contact me, the cost will be £1 per copy. *Len Christodoulides*

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The members who braved the freezing weather conditions for the January meeting thoroughly enjoyed the talk given by Mrs Culham who was accompanied by her Guide Dog. Mrs Culham kindly came at very short notice due to the indisposition of the booked speaker. The President welcomed a prospective new member and also asked for ideas for a suitable video for the March

meeting; she will be expecting lots of suggestions so thinking caps on please. Peggy Deere will be remembered with fondness as a regular and enthusiastic member, until illness prevented her from going to meetings. Her artistic skills were put to good use in the WI cause and she ran our Savings Scheme for many years.

Next Month's Meeting - Wednesday, 1st February, 7.30pm in the Village Hall with a visit from the Police. Competition: a Dog Ornament *Pippa Hardy*

KITCHEN CORNER

Souffles

Many folks are frightened to make souffles - but they really are not difficult! Just remember that you must use a straight-sided dish, well-buttered and deep enough to contain the mixture comfortably. Some books tell you to tie paper round so the souffle stands clear of the dish when cooked. This looks fancy, I suppose, but is really not necessary. I like to make things as simple as possible!

Smoked Haddock Souffle

½ lb smoked haddock fillet

1oz butter, 1oz flour

Milk, Slice of lemon, Few parsley stalks, 4 Egg yolks, 5 egg whites

Cut up the fish and poach in milk to cover, with lemon and parsley stalks, for about 10 minutes. Remove fish, save ¼ pt of the milk for the sauce. Flake fish, removing skin and any bones. Make a smooth white sauce with the butter, flour and milk. Season well, add fish and beat well. Leave till tepid, then beat in egg yolks one at a time. Carefully fold in the stiffly beaten whites of egg. Pour into the buttered souffle dish and spread level. Bake 40-45 minutes, 350F (moderate oven). Serve at once, using a warm spoon to do so. PS. If you cannot use the other egg yolk, just use 4 egg whites for the recipe.

Jill Frostick

CAROL SINGING

Perhaps you are wondering what such a heading is doing in the February edition of the village magazine! Well we thought that you would like to hear about the evenings spent singing carols around the village. About 25 people, adults and younger people, gathered and we received such a welcome wherever we went, with many children hopping out of their beds to peer at us from behind curtains or out of doorways in the cold night. It almost felt like "See Amid the Winter Snow". However kind folks offered us warm hospitality and we were glad to revive an old tradition. £102.60 was collected and this has gone to swell the funds of the LEUKAEMIA Research Fund. This year we shall start making plans for Christmas 1995 earlier. We hope to publish in the December magazine just where we aim to be singing so that you can all watch out for us. Maybe you may like to join us?

Some of us are continuing to meet to try and improve our technique and try some other music including some Gospel songs. Would any one like to join us? Oh, and is there anyone out there who would be willing to play the piano for us, we would be most grateful and greatly encouraged. Do ring on 230436.

GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUPO

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.45 Cost: £1 per session

The Christmas party went very well. All the children had a wonderful day with lots of singing, playing games, watching Adrian with his great show of magic, bubbles and balloons which all the children took home and a Punch and Judy Show. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and a special thank you to Father Christmas for coming all the way from Lapland to give the children a present each.

Last year we did a great deal of fund raising. This is obviously to support the playgroup which could not carry on without it and from all the hard work put in we were able to buy a new climbing frame and slide, some mats, games and books and a new bookcase to replace the broken one.

A date for your diary: 4th March a TABLE TOP SALE at Gt Bromley Village Hall at 2.00pm. £6.00 per table. For bookings please ring Mrs Robinson on 0206 230229. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the playgroup last year and we look forward to your continued support during 1995. *Kelly Hazelton*

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 15 December. Mr Fairley reported that all tree planting has been completed at a cost of approximately £120 which will be borne by the Parish and District Councils. Delivery of the newspaper recycling bank to be situated on Church Meadow is still awaited.

A letter received from Essex County Council Highways Department detailing road realignment plans for the B1029 Frating Road, was discussed in detail. The Highways Department propose to realign the carriageway slightly to improve visibility and create a new footpath. In their reply the Parish Council have said that improved visibility can be achieved more simply by lowering the hedge height on the east side of the road. The footpath is not required as there is an existing footway on the other side of the road. The Parish Council would prefer the funds to be redirected to provide an urgently required new footpath in Brook Street between the Black Boy and Elm Cottage. *S.E. Shute (Clerk)*

ST. GEORGE'S REPAIR FUND

A pre-Christmas concert with the Gaudeamus Choir under the direction of Dr Eric Leigh gave a very beautiful concert at St George's on 17th December. Excerpts from Handel's Messiah, old French and medieval carols, ending with a negro spiritual made up a wonderful programme. Sadly the event was not well enough attended, but nevertheless made £250 due to the generosity of the choir who charged no fee. Thanks are due to Margery and Jill for the excellent refreshments. The next meeting of the Repair Committee is at the Hollies on Tuesday, 14th February at 8.00pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE. The weekend of the Spring Bank Holiday 27th- 29th May inclusive is to be devoted to Flowers and Gardens. There will be a Flower Festival in the Church, the theme yet to be finalised, with past students from Greyfriars of the City and Guilds course on Flower

Arranging taking part. It is very much hoped and wished that local flower arrangers will take part as usual so that it can be a unique village event as in the past. If you are unable to do so, or you feel it is not in your line, would you be prepared to contribute towards it by sponsoring an arrangement, or maybe donating in memory of a loved one, a pew end arrangement?

There will be a Coffee Morning with a plant stall and unusual raffle at Ann Wild's house, Ilex Farm on 8th April, the Saturday before Easter, to raise funds for the effort. Further information from James or Ann Wild on 230679.

Also, on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May, there will be an Open Gardens Day in the village. You may already have been approached by Jill Frostick who is co-ordinating it. We do hope for a lovely and successful village weekend celebration. More details will follow in further editions of 'The Messenger'.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Two happy family Christmas gatherings took place, with Father Christmas attending both. We are delighted to welcome Dawn Duffy, sadly affected by H.D., her husband Steve and two small children, Sarah and Anthony, as new residents to the village in Back Lane East. Already Dawn and the children have joined an H.D. swimming sessions, Sarah is attending the Toddlers Group, and Dawn joined the H.D. party at the pantomime. I know they will be warmly received in the village. I would like to thank all who drop their change in the H.D. box in the post office which Barbara and Michael kindly allow us to leave there.

Our next meeting is at Seven Rivers on Wednesday, 25th January at 11.15am when Jinny Purkis from Social Services Physical Disability team will be with us. Anyone interested will be more than welcome. At the BYPASS NURSERY PRIMROSE FESTIVAL, 18th and 19th February, our Branch has generously been selected to take part in the event. We shall be sharing the proceeds and the work at the gate with three other charities, and will have our own stall with display, tombola and competitions etc., for which the 1st Prize is to be a ride in a hot air balloon. We need volunteers to help at the stall, as obviously our H.D. members are restricted in the help they can give. Please contact Jean Harding if you can spare an hour or two between 1.00pm and 4.30pm on either day. We look forward also to seeing some of you who will attend the festival.

THE STONE FAMILY

Nancy Stone, a recent American visitor with her husband, is returning with her cousin Susanne for a week at the end of February to research further for her projected book on the Stone family. We are always pleased to have visits from members of this family and to help when we can.

"Fogs in February mean Frosts in May"

A TRIBUTE

PETER ROWE, aged 72, Churchwarden, Parish Councillor, etc., bravely endured a long illness but died on Saturday, 31st December, 1994. He was laid to rest at Gt Bromley on Thursday, 5th January, 1995, after a Service of Thanksgiving at St. George's attended by a very large congregation, conducted by the Rector. An address was given by John Appleby.

Peter was born in Harlow in 1922, where his father farmed. The family moved to Skighaugh Farm, Gt Oakley, then Foots Farm, Little Clacton and Hawkwoods Farm, Gosfield. He was Farm Manager at Clipt Hedge Farm, Gt Bromley then moved to his own farm, Harris' Farm, in 1952. Besides church duties, which he fulfilled with dignity and sincerity, he served on the Parish Council and included a term as Chairman. At Tendring Show he was a Steward for over 35 years. He was a member of the Village Hall Committee, Gt Bromley for 38 years. As a Founder Member of the Pantomime Group he laid the foundation of an annual event where he gave his services for 36 years. His hobby was photography and his close-ups of wayside and meadow flowers and plants are an excellent addition to the knowledge of nature in the Bromleys.

To his wife, Betty, her loving husband, Peter, was for over 44 years "The Rock" and we rejoice with her and her sons, Nigel and Adrian, his daughters-in-law and grandchildren that we have been privileged to have known such a Christian gentleman, a true son of Essex and a great hearted Brumleian. R.I.P.

J.A.

FROM THE REGISTERS

We offer our prayerful support to the relations of those whose funerals took place recently in church: MARIE JARVIE HENDRE FAIRLEY * PETER ROWE * MILDRED DEERE.
May the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 5 February 11.00am Balls Green Mrs A Brook
Sunday 12 February 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr P Gill
Sunday 19 February 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr D Watts
Sunday 26 February 11.00am Balls Green Mr F Austin

FINANCIAL MATTERS

As most people are now aware the Church of England faces increasing financial strain because the parishes are having to be asked to contribute more realistically to the cost of ministry. As in past years Gt Bromley fell short in the contribution it was asked to make to the Diocese. Asking people to try and contribute more to the work of the church is a task that most priests, including myself, find very difficult, but I have to do so in order to try and ensure that the ministry here will be maintained in the future.

One way to increase your giving without actually giving more may be by signing a simple covenant form which states the amount you can afford to give in a year. We then claim the tax back from the Inland Revenue. This only applies if you pay tax. It can be cancelled and revised quickly and simply if your circumstances change.

Another popular way of giving is through numbered envelopes in which you decide to give a certain amount per week or per month. This helps you make a prayerful and considered decision as to the amount you give to the work of the church of God and help us plan the finances. I know times are hard but do please consider if you are able to further help and maintain the life of St. George's. Please contact David Skinner, the Treasurer, (396673) if you would like to take out a covenant, increase it, or use the envelope system. Fr. Trevor

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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| W/c 23 Jan | A. Wild | J. Harding |
| 30 Jan | I. Welham | O. Sparling |
| 6 Feb | P. Greenfield | M. Bush |
| 13 Feb | Jeff West | R. Draper |
| 20 Feb | A. Wild | J. Harding |
| 27 Feb | J. Welham | O. Sparling |

More helpers would be appreciated

THE PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS SERVICES during FEBRUARY

Sun 5 Feb 8.00am Rite B Holy Communion, Gt Bromley, Prayer Book readings etc. 9.30am Family Eucharist, Gt Bromley with modern hymns and a children's talk. Young families especially welcome 6.30pm Evensong, Gt Bromley
Sun 12 Feb 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion, Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist, Gt Bromley 11.00am Family Eucharist, Ardleigh with modern hymns and children's talk. Young families . especially welcome. 6.30pm Evensong, Ardleigh
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PRAM SERVICE This month on Tuesday, 9th February in the Rectory. A simple story from the bible, prayers and songs. Lasts about 20 minutes followed by a cup of tea. Do come and join us. Starts at 2.15pm with enough time to pick up the children from school afterwards.

2nd Feb is the Feast of the Presentation of Christ: Candlemas Eucharist at Ardleigh, 7.30pm.

WEEKDAY SERVICES of HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh, Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley, Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh, Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers, Gt Bromley. Saints & Holy Days as announced on the news sheet.

The Bromley Messenger March 1995

This month sees the beginning of Lent which is marked by a service in which ashes are placed upon the forehead as a mark of penitence. Ashes and dust remind us of our mortal nature that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Perhaps that can sound a little morbid or melancholy but that is not the intention it is rather to help enter into a season of sober reflection upon our lives in preparation for the great festival of Easter. It is my belief that the business and activity which seems such a feature of living in these final years of the 20th Century crowds out the deeper and more important issues of life and causes us to miss the beauty and significance of simple and everyday things.

One of the most important functions of any Parish church is to be a place where people can come away from the pressures of life and ponder the things that really matter. We are very fortunate to have our church open during the day. I would hope that villagers will always feel welcome in that place where prayer has been offered for centuries. The intercessions board is there at the back for you to place requests for prayer so that they can be laid before God in prayer during the office of daily prayer. I would like to correct an error which crept into my article in closing last month due to my letter "e"s looking like letter "i"s. A sentence which was printed "The ability to set light to them ..." I intended to be written "The ability to sit light to them ..." which as you can see has quite a different meaning. *Fr. Trevor*

This month 'The Messenger' is sponsored by many PERSONAL and CLUB DONATIONS from both villages and our warm thanks go to them all for so generously contributing to our funds.

In April the covers for 'The Messenger' will be re-printed for the year. Please let me have any changes of address, telephone numbers etc. there may be for the contacts of the organisations and associations in Great Bromley by Tuesday, 14th March. Please read elsewhere the letter from the Treasurer of 'The Messenger'. Material for the April edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 14th March please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 1 Mar | WI Meeting at Members' home |
| 4 Mar | Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm |
| 9 Mar | Garden Club meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm |
| 10 Mar | WI County Annual Meeting, Charter Hall, Colchester |
| 16 Mar | Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting & Parish Assembly |
| 19 Mar | Lamb Sunday with H.D. Association, Fridaywood Farm, Bounsted Road, Colchester, 11.00-4.00pm. |
| 23 Mar | Nostalgia Tea Dance, Village Hall, 2-4.30pm |
| 24 Mar | Bromleys & Lt Bentley Conservative Branch, A.G.M. |
| 25 Mar | Colchester Area Tear Fund Day, Blackheath Baptist Church, 10.45am |
| 28 Mar | Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting |
| 4 Apr | WI event at Dedham, 10.00am . |
| 8 Apr | Coffee Morning at Ilex Farm |
| 25 Apr | A.P.C.M., Seven Rivers, 7.30pm |
| 27-29 May | Gt Bromley "Flowers and Gardens" weekend and Flower Festival in the Church |
| 29 May | Gt Bromley Open Gardens Day |

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Joan Parker and Friends will be entertaining us at our March meeting, and as Spring cannot be very far away the Competition is - A Spring Garden in a Saucer. *Mildred Purkis*

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GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our A.G.M. was held on 26th January when the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer and Committee were re-elected. The accounts were approved and the year's programme was discussed. On 9th February we were fortunate once again to have Mr Ian Rose to speak to us on "Safari in Kenya" which was all the more interesting seeing the slides which of course showed the excellent photography of Mr Rose - maybe a little too dangerous for some of us! We were very happy to welcome visiting guests. We can report a full programme for 1995 and if any subject interests you, even if you are not a member, please 'phone the Chairman if you would like to attend.

Our next meeting at Seven Rivers will be on 9th March with Mr Leatherdale speaking to us on Fuschias. (7.30pm). *Vicky Griffiths*

BROMLEYS & LITTLE BENTLEY CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

Annual General Meeting 24th March, 1995 Ring 251264 for details

GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUPO

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.45 Cost: £1 per session

The Photographers we had last October were a great success; most people were pleased with their photographs. We made a total of about £262. The Webb Ivory Catalogue was organised by Nicky last year for Christmas cards, gifts etc and raised £30. There is a Spring Catalogue with lots of new gifts, birthday cards etc. Please see Nicky with your order. Now for the bad news. You may not be aware of the Mother and Toddler Group on Wednesdays in the Billiard Room. The attendance has dropped, so please ask anyone who has children 0-3 years to come and support it. If it is not supported the Toddler Group will have to close.

WANTED - Supervisor with D.P.P. or equivalent for two mornings a week. Thank you for all your support. *Kelly Hazelton*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 26th January, 1995. Mr Tabor has offered to lease five acres of land to the rear of the 'Wheatsheaf' for use as a playing field. Unfortunately the Parish Council would be unable to secure grants for maintenance of leased land.

15 deserving elderly residents have each received a sum of money from the Elizabeth Warren Trust.

There have been complaints from the 'Ramblers' organisation about the poor condition of the footpaths within the village. Waymark signs have been obtained by the Parish Council and these will be erected shortly. Local landowners will be asked to reinstate the footpaths before the Spring. The next meeting will be held on 28th March.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting Of the Parish Council was held on 26th January, 1995.

There is an ongoing boundary line dispute with The Colchester Development Company who are building on land adjacent to the Hare Green Recreation Ground. Historic records are being investigated with the aim of resolving this problem. It was reported that the village sign will require some maintenance work in the spring.

Mr Nigel Rowe gave his report. Tiles on the Village Hall roof are slipping and a full investigation will be carried out when the weather improves. Work on the car-park may have to take priority over the planned internal improvements. There is no news yet whether financial assistance will be forthcoming from the District Council.

Mr Chris Phillips reported that the annual inspection of the play equipment will be carried out shortly.

The next Council meeting and Parish Assembly will be held on 16th March.

It's "NOSTALGIA" year when we all have memories of the dark days of the War but I am sure many of us have happier memories of the times when, for a couple of hours, we could forget the War and enjoy dancing the waltz, foxtrot - quick and slow - quick-step etc. which prompted me to make tentative enquiries to arrange a TEA DANCE in the Village Hall. Why not join us on 23rd March at 2.00pm to 4.30pm - no charge and tea and biscuits will be served. *Vicky Griffiths*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dear Parishioners

The The Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters will now start appearing in the 'Bromley Messenger' on a regular basis. I aim to write a small piece every month.

During 1994 reported crimes in the Mistley Police Section, which includes the villages of Gt and Lt Bromley, fell by 16.5%. This is obviously a good sign and we all hope the level of crime continues to fall. The villages still seem to be a target for stolen cars to be dumped and then burnt. Admittedly a lot .of this occurs under the cover of darkness, but some stolen cars have been sighted in the back lanes during daylight hours. Any sightings of suspicious vehicles please continue to give us a call.

Dwelling burglaries are down, none having occurred so far this year in the Bromleys. A lot of this must be down to people taking greater precautions over locking up and the fitting of good locks. Some parents when picking up children from school still continue to park within 10 metres of the junction, both outside the school and at St George's Close. I must remind you that this is both illegal and dangerous. There are now a lot more HGV's using the main road through Bromley. If one of those was to go out of control approaching the school from Ardleigh it would collide with any illegally parked cars. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

PC 1061 Phillips



A SIXTEENTH CENTURY LIBRARY IN GREAT BROMLEY

Peter Wentworth, Rector of Great Bromley (1581-1599) left a will dated 1 September, 1592; it was proved 14 September, 1599. In his will Peter left "all my books" at Long Melford and Great Bromley, (although there is no other detail), to be divided between his sons. Newcourt presumed that Wentworth was the author in 1598 of "An Exhortation to Queen Elizabeth and A Discourse of the true and lawful Successor". He was chaplain to Lord D'Arcy (of St Osyth) and in 1587 published a sermon on certain Psalms.

William Cardinal, J.P., of Great Bromley Hall, was patron of the living where Wentworth was instituted in 1581. He came from Gosfield, Essex. The Wentworth family owned the lay parsonage of Gestingthorpe, Essex, and Long Melford, Suffolk; Wentworth was Vicar of Gestingthorpe (1588-1599) and asked to be buried in the chancel of that church. He was also Rector of Abberton, Essex, (1578-1591). He owned land in Coggeshall and Shotley, Suffolk. The livings of Gestingthorpe and Long Melford passed to his wife.

John Appleby

ADVANCE NOTICE: A.P.C.M. St George's Church on 25th April at 7.30pm.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Parish Council have entered Great Bromley for the Best Kept Village Competition and below are some hints on what it is that the judges are looking for.

WHAT MAKES A WINNING VILLAGE - HINTS FOR ENTRANTS

Overview:

Best Kept Village Competitions have received some adverse publicity in the national press recently, fuelled by stories of floral displays in meticulously vacuumed telephone boxes! It is, therefore, important to stress that in Essex B.K.V. judges in keeping with the aims of the RCC's wider work will look at villages as living communities and not as artificially manicured museum pieces ! The purpose of the competition is quite simply to reward evidence of community pride and encourage proper care for the focal points of village life.

Judging Categories

Please note that categories 10,11 and 14 excepted all judging is based on external rather than internal inspections. The judges will be briefed to pay attention to the following when assessing each judging category:

A) VILLAGE FACILITIES

1. Noticeboards. Is the board being used to provide up-to-date information. Are there contact names for the parish council, and relevant village organisations. Is a list of parish councillors provided.

2. **Playing Field & Children's Playground.** Maintenance of field (grass cutting). associated buildings and playground equipment/surrounds. Is there effective control of litter and dog fouling.
3. **Village Hall.** The maintenance of the exterior and surrounds, also is there a notice of how to book the hall.
4. **Church/chapels and Cemeteries.** Sometimes certain areas of a churchyard are left to grow wild as part of a conservation policy. Is this clearly notified.
5. **War Memorial.** Is it tidy with the memorial inscriptions clearly legible.
6. **Village Greens and Commons.** Are they being maintained and kept tidy.
7. **Shops.** Many village shops carry posters for village events and meetings. This is fine, but the judges will check that the displays are up-to-date.
8. **Public Houses.** Common faults are abandoned beer crates and broken garden furniture.
9. **School.** Judges do not go into school premises - their main concern is the upkeep of perimeter fencing/hedges etc.
10. **Telephone Kiosks.** If a kiosk is out of order has a notice to this effect been placed in the window.
11. **Bus Shelters.** Are they clean and tidy and in good repair.
12. **Village Seats and Benches.** Are they serviceable.
13. **Public Car Parks.** Are they satisfactorily maintained; with any parking, entrance/exit restrictions clearly notified. Please note this category applies only to public car parks - car parks for pubs, village halls, schools etc. are not applicable.
14. **Public Conveniences.** Are they clean and serviceable. Do the taps work if there are basins.

B) GENERAL APPEARANCE

15. **Litter Control & provision of Litter Bins.** Is there an evident litter problem. Is the provision of litter bins adequate and are they emptied regularly.
16. **Streams and Ponds.** Has the pond or stream been cleaned recently, or is it serving as an unofficial rubbish dump !
17. **Footpaths and Verges.** Overall impression rather than detailed inspection.
18. **Commercial Premises.** Are they tidy - but particularly in the case of garages, workshops etc. the judges will remember they are looking at a working environment.

C) COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

19. **Ongoing work.** See detailed explanation in guidance notes - page 4
20. New Projects/Initiatives. As above

[Adverts – 8 business card adverts as previous month.

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HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

LAMB SUNDAY, 19th March at Fridaywood Farm, Bounsted Road, Colchester. See lambs being born and at play from 11.00am -4.00pm. Refreshments available. The Colchester Young Farmers are helping us with this event. Do come and support us . Entry £1.00, children free.

KITCHEN CORNER: SIMNEL CAKE.

Traditionally this was made for Mothering Sunday, but now it is often eaten for Easter instead. It is always beautifully moist, and keeps well too.

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| For the almond pastes | For the cake: |
| ½oz ground almonds 6 | 6oz margarine |
| 10 oz caster sugar | 6oz caster sugar |
| 1 egg | 3 eggs |
| ¼ teasp almond essence | 8oz flour, pinch of salt |
| lemon juice to mix | 1 level teasp mixed spice |
| | 12oz currants |
| | 2oz sultanas |
| | 2oz raisins |
| | 4oz mixed peel |
| | 1 tablesp milk |

Rub ground almonds and sugar together, add essence to beaten egg, stir into mixture with enough lemon juice to make a soft consistency. Knead smooth and roll out 1/3 of mixture to a round to fit 7" tin. Put aside. Line the tin with 2 layers of greaseproof paper. Cream fat and sugar, beat in eggs, add dry ingredients and milk to make a dropping consistency. Smooth half mixture into the tin, cover with the round of almond paste, add rest of cake mixture and hollow slightly. Bake 2½ hours very moderate oven - 325F. When cold, brush with warm jam and cover with rest of paste, decorating with ale balls of the paste (12 for the disciples is traditional). If preferred, the paste can be cooked. In this case, remove cake from the oven after 2 hours. Cool slightly, then brush round the rim with warmed jam. Make remaining paste into a roll and place round the top rim of the cake to make a border. Cut a piece of brown paper to fit inside the almond ring, and put it in place. Return cake to oven for half an hour till paste is slightly browned. When cake is almost cold, remove brown paper, brush with warm jam and fill centre with glacé icing. Remove from tin when quite cold and set. *Jill Frostick*

WHY NOT LEARN MORE ABOUT TEAR FUND?

A Colchester Area Tear Fund Day is to be held on Saturday, 25th March at Blackheath Baptist Church from 10.45am until 3.45pm. Why not come along and learn about this charity which works through the churches in the U.K. to raise money and provide personnel to help people in poor countries? Further details can be obtained from Sue Orriss on 01206 251949.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

The financial position of 'The Messenger' became precarious last month but a subsidy of £300 from the Parish Council bailed us out. We do need sponsorship, advertising, and donations in order to ensure the future of 'The Messenger'. I have just sent out letters for sponsorship. If you know of any company which is likely to sponsor us please let me know, that I may write to them. *Len Christodoulides*

A copy of the sponsorship slip is set out below should you, or anyone you know, wish to make use of it. Alternatively Business card advertisements can be placed in the Messenger at a cost of £20 for 12 issues.

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GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was nearly a full compliment of members - plus one visitor - to hear about the Essex Police Dogs at the February meeting. We were shown an interesting video on training the dogs. Essex has 63: German Shepherds for tracking, crowd control and 'catching'; Springers and Labrador/Retrievers for drug and explosive sniffing. Police Dog Mabs only gave a brief demonstration of her many skills as she and her handler were called away on an emergency. An outing to The Old Black Boy, for a meal, in January was enjoyed by most - it is some time since we had one of these jollies and thanks were given to Mary Clarke who organized it. Stour Activities have organized an event on Tuesday, 4th April at the Hewitt Hall, Dedham, 10.00 for 10.30am. Patchwork, Magic and Gardens of the Italian Lakes are on the menu - sounds a good day, and tickets are only £2.50. Charter Hall, Colchester, is the venue for the 78th County Annual Meeting on Friday, 10th March. Helena Drysdale and Colin Dexter are the guest speakers. Next Meeting - Wednesday, 1st March at the home of Jean Wright for a Video Evening. Competition: Spring Flowers in a Wine Glass. *Pippa Hardy*

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 5 March 11.00am Elmstead Market Rev V L Cameron

Sunday 12 March 11.00am Burnt Heath Miss M Holford

Sunday 19 March 11.00am Balls Green Mr R Banyard

Sunday 26 March 11.00am Elmstead Market Rev J Robinson

EASTER LILIES

Anybody wishing to give a donation towards Easter Lilies please contact Mrs Margery West at Church or telephone 01206 230584. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

W/c 27 Feb Ann Wild and Jean Harding

6 Mar Olive Sparling and Jean Welham

13 Mar Pauline Greenfield and Mary Bush

20 Mar J West and Royce Diaper

27 Mar Heather Brown and Sue Rampling

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

We mourn the passing of DAVID BEECH of Seven Rivers who was buried recently.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, GREAT BROMLEY

SERVICES during MARCH

Wed 1 Mar 7.00pm ASH WEDNESDAY, Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sun 5 Mar 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service with modern hymns and children's talk

6.30pm Evensong

Sun 12 Mar 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sun 19 Mar 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Sun 26 Mar 9.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY Eucharist with an opportunity for children and young people to present small posies of flowers to their mother. Preacher: Archdeacon of Colchester. Do come and hear what the Archdeacon has to say to us.

There is a Parish Communion every week at ARDLEIGH at 11.00am, B.C.P. Communion at 8.00am and Evensong at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

PRAM SERVICE

Come and join us in the Rectory for a simple story, songs and prayers for toddlers followed by a cup of tea. 2.15pm, Thursday, 9th March

There will be a Lent Group that will meet in various homes in Ardleigh and Great Bromley. We will be discussing the events of Jesus' passion and looking at what that means for us today. I would be interested in running a group for people wanting to find out about the basics of the Christian faith. One such course used by churches is the Alpha course using tapes and biblical references. Please do let Fr. Trevor know if you would be interested.

WEEKDAY SERVICES of HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh

Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh

Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers, Gt Bromley

Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newssheet

The Bromley Messenger April 1995

I am always fascinated to know about the past. At the Film Archive evening (so popular and well supported) we were able to see before us a world that had vanished as we were shown horses pulling farm machinery and labourers carrying sacks of corn upon their backs. The sight of such things brings strong impressions to the mind and helps us enter that previous age with its different pace of life and its different expectations.

Easter and Holy week, which occupy the most important place in the church's year, are about events that took place 2,000 years ago. Yet that story has been deeply thought about ever since by each succeeding generation of Christians. It has puzzled and challenged the greatest minds, who have wondered why Jesus should have been put through such a horrifying ordeal; and what this shows us about the nature of God and the world he has created. They came to realise that it was because Jesus as so totally pure and holy that he was treated in that way. Moreover, it was God's way of drawing people to himself, people who are flawed and sinful. Christians have found that, when they thought and meditated upon the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion and then his resurrection, they experienced a death and resurrection in their spiritual lives and were filled with what is described as the power of Christ.

At the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples to "do this in remembrance of me". Holy week is, therefore, a remembering of what happened to Jesus yet also far more. It offers to us a way of entering and reliving the origins of the Christian faith, a way of bringing ourselves to God that we may experience at first hand the joy and renewal and peace of Christ. A Happy Easter to you all. *Fr. Trevor*

The Messenger this month is sponsored by GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL who are also the publishers of this magazine and we thank them for their continued support.

WHEN CONTACTING our sponsors and advertisers please mention that this is as a result of their entry in our magazine as this will also encourage their continued support without which we would not be able to continue.

MATERIAL for the May edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson. by Tuesday, 18th April please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 30 Mar A.G.M. Pantomime Group, Village Hall, 8.00pm
- 4 Apr WI event at Dedham, 10.00am
- 4 Apr Last date for nomination papers for Parish Council Elections
- 5 Apr W.I. meeting 'Egg Decoration', Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Apr Off the Peg Fashion Show, St. George's School Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Apr Little Bromley Parish Council Parish Assembly
- 6 Apr Great Bromley Parish Council meeting
- 8 Apr Coffee Morning at Ilex Farm, 10.00am-12 noon
- 22 Apr Friendship Club Spring Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 25 Apr A.P.C.M., Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
- 26 Apr Huntington's Disease Assn A.G.M., Seven Rivers, 6.45pm
- 7 May VE & VJ - 50 Years Commemoration Service at the War Memorial, 3.00pm
- 24 May Village Hall Charity Trustees A.G.M., Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27-29 May Gt Bromley 'Flowers and Gardens' weekend and Flower Festival in the Church
- 29 May Gt Bromley Open Gardens' Day
- 10 Jun St. George's School Barn Dance, Park Farm, 8.00pm

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A.

You may have noticed the changing face of the school grounds with a grand clearing up of the pond, new bulbs and picnic tables. This is not just Spring Fever but actually the start of some exciting plans to improve the playing and learning facilities outside. The P.T.A. are very glad to be the main fund raiser for the school and to be directly involved financially with those improvements. Our friendly and industrious committee are always beavering away to find new ideas (and re-vamping some old ones to raise funds. So far this year we have enjoyed a Quiz Evening in the school hall which proved to be very educational (I bet you don't know who holds a record for giving birth to 69 babies) during which we raised over £200.

Coming up next term:

Off the Peg Fashion Show Thurs 6th April, 7.30pm, School Hall
Our ever popular Barn Dance- Sat 10th June, 8.00pm, Park Farm
Watch this space for details or better still telephone Amanda Rowe to book your tickets.
The birth record is mind boggling so please let us know the answer! - Ed.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 16th February, 1995. Mr Goodwin from the Essex County Council Highways Department gave a detailed account of the role and aims of his department. The Parish Council brought to his attention several ongoing problems within the village. Speed reduction and road markings outside the school were discussed in detail along with the feasibility of a footpath between the 'Black Boy' public house and 'Elm Cottage', Harwich Road. Mr Goodwin stated that speed reducing measures will be taken at Hare Green. Mrs Elvin reported that Tendring District Council are endeavouring to find a suitable site in the Tendring District to locate a gypsy site. All Essex County Council owned land is being looked at. Mr Rowe reported that there has been some vandalism at the Village Hall. Guttering and downpipes have been broken.

A site visit between the Parish Council and the Colchester Development Company is to be arranged shortly with the aim of resolving the boundary line dispute. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 6th April.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination papers, candidates' guide and candidates' consent forms are now available from the Clerk or from Tendring District Council. Completed nomination papers and forms of Consent to Nomination must be delivered to Westleigh House, Carnarvon Road, Clacton-on-Sea no later than noon on Tuesday, 4 April, 1995. Further information will be displayed on the Parish notice boards.

100 YEARS OF PARISH COUNCILS

Householders of Great Bromley will all have received a copy of the Centenary of Service book. Anyone wanting extra copies can collect them from Henry or Ann Fairley at Park Farm, Gt Bromley - at £1 a copy or sent for £1.50 (incl. postage and packing) from the Parish Clerk, Sandra Shute.

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 27th-29th May

Anyone who wishes to donate a pew end in memory of a loved one please contact Betty Rowe

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Since last writing both Great and Little Bromley have suffered some crime. In February a road roller on the back of a trailer was stolen from Mary Lane North. However this item has since been recovered. In Little Bromley an Anglian Water van was stolen from the car park in Shop Road. Unfortunately this vehicle turned up in Langham totally burnt out. The thieves did remove the expensive tools first. Building materials are a target at the moment, items such as peg tiles, red bricks and slates. These are valuable materials and the thieves will go to great lengths to steal them from secure buildings. Obviously a van of some sort must be used to steal them, so any vans seen in suspicious circumstances please let us know. Surrounding villages at the moment are having a lot of cars broken into and stereos removed. If you have a garage please use it and make sure your car is secure at all times.

PC 1061 Phillips

RESIDENTS in the LITTLE BROMLEY area who wish to borrow the property marking kit should ring their Co-ordinator on 01206 395157 who will add them to the list. There is no charge for the loan. People are asked to use the kit quickly when it becomes available, so that it may be handed on promptly. *J. Groom, Co-ordinator*

VE & VJ - 50 YEARS' COMMEMORATION

The Parish Council in conjunction with the Reverend Trevor Diaper will be holding a "Service to commemorate VE-VJ Days and Celebrate the Peace" at St. George's Church on Sunday, 7th May at 3.00pm. Meet at the War Memorial. The service will be non-denominational. Tea and cakes will be served after the service which will last about one hour. There will also be a display of

photographs and bygones of the 40's. If you have any photographs or bygones to lend for display or if you would like to donate a cake please contact James Wild or Len Christodoulides. This is a village activity and all villagers are welcome. Please make it one to remember for a long time to come.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COLCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH

Our Stand at the Primrose Festival was a wonderful success, raising £580. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped. We hear too that since we helped to man the gate, we will be entitled to a portion of the proceeds, which they estimate will be in the region of £1,500. This will go towards welfare for our families and towards the much needed research into H.D.

Recently a contingent of our members have enjoyed swimming, once at half term. This was fun for the children too, and releases awkward and unruly limbs. We are always glad of helpers! A dietician came to our monthly meeting to help us cope with the difficulties encountered in keeping the balance of weight and of swallowing.

On Wednesday, 26th April we are holding our second A.G.M. at Seven Rivers at 6.45pm. Our patron, Lord Braybrooke, will be with us together with the Mayor Elect of Colchester and the Chairman of the Tendring District Council. After the business of the evening is completed our guest speaker will be Prudence Willday, Vice President of the International Huntington's Disease Association. All parishioners will be welcome, but it would be a help if I were to know who is coming for seating purposes and as there will be light refreshments afterwards. *Jean Harding*

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Village Hall Charity Trustees will be held at the Hall on Wednesday, 24th May at 7.30pm. The Public are welcome to attend this meeting, and any enquiries in regard to it can be made of the Secretary, R. L. Harding, Hollies, Colchester Road.

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THE HALL'S FURNITURE AND FITTINGS, 1763 (1)

The Catholic family of Mannock were at Giffords Hall, Stoke-by-Nayland, from 1428 until 1889. In Henry VIII's reign the Mannocks bought Martell's Hall, Ardleigh. The manor of Great Bromley Hall was bought by a Sir Thomas Mannock in the eighteenth century. There exists a paper booklet which is "An Inventory of the China and The House Hold furniture that was Removed from Bromly Hall to Giffords hall In The Year 1763". This list was made as directed by Sir William Mannock, Bt., in his will dated 1 January, 1762. Sir William directed that "the housekeeping shall be carried on and the servants continued as usual at Bromley Hall aforesaid at the expense of my estate for six calendar months after my decease, and in the meantime an inventory be taken of all household goods, furniture, plate and printed books. Such to be enjoyed as heirlooms. My widow to have their use for her life-time along with Bromley Hall". What was in that list? *To be continued... John Appleby*

STONE FAMILY

It was a great pleasure to have Nancy and Susanne with us for a week. In their research for their proposed book they met and talked with many parishioners, took photos and charmed us all. We look forward to a return visit.

KITCHEN CORNER

I came across a recipe in Jane Grigson's collection which I think would be a splendid dish for Easter Sunday with the family and would certainly amuse the younger members.

The Hen on her Nest - Serves 6

3-4lb roasting chicken, pinch of mace, 1 teasp. ground ginger, 6 sprigs parsley, pinch thyme, 1oz butter, ¾ pint chicken or giblet stock, 6-12 eggs

Sauce: 2oz butter, 2 tablesp flour, cooking liquor from chicken, ¼ pint double cream, seasoning.

Nest: 3 lb boiled potatoes **or** 1 lb. cooked rice, 12 sprigs parsley

Put bird in deep ovenproof pot with herbs and spices. Cover with buttered paper. Add stock, bring to boil. then bake in oven for 50 mins, 180 - 190C (350 -375 F). When nearly cooked,

remove lid, butter breast and legs and return to oven to brown. raising heat slightly for 10 mins. Meanwhile hard-boil and carefully shell the eggs. Prepare nest making a ring on serving dish of either buttered rice or mashed and creamed potato. Keep warm.

For sauce, strain liquor into measuring jug. There should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ pint. Make a roux with butter and flour, add stock, stir till smooth and simmer 5-10 mins. Add cream and seasoning. Pour into sauce boat.

To serve, place the chicken in the centre of its nest, and arrange the eggs round it. Decorate with sprigs of parsley and spoon a little of the sauce over the eggs.

Happy Easter! Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The warm, friendly March meeting was held in the comfort of our President's home and after dealing with some business matters we were entertained by watching two wildlife videos on loan from Chelmsford library.

Next meeting - Wednesday, 5th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speakers subject is "Egg Decoration". Visitors are most welcome. *Pippa Hardy*

COFFEE MORNING at ILEX FARM, WATERHOUSE LANE, ARDLEIGH

Saturday, 8th April, 10.00am-12 noon

Proceeds to Church Flower Fund for Festival 27-29th May.

PLANTS, FLOWER ARRANGING SUNDRIES & WIN-A-BAKE

Anyone wishing to donate a cake, plants or sundries please telephone 230679

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

Didn't you do well? Thanks to all the support given to 'Puss in Boots' during the telling of his story in January Great Bromley Pantomime Group have been able to present a cheque for £1,000 to the Leukaemia Research Fund. That is an exceedingly generous gesture coming from . who came to see our little show which was a complete sell out receiving good reviews and plaudits from our critics.

Now we start on 1996 to continue the Bromley tradition of Pantomime in our Village Hall which is admired by those who come from far and wide so please help us to keep going by supporting the Hall to show that Bromley can do it. We look forward to seeing you at our A.G.M. on 30th March at the Village Hall, 8.00pm when next year's show will be announced and a new secretary - that's a relief isn't it?! *Nigel Rowe*

CARPET BOWLS

Well, we have 'pulled our socks up' since the last report and have managed to gain 32 points from six matches (Max 8 pts per match). However, luck didn't stay with us for an away game at Wix though, which we lost 8-0. We felt just a shade better when we found that Wix is top of the league at the moment. Two more league matches to play, Lawford and Walton, and they are expected to be tough games too. On 25th February a party of members and their guests (17 all told) attended our Annual Dinner at the Kings Arms, Frating. An enjoyable evening in every respect and a splendid meal. Thank you to Pat for arranging this event.

11th March saw our first effort at hosting a Charity Fours Round Robin. 16 teams competed for the Brumbella Cup which was won by Thorpe-le- Soken beating Eight Ash Green by 13 shots to 4. Mr Peter Wenden, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, kindly presented the trophy and shields to the Thorpe team and also received a cheque for Village Hall funds from our Chairman, Pat Petchey, for £180 being the proceeds of the day. It was a busy, very pleasant day all round with Pauline Keeble and her helpers supplying refreshments throughout, and Jayne and Pat totting up the scores and keeping the state of play information board up to date.

Flushed with success we hope to make this an annual event. *Nancy Kempster*

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED that since 'TODAY is TOMORROW'S HISTORY' it would be interesting if Bromleians - old and new - reminisced or told us about living in either Great or Little Bromley. Please send your memories and thoughts to Leonie Henderson, the Editor, at Badley Hall, Great Bromley for inclusion in 'The Messenger'.

GREAT BROMLEY YOUTH CLUB

If you are aged 9 years or over why not come and join us on a Wednesday evening 5.00-6.30pm in Great Bromley Village Hall? We play volleyball, unihoc, table tennis, table football and cricket, football and rounders outside in the summer. There is a well stocked tuck shop for your refreshments. . Only 75p a week (term time only).

We had a sponsored sleep over in Great Bromley Church in October which raised £105 for church funds. A car wash in the village in November raised the money to pay for our coach to Rollerworld in December. In March we made wild bird boxes and had a Bring and Buy Sale. For the summer we are planning a Barbecue again and possibly a weekend camp. So why not come and join us on a Wednesday? *Chris Taylor, Youth Club Leader*

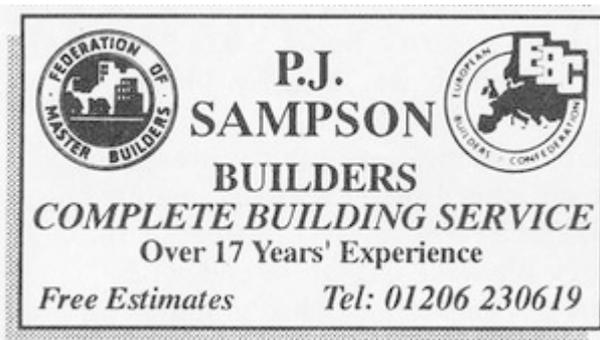
GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB .

Our annual fund raising event, THE SPRING SALE, will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 22nd April at 2.00pm. We would be very grateful for any goods or articles for the various stalls. BRIC-A-BAC, FANCY GOODS, NEARLY NEW, CAKES, TOYS and BOOKS, GROCERIES, HOUSEHOLD and RUMMAGE, also RAFFLE PRIZES. Please come along and support us. Thank you.

Mistley Over 60's 'Autumn Days' Group will be entertaining us in April. Competition - Small article of Copper or Brass. *Mildred Purkis*

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CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

THANK YOU to all who volunteered for the church cleaning rota. We all appreciate worshipping in such a clean and polished building. Fr. Trevor

Week commencing:

6 Mar Olive Sparling & the Welhams
13 Mar Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush
20 Mar Royce Diaper & the J. Wests
27 Mar Heather Brown & Sue Rampling
3 Apr Ann Wild & Jean Harding

ARE YOU UNABLE TO GET TO CHURCH BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF A CAR? I have heard that some people are not able to attend church because they have no transport. We have now a number of people who are prepared to give lifts. IF YOU would like to have a lift on a regular or occasional basis please let Fr. Trevor know - 230344.

The A.G.M. of the Parochial Church Council in on 25th April at 7.30pm in the Chapel at the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. I welcome enquiries about baptism and confirmation. Please contact Fr. Trevor on 230344.

We were all delighted that KATE LAW, MICHELLE CURRELL, BEN and JEAN WELHAM, DAVID BARNARD and MADELINE DIAPER were confirmed at Clacton by Bishop Johnston in a splendid service. We ask God's continued blessing upon them.

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Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh

Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh

Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers, Gt Bromley

Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newsheet

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE GREAT BROMLEY

SERVICES during APRIL

Sun 2 Apr 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

6.30pm Evensong

Sun 9 Apr PALM SUNDAY (the beginning of Holy Week)

9.30am Eucharist with blessing of palms and procession

Service will begin at the lych gate.

13 Apr MAUNDY THURSDAY

2.15pm Children's Service (incorporating Pram Service),
for children of all ages. Easter Theme and a simple craft activity followed by
refreshments - lasts approximately one hour.

7.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and stripping of the Altar. Gethsemane
Watch.

14 Apr GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Proclamation of the Cross (Good Friday service)

15 Apr HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Easter Vigil: lighting of the Easter fire and the Paschal Candle.

First celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

Sun 16 Apr EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Easter Eucharist with distribution of
small Easter eggs to the children

6.30pm Evensong

Sun 23 Apr ST. GEORGE'S DAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist Sun

30 Apr (5th Sunday in the month)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at ARDLEIGH

9.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Seven Rivers informal evening service

There is a Parish Communion every week at ARDLEIGH at 11.00am, B.C.P. Communion at
8.00am and Evensong at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

The Bromley Messenger May 1995

This month sees an important celebration namely that of V.E. Day which will be followed by V.J. Day later in the year. These anniversaries of the cessation of hostilities 50 years ago are to be marked throughout the county in many different ways. The church service we shall use will be modelled on the one used at St Paul's Cathedral in London. When the subject of VE-VJ Day has come up people have voiced a variety of feelings. Some have spoken of the need to put the past to rest and believe that it is no longer appropriate to remember and recall what happened 50 years ago. Others feel strongly that we ought to express our thanks to those of our forebears who gave up so much that we can now enjoy relative peace. The emancipation of Europe was a very significant moment in history and we need to remind ourselves of that fact. Still others are not happy in case there is to be too much triumphalism about the celebrations or the wrong sort of national pride.

The national organisers and distributors of publicity have been careful and sensitive to present this event in the most positive way. The posters which you may now have seen show a serviceman returning home and being met by his family to make plain that foremost in our minds is to be that sense of relief that warfare had ceased and freedom and peace had begun. Toch H have called upon people on V.E. Day to observe a vigil of peace and have put together a series of readings from prominent statesmen and other well known figures that can be used. Peace in biblical and theological terms is a sense of wellbeing, wholeness, health and safety. St. Thomas Aquinas describes peace as an "order of community life based on justice." This order is not pre-ordained it has to be brought about anew. Such a definition reminds us that peace and reconciliation does not just happen. It needs to be strived for and worked for among those who realize its importance - none I daresay more so than those who were exposed to the horrors of war and were prepared to fight because they believed they were fighting to protect freedom. V.E. Day is therefore not just for a few enthusiasts and old soldiers but for everyone. As a senior statesman has written - "Our commemorations to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of the war will give the nation an opportunity to remember the actions and the sacrifices of those who won the war. Young people are the principal beneficiaries; it was for their future that people fought, it is their future that is being built now." *Fr Trevor*

CHURCH REPAIR COMMITTEE will meet at Copley Dene on Tuesday, 2nd May at 8.00pm.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME FETE - SATURDAY 10th JUNE 1995

to be OPENED at 2.00pm by ROUND BRITAIN CYCLIST JEAN SMITH

ADULTS 50p PARKING FREE CHILDREN FREE '

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION: JUDGING AT 2.30pm

* UNDER 5's: NURSERY RHYMES * 5 to 11: SPACE AGE 10p ENTRY ON THE DAY.

OPEN GARDEN DAY for the Hammerbeam Roof Appeal

This will be on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May when eleven gardens will be open to the public. Adults pay £2 for a ticket, which admits to all the gardens, children free. 10.00am-6.00pm.

Copley Dene and Grove House are also having plant stalls. If anyone has plants to spare which they could give for sale, we would be very grateful. Please ensure all plants given are CLEARLY and CORRECTLY LABELLED. We can arrange to collect if needed. Also helpers on the day, even for a short period, would be very welcome.

Do please support the good folk who have so kindly agreed to open their gardens. Come yourselves, and tell your family and friends about it too. We are hoping for a really successful and enjoyable (and profitable!) day. *Jill Frostick*

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The speaker at our April Meeting was Mrs Edwards who talked about her hobby of Egg Decoration. She brought along many beautiful examples of craft, some of which were so intricately carved and embellished it was difficult to believe they were made from fragile eggs. An eggcellent speaker. Jill Frostick reported that the recent event in Dedham had been enjoyed and Rita Baxter, delegate for the Half Yearly Council Meeting held in Colchester, gave a report of the proceedings. It was decided to hit Sudbury for the August Outing with visits to Gainsborough's House and the Silk Factory - more details later.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 3rd May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall - Resolutions with Susan Baines VCO. Competition - an item for the Sales Stall at the Writtle W.I. Show. *Pippa Hardy*

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 27th-29th May

Anyone who wishes to donate a pew end in memory of a loved one please contact Betty Rowe.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We shall be in Scotland at our May meeting, with slides from Mr Sallow's of a holiday in Scotland. Competition - An item of Scottish origin. *Mildred Purkis*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 May Church Repair Cttee meeting, Copley Dene, 8.00pm
3 May W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
7 May VE-VJ - 50 Years Commemoration Service at the War Memorial, 3.00pm
10 May Meeting in Church (Festival Flower Arrangers), 6-8pm
11 May Garden Club meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
11 May Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
16 May Coffee Morning in aid of Save the Children Fund, 5 Springhill Close, 10.00-12 noon
20 May Coffee Morning, Balls Green Methodist Church School Room, 10.00-12.00 noon
24 May Village Hall Charity Trustees' A.G.M., Village Hall, 7.30pm
27-29 May Gt Bromley 'Flowers and Gardens' weekend and Flower Festival in the Church
29 May Gt Bromley Open Gardens' Day
3 Jun The Sweeting Swingers Dance Band, Village Hall, 8.00pm
4 Jun Cyclathon
10 Jun St. George's School Barn Dance, Park Farm, 8.00pm
24 Jun Car Boot Sale, Morants, Colchester Rd, 9.00am

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND - A COFFEE MORNING

for this fund is to be held on Tuesday, 16th May at 5, Springhill Close, Great Bromley from 10.00am-12 noon. There will be stalls for BRING & BUY, PLANTS and CAKES. We do hope you will come and enjoy a morning with us. Entrance with refreshments 50p. *Rose F Field*

'The Messenger' this month is sponsored by SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME who we thank warmly for their support.

MATERIAL for the June edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 16th May please.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Apologies for no report on our March meeting - I just forgot! Mr Leatherdale, accompanied by his wife, gave us a very interesting and humorous talk, with demonstrations on how to take cuttings, on Fuchsias. At our meeting on 13th April Mr Tricker was our Speaker. The photographs he showed us on slides were really magnificent, and the information on the many gardens he visits to take the photographs. Mr Tricker featured mainly rhododendrons with colours ranging from brilliant red to paler mauve, also yellow.

The next meeting at Seven Rivers will be on Thursday, 11th May - usual time 7.30pm - Mr Alan Duncan will be our Speaker. *Vicky Griffiths*

BROWNIES

We welcome Phoebe to our Pack but sadly say goodbye to Georgina and Emma. Congratulations to Natasha, Elizabeth, Emma and Georgina for gaining their Footpath badge, Beth has gained her Highway Badge and also to Lisa for obtaining her Artist badge, Elizabeth her Toymaker badge, Georgina and Emma for their Pony Rider badges. With help and encouragement from Mrs Frostick, to whom we are extremely grateful, the Brownies have decorated china plates of which ten were entered into the Essex Handicrafts Association Exhibition at Chelmsford where they were much admired. Beth took First in Class and Emily H was Second in Class. Very well done. Everyone helped in putting together a Peace Pack for a refugee girl aged between 9 and 11 years which will be sent to Africa. Elizabeth and Katie went to Colchester to hand it over to those who are transporting them. Some of the Brownies went to Bradfield for the Thinking Day service and fun afterwards when, among other things, they had a go at writing in Chinese, eating with chopsticks and making Chinese bookmarks. The new term starts on 27th April at 5.30pm. Any girl over 7 is always welcome to join us. *Brown Owl*

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 16 March followed by the annual parish assembly. The village hall committee have written to the Parish Council requesting financial assistance with their planned renovation work. The Parish Council have agreed in principle to assist although they requested more time to discuss the plan in detail.

"Stanfords" have been employed to act as agents for the Parish Council to resolve the boundary dispute at "Innisfree". Mrs Elvin reported that in 1989 approval was given for 4 bungalows on the "Innisfree" site, the developer however is now trying to upgrade the properties. The latest application for a 4 bedroomed detached house and garage has been refused.

Public attendance at the annual parish assembly was very disappointing. Mrs Elvin gave her report and gave a resume of the achievements during her term of office as a District Councillor. The mass of blatant property development is now more carefully monitored although the parish councils should remain watchful. There are committees in Tendring District Council to provide funds for the elderly and she urged the Parish Council to make use of them. The Tendring Carers organisation are used extensively in the towns but their services are not well used or advertised in the villages. Mrs Elvin stated that the Rural Development Commissio may be able to assist with the village hall improvements.

Mr Rowe said that the village hall continues to be well used, Rising costs have unfortunately forced the committee to pass on minor increases to the users. Security is an ongoing problem. The Village Hall Committee have recently been quoted £7,500 for the installation of an infrared burglar alarm system. The Parish Council thanked the Village Hall Committee for their efforts during the last year.

Mr Christodoulides reported that the financial position of the 'Bromley Messenger' is encouraging. The accounts will be published next month. The quality of the magazine is very good thanks to Leonie Henderson and he extended thanks also to Mrs Fairley and her team for the distribution of the magazine. The next Council Meeting will be held on 11th May.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who supported the coffee morning at Ilex Farm. We are most grateful to all those who donated plants, cakes and sundries and to all that helped. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning as much as we did. We made a grand total of £267.50.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 27-29th May

Contributions of scones and cakes and help with the refreshments which will be served in the church each day will be greatly appreciated. Please 'phone Ann Fairley on 250229.

FOR THE THREE DAYS of the FLOWER FESTIVAL there will need to be two people on duty in the church daily from 11.00am-6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday, and 10.00am-6.00pm on Monday - one to sell programmes/maps/tickets for the Garden Open Day and one as steward in the church. Please put your name to the time you can give on the form on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

TO THOSE WHO are doing flower arrangements for the Festival we are meeting in the church between 6.00-8.00pm on Wednesday, 10th May - do come along we will be pleased to see you.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 28th March, 1995. The Chairman welcomed Mr B Goodwin from the Essex County Council Highways Department who was invited to attend to discuss problems within the village. Traffic calming through the village is of particular concern. Mr Goodwin said that it will be difficult to reduce speed as the village is so spread out but if the Parish Council could identify the "village envelope" then he would endeavour to set a limit within that area. The larger the area, however, the less impact traffic calming measures have. The Parish Council agreed to report back to Mr Goodwin.

The request for a footpath along Shop Road was discussed. Mr Goodwin agreed to look into the feasibility of this if supported by the Parishioners. Mr Goodwin agreed to have the white lines and "Slow" markings reinstated in Shop Road and the chevron sign and reflector posts on the school house corner will be replaced. Flooding problems in Barlon Road, Paynes Lane and Spratts Lane were brought to his attention.

The Parish Council asked if a rail or bollards could be erected near the telephone box to prevent cars being parked on the path opposite the shop. Mr Goodwin agreed to look into the feasibility of this request. The Chairman reported that there has been little progress in obtaining a plot of land for use as a playing field.

The Parish Council have objected strongly to Tendring District Council regarding the 10 year plan which does not allow for any development in the village until the year 2002. The unsafe tree leaning over the road near "Hiskeys Farm" has been reported to Tendring District Council. The Chairman reported that Mr J Osborne will not be standing for re- election on the Parish Council and he thanked him for his efforts and dedication for his 30 years' service to the community.

CHURCHYARD FUND

Grass cutting time is here again. Just a reminder for those who wish to donate to this fund to help pay to keep our churchyard beautiful. James Wild

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Village Hall Charity Trustees will be held at the Hall on Wednesday, 24th May at 7.30pm. The Public is welcome to attend this meeting, and any enquiries in regard to it can be made of the Secretary, R. L. Harding, Hollies, Colchester Road

[Ads as last month plus High Society]

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A COFFEE MORNING will be held in the School Room on Saturday, 20th May, 10.00am-12 noon.

There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall. Proceeds for Church funds. ALL ARE WELCOME

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP PLAYERS

In 1991 we formed a small "concert" party to entertain our Friendship Club, and word spread around to other Clubs who approached us to entertain them. Over the years we have visited many Clubs, to whom we charge £10 specially for the Hospice. On 20th May this year the Hospice celebrates their tenth anniversary and I am sure you will be interested to know that the Friendship Players have donated approximately £500 to date. *Vicky Griffiths*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS *[As last month]*

KITCHEN CORNER

Warmer weather makes us turn to lighter ideas in the pudding line. My family like rhubarb, especially when it is young and tender. I make fools and ice creams as well as crumbles and tarts. Lemons are refreshing too. Here is a recipe for Lemon Snow.

LEMON SNOW

½ pt cold water, 4 oz caster sugar, ½ oz gelatine, 2 lemons (rind and juice), 3 egg whites.
Put the water in a pan, sprinkle on the gelatine. Leave to soak 5 minutes then add grated rinds and sugar and stir over low heat till dissolved. Strain into mixing bowl and leave till cold. Add lemon juice and unbeaten egg whites. and whisk until thick and white. This may take 10 minutes. It will get thick as it sets. The more whisking the better the final result. When really thick, white and stiff. pour into serving dish and chill till set firm. Serve with cream.

Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION

DANCE to "THE SWEETING SWINGERS DANCE BAND"

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Ticket £5 including Light Buffet Music to suit all tastes Licenced Bar

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HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Advance Notice of Cyclathon on 4th June Organised by the Rotary Club of Colchester Forum, anyone prepared to cycle for H.D. is asked to contact Jean for sponsorship forms and details. We would be so grateful, as almost all our members are H.D. families so can't participate. 90% of the proceeds from the cyclist's efforts will go to Family Welfare if they elect to cycle for us.

Lamb Sunday took hundreds of families, including several from Great Bromley, to Fridaywoods Farm to see the ewes giving birth and the lambs frisking. It was a very friendly day and raised nearly £1,000.

Visit of our Neurologist Several new members came to the meeting when Dr Giles Elrington spoke to us. As well as a lively discussion on the problems faced by H.D. families, several had private interviews with Dr Elrington.

Boot Sale, Monday 29th May on Clacton Airfield One of our family members is collecting for this event. If anyone has anything they would care to offer, please contact me. *Jean Harding*

VILLAGE CAR BOOT SALE 24TH JUNE

Does your organisation need to raise funds? If you are a member of an organisation in the Bromleys and need funds for your work, then there will be a CAR BOOT SALE on 24th June at 9.00am at Morants, Colchester Road, Great Bromley. Stands are to be pre-booked at £6 for a 10 foot pitch. Preference will be given to village organisations (and some could possibly join together if unable to fill a whole pitch). Space will be available for other organisations, but with a maximum of 40 pitches in all. Profit will be given to St. George's Repair Fund. There will be catering facilities, ice cream van and Bouncy Castle for small children. For further information please contact Edward Daniels (230240) or Jean Harding (230425)

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 7 May 11.00am Elmstead Market Miss M Hollord

Sunday 14 May 11.00am Balls Green Mr R Gooch, 6.30pm Elmstead Market Revd J Robinson

Sunday 21 May 11.00am Balls Green Mr M Clegg

Sunday 28 May 11.00am Elmstead Market Mrs M Longley

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER Statement of Accounts

| <u>THE BROMLEY MESSENGER</u> | | |
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| <u>Statement of Accounts</u> | <u>1993/1994</u> | <u>1994/1995</u> |
| <u>Income</u> | £ | £ |
| Carried forward | 344.05 | 94.38 |
| Creditors | 0.00 | 155.00 |
| Donations | 140.00 | 355.00 |
| Advertisements | 63.00 | 150.00 |
| Sponsorship | 670.00 | 655.00 |
| Interest | 2.26 | 1.56 |
| Debtors | <u>155.00</u> | <u>90.00</u> |
| Total | <u>1374.31</u> | <u>1500.94</u> |
| | | |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | |
| Printing | 1098.45 | 1210.32 |
| Postage | 6.03 | 6.01 |
| Expenses | 20.45 | 42.85 |
| Debtors | 155.00 | 90.00 |
| (loss)/Gain | <u>94.38</u> | <u>151.76</u> |
| Total | <u>1374.31</u> | <u>1500.94</u> |

Honorary Treasurer
17 April 1995
LE. Christodoulides

For the first time since the introduction of the Messenger we would have made a loss. This was due to reduced sponsorship and local donations, though we did sell more advertising space. However the Parish Council donated £300 which has meant we start the new issues with one issue in hand but still two months not sponsored. Thank you for your support, especially our Editor, Leonie Henderson, and Anne Fairley's band of volunteer deliverers of our Magazine. If you have any questions please let me know.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

1 May Heather Brown & Sue Rampling, 8 May Ann Wild & Jean Harding,
15 May Olive Sparling & Jean Welham, 22 May Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush
29 May Royce Diaper & the J. Wests

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE GREAT BROMLEY

SERVICES during MAY

Sun 7 May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Family Service
3.00pm V.E. Day Service to celebrate 50 years of peace followed by refreshments
NO EVENSONG

Mon 8 May Both Gt and Lt Bromley churches will be open during V.E. Day for private prayer and thanksgiving (please give your names to the shop at Little Bromley if you can steward at Little Bromley. It is hoped to keep this church open from 10am-4.00pm but only if people volunteer!

Sun 14 May 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sun 21 May 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion
10.00am Rogationtide Service at Park Farm (Halsall's Farm) in Park Road, Ardleigh to pray for a good harvest and commend the work on the land to Almighty God. All welcome.

Sun 28 May 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Weekend of Flower Festival)
6.30pm Evensong

There is a Parish Communion every week at ARDLEIGH at 11.00am, B.C.P. Communion at 8.00am and Evensong at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Daily Prayer is offered in church at which requests on the intercessions board are mentioned. Please place any requests for prayer you have there. I welcome enquiries for Baptism, weddings and confirmation.

WEEKDAY SERVICES of HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh
Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley
Thursday 7.30pm . Ardleigh
Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers, Gt Bromley
Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newssheet

The Bromley Messenger June 1995

It was a delight to see so many people in church for our service to celebrate V.E. Day, and a pleasure to hear a variety of different people participating in the service. The working together of the Parish Council and the Parish Church proved to be a very fruitful combination that gathered much of the village together. Thanks to all who brought items of memorabilia for the exhibition, baked cakes, served tea, read prayers or helped in the organisation. We were well served with a visiting organist who deftly managed the transition from church organist to leader of a "war time" community sing song.

The essence of the Christian faith is found most especially in the gathering together of those who through shared experience and co-operation are able to enrich the life of the community as a whole. In villages like our own, village churches are very important places where people gather to celebrate to remember, and to ask God's blessing and help. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and they were empowered and enthused with the message. The Spirit descended not just upon a few but upon the whole company, it showed to the early church that it should be aware of the talents and gifts that God had given to his people. The days of the clergy-dominated church are over so we at Great Bromley are always happy to welcome people not only simply to sit in the pew to participate in our church life but perhaps to offer their time, experience and enthusiasm in ways large or small. The Rector is always happy to hear of those who would like to help in any way. There is plenty of scope. *Fr Trevor*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 Jun The Sweeting Swingers Dance Band, Village Hall, 8.00pm
4 Jun Cyclathon
7 Jun WI. Members' Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
8 Jun Garden Club meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
10 Jun Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete, 2.00pm
10 Jun St. George's School Barn Dance, Park Farm, 8.00pm
11 Jun Car Treasure Hunt, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, start 2.00-3.00pm
17-18 Jun Brightlingsea & District Rotary Club Steam & Vintage Fair,
Devereux Farm, Kirby-le-Soken
24 Jun Car Boot Sale, Morants, Colchester Rd, 9.00am
24 Jun Cricket Club Chairman's Day, Village Hall
2 Jul Conservative Strawberry Tea, Park Farm, 3.00pm
12 Aug Cricket Club Hog Roast & 60-70's Disco, Village Hall

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SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE CAR TREASURE HUNT

Sunday, 11th June

Commencing at the Home between 2.00-3.00pm and ending 4.15pm with a cup of tea and presentation of prizes.

Entry Adults £2.50 Children 14 and under free

For more information please telephone Barbara Bolton on 392520

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 4 June 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd J Robinson

Sunday 11 June 11.00am Balls Green Mr W Evans

Sunday 18 June 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr D Green

Sunday 25 June 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd V L Cameron

'The Messenger' this month is sponsored by COLCHESTER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL and LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL. We thank them both warmly for their support.

MATERIAL for the July edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 20th June please.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

The Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Lord Braybrooke, our patron came to the 2nd AGM held at Seven Rivers, together with the deputy mayor of Colchester and the Chairman of the T.D.C. Following the business meeting there was an address by the Vice President of the International HDA., Prue Wilday, and she shared with us the sense of dynamism, progress in research and positive thinking that flavours the international scene. Coming from an H.D. family herself, in which the eighth close member has recently been diagnosed, she was able to give us first hand experience at being at high risk of this hereditary disease, and showing her compassion and understanding of the problems. *Jean Harding*

BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB are having a Steam & Vintage Fair at Devereux Farm, Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th June. All day. In aid of charities.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Susan Baines VCO, was in great form at the May meeting taking us through the Resolutions that will be debated at the Annual Meeting to be held in Blackpool later this year. Two of the Resolutions concerning food gelling and identity cards made for some lively discussion. Yes, we have notched up a decade of donating cakes to the Hospice so we are eligible to send someone to their special 10-year Celebration. The Spring Group Meeting was a success. Len Blease, the magician, was particularly enjoyed and Gt Bromley won the competition. (Len will be at the Seven Rivers Fete on 10th June so you can all come and see him!) Names were collected for the visit to view Hamilton Lodge on 21st June and the August Outing. Next Meeting - Wednesday, 7th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This is our Members' Meeting so prepare yourselves for a FUN EVENING, 50p entrance includes refreshments and raffle ticket. Don't forget to bring something for the AUCTION and a THIMBLE for the Competition. *Pippa Hardy*

TODAY is TOMORROWS HISTORY

In April I asked for memories and thoughts from old and new Bromleians about living in Great or Little Bromley. Here is the first and I do thank Jean Harding for starting the ball rolling with such interesting memories of her life in the village in the not so distant past. Please everybody do put pen to paper and send in more memories & thoughts. It is going to be a fascinating series. *Editor.*

"47 years ago I came to this village determined to live in the country, though born in urban surroundings. I suspect I was a bit brash. My husband had come to work in what was then a rural practice of auctioneers and agricultural valuers, of which in due course he became senior partner. What we wanted was country life, space and freedom for growth for our as yet unborn children.

Great Bromley is not like many a village which has a street and a shop or two clustered round the church and the manor house, where one might walk and meet one's neighbours. I was quite contented with the isolation. I was perfectly happy with my "country life". I went down to my nearest neighbour in a cottage nearby to ask how to light the copper to wash the clothes and heat the bathwater. Of course we only had a hand pump to our well and the bath was a tin one in front of a cheerful old kitchen range. Another more endowed neighbour invited us to a weekly bath in more civilized surroundings, for which we were very grateful, but we were quite happy with our primitive lot. The loo was a short bicycle ride down the garden as it was described by an American writer friend of mine who came to stay, following it up with a witty article on "Life in rural Essex". John the fish, the butcher, the baker, and yes even the candlestick maker called regularly, the latter with the tin cans clattering on the side of the van, and with the vital supply of paraffin to keep us warm; no central heating in those days! I remember trundling a pram load of children over the road to Morants where they actually had a T.V. set, to watch the coronation of our queen. But it wasn't until my children started at the

Village School under Miss Merchant that I began to realize that the wonderful advantages we . enjoyed deserved a reciprocation. And so quietly, almost insidiously, I began to be "involved" and to realize how very special and precious is this country village life where at least one knows the neighbours, if any, and where one begins to realize the responsibility as well as the privilege, where "good breeding" matters little, but where continuity, now less strong but nevertheless very important, in the history of a family or village, be it cottage, farm or manor, does matter."

ALEXANDRA ROSE DAY

Between 3rd and 17th June there will be authorised local collectors calling to see you, and we hope you will give generously. The proceeds this year will go towards the welfare of local Huntington's Disease families living in the Colchester and district area. Thank you.

Jean Harding

KITCHEN CORNER

When the hot weather starts, we all look for cooling drinks. So here are a few ideas to try.

Elderflower Cordial:- Quantity to fill 2 large bottles

3lbs sugar, 3 pts boiling water, 4 oranges & lemons (any mixture) roughly cut up, 24 elderflower heads (shake off any insects), 1 oz tartaric or citric acid (from chemist or wine making suppliers). Put all into a large bowl, stir gently till sugar is dissolved then cover and leave 24 hours. Strain off into bottles, and dilute to taste. Keeps well in refridgerator 3-4 weeks.

Verandah Punch

2 oranges, ½ pt freshly made hot tea, 3 lemons, 1 pt soda water, ½pt sugar syrup, 1 pt ginger ale, Ice cubes

Mix the squeezed fruit juices with the syrup. Add the tea and let cool. Strain into a jug. Just before serving add soda water, ginger ale and some ice cubes.

Grapefruit Fizz

2pts ginger ale, 1 pt grapefruit juice, Add grushed ice before serving.

Milk Shakes for the Children

1pt chilled milk, add:

- 1) 1 good tablesp jam & 1 scoop icecream
OR
- 2) 2 sliced bananas
OR
- 3) 2 tablesp instant whip

Mix in blender and serve in tall glasses with a straw.

Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Spring Sale a success. Thank you from us all! Cynthia and Jenny will be entertaining us in June. The Competition - A Fan. *Mildred Purkis*

VILLAGE CAR BOOT SALE Saturday, 24th June - 9.00am-12 noon

Morants Field, Colchester Road, Great Bromley

Does your organisation need funds? Have you booked your pitch? All village organisations - and others - are invited to come at £6 a pitch. Proceeds to Church Roof Fund. Ice cream and burger bar, bouncy castle. Contact Edward Daniels on 230240

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners

| | March | April |
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| 1st prize | Mr Alan Marshall | Mr Frank Griffiths |
| 2nd prize | Mr Barry Hitchcock | Mrs Jean Sustin (London) |
| 3rd prize | Mr James Wild | Luke Coppin |

Chairman's Day will be held at the Village Hall on 24th June and we are holding a Hog Roast and 60-70's DISCO at the Village Hall on 12th August. Licensed Bar, Raffle, Bouncy Castle. Tickets for this event are £5 Adults, £2.50 Children from Philip Allam or Nigel Rowe. *Philip Allam*

THE HALL'S FURNITURE & FITTINGS. 1763 (contd)

Sir William Mannock died and was buried in Stoke by Nayland on 24 March, 1764. His widow was buried at Stoke in 1765. No doubt the items from Great Bromley Hall were carried to Stoke well before this as the family spent so much time in either Stoke or Great Bromley. Can't you see the house-keeper making the required list? The handwriting is poor and the spelling is queer. Items in (), [] are mine

"BURNTIN CHINA

7 dishes, 22 plat(e)s, 12 cups and a leaven (11) saucers (the usual breakage?], 6 coffe(e) cups, on(e) slop bason, a suger bason and top, 1 cream pott an(d) top, 2 bread and butter saucer, 1 half-pint mug, 1 canister and top, 2 jars and tops, 1 brown tea pott, one larg(e) punch ditto, 1 large railed tea bo(a)rd belonging to the best china, (tea tray), 1 doz'n of silver tea spoons, on(e) silver spoon boat belonging to the best china, 10 common tea spoons, 1 silver spoon belonging to the mustard pott, 1 pa(i)re of silver tea tongs".

Didn't our grandmothers have the same sort of things? Mine did.

John Appleby To be continued.

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GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Most of us will look round our gardens in the winter and think "roll on Spring when we can see the colour of the flowers" but after hearing about and seeing the slides which Mr Duncan brought at our May meeting we now know to look further than flowers but to the bark of trees, to the leaves of plants which have a certain magic about them when touched with frost to make them sparkle. Our next meeting is on 8th June at Seven Rivers - 7.30pm. *Vicky Griffiths*

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

At the recent Parish Council Election 14 Candidates stood for nine seats of whom the following were elected:

G. Cheeseman, L. Christodoulides, H. Fairley, V. Harris, J. Heaney, G. Kempster, A. Prior, S. Rampling and D. Sparling

Those who also stood for the Parish Council were: P. Petchey, W. Newland, E. Welham, J. Wild and B. Worthington

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION

At the recent District Council Election two Candidates stood for one seat: N. Rowe* (C) 275 A. Elvin (LID) 231

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 20th April, 1995.

The Inquiry for the proposed Gypsy site at Elmstead Market was discussed in some detail. Mrs Elvin stated that there is an urgent need for a permanent site in the District and she added that uncontrolled sites in villages are very problematic. She said that there is a desperate need for a controlled site. Major Heaney (Gypsy Action Committee) stated that if the proposed site is not approved then there will be no permanent site in the Tendring Area which will force gypsies onto public ownership land. Mrs Elvin represented the Parish Council at the Inquiry hearing where a written and verbal representation was made on behalf of the Parish Council.

Detailed proposals submitted by Essex County Council Highways Department for speed reduction at Hare Green, road markings outside the school and improved visibility in Frating Road were all agreed by the Parish Council. A letter of approval will be sent to the Highways Department.

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held on 11th, May, 1995.

Thanks were extended to Mr Henry Fairley, retiring Chairman, for his dedication and hard work carried out during his term of office. At the meeting Mr George Kempster was elected as Chairman and Mr Len Christodoulides was appointed Vice-Chairman. Mrs Susan Rampling will be the Parish Council representative at the Tendring District Association of Local Councils.

Mrs Angela Prior will continue as the Footpath/Rights of Way Officer. Mr Nigel Rowe, the newly elected District Councillor, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Rowe said that he officially 'takes office' on 16th May, 1995. He added that he would endeavour to attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible. One issue which he said he would like to address will be the re-alignment of the footpath system whereby footpaths could be re-routed to follow field boundaries. Mr Rowe said that he would continue to report to the Parish Council as the Village Hall Representative.

NEWSPAPER BANK For safety reasons please, please park your car in Church Meadow when using the Newspaper Bank. Thank you. Great Bromley Parish Council

CHURCH COFFEE MAKING ROTA

after the 9.30am service on Sundays

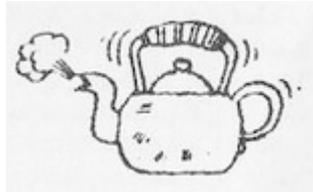
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11 June Jane West

18 June Olive Sparling

25 June - Any further offers to help?



VE DAY on Sunday, 7th May at 3.00pm

It was a sunny afternoon and over 100 villagers turned up at St George's Church to commemorate the Peace of 50 years. The bells rang as prayers were said at the War Memorial. During the service in the Church various representatives from village organisations read passages for the Litany of "Thanks", and "Reconciliation and Hope" culminating in a rousing rendering of Jerusalem lead by the Choir. The service was followed by a sing-a-long of old 40's favourites including Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again". On display at the side of the church were various articles of memorabilia, supplied by villagers which included ration books and an apron worn by a Lyons Corner House waitress. Tea and home made cakes were then provided to the strains of Glen Miller. The Parish Council thanks everybody for making this an unforgettable afternoon especially the Bell Ringers, the Choir, the cake makers and Father Trevor and James Wild for organising it. *Len Christodoulides*

RADAR IN WORLD WAR II

The single tower beside Hilliards Road is a reminder of the vital role that RADAR played in World War II. The RAF Great Bromley Radar Station was one of 21 Chain Home (CH) which ran the length of Britain from Sussex to the Orkneys. Following the "Daventry Experiment" in 1935 which showed that detection of aircraft by reflecting radio signals was practical, secret research was carried out at Bawdsey in Suffolk, resulting in the construction of the 'chain' which covered the entire East coast. Together with Canewdon in SE Essex, Dunkirk & Dover in Kent, early equipment tracked Chamberlain's flights to Munich in 1938, which resulted in the 'appeasement' of Hitler, and delayed the start of the war to September 1939.

Originally these were 4 steel transmitting towers 360ft high and 4 wooden ones for the receivers 240ft high, inside a compound of angle iron fencing, some of which still exists. as does the gate house. The equipment was housed in massive block-houses with thick concrete roofs, each surrounded by earth barriers to deflect bomb-blast. Again some of these can still be seen from the road.

The crucial lead which was never matched by the Germans was the direct land-lines from the Radar stations to 'Fitter Rooms'. Here the information on range, bearing, altitude and rough number of approaching aircraft measured by teams of Women's Auxiliary Airforce (WAAF) at each Radar Station were analysed and compared. Check readings could be called for before Fighter Control was advised of the enemy - all within minutes of the first detection.

The meagre resources of Spitfires and Hurricanes could then be husbanded, with scrambling left until interception was assured, leaving as much fuel for combat as possible, rather than wasting it 'stoozing around'. Without Radar, it is doubtful if the Battle of Britain could have been won. Radar is just one of many facets of World War II in a new book 'Under the Flight Path' based on diaries written throughout the conflict in SE Essex by Miss Zillah Harris. She lived near Southend and logged the air-raid warnings, bomb damage, and aircraft crashes in the area. She herself took part in Air Raid Precaution (ARP) work, was a billeting officer, and took two evacuees herself, she worked for the Women's Voluntary Services (WVS), Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) and at the local hospital. She was also Salvage Officer for her village, going round collecting almost anything to recycle. Apart from the background of diary extracts, there are details of aircraft crashes, parachute bombs and a famous parachutist, evacuation of the school children of Rochford to the Forest of Dean, the WVS, the WLA and the Home Guard, V1's and V2's. While SE Essex was 'Under the Flight Path' of German bombers (V1's) travelling up the Thames to London, in NE Essex many remember the opposite stream of our bombers passing overhead from air bases further north on their way to Germany.

Copies of the book 'Under the Flight Path' by Mark and Rosemary Roberts may be obtained from Nicky Robinson at £7.95.

Church Cleaning Rota

28 May Royce Diaper, Stan & Marjorie West 4 June Heather Brown & Sue Rampling
11 June Anne Wild & Jean Harding, 18 June Olive Sparling, Ben & Jean Welham
25 June Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush 2 July Royce Diaper, Stan & Marjorie West

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Olive and James

TENDRING SHOW CHURCH STAND

8th July, 1995 with ROLY BAIN! Baby change and ENTERTAINMENT

*** FREE ***

Eve of Show Service 7.30pm 7th July with Bishop Edward of Colchester

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTY GREAT BROMLEY SERVICES during JUNE

Sun 4 Jun 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

Thu 8 Jun 2.15pm PRAM SERVICE for pre-school children in the Rectory followed by refreshments

Sun 11 Jun TRINITY SUNDAY 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sun 18 Jun 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Sun 25 Jun 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Prayer is offered daily in the church. Please place any requests for prayer on the Intercessions Board.

Weekday Eucharist at Gt Bromley on Wednesdays at 9.30am and Fridays at 11.00am at Seven Rivers

Every Sunday there is an 11.00am Eucharist at ARDLEIGH and B.C.P. Communion at 8.00am and Evensong at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

I welcome any enquiries about baptism, confirmation and weddings.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Congratulations to BETH NEWLAND recently baptised.

IVY SKEET, ADA NORFOLK and BILLY CLEMENTS have recently died. We pray that they will rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Bromley Messenger July 1995

This month I begin my article by thanking all those who helped make the Flower Festival and Gardens' Day such a splendid event. It has been estimated that some 1,000 people actually visited our church and the surrounding gardens. The event raised £1,800! a very good result by any standard. While it is not always a good thing to repeat events of the same nature every year the P.C.C. have decided to stage a similar event next year in May, the exact weekend has not been finalised so if you feel you would like to be involved you have plenty of notice. During the summer months there is such a variety of events for many worthy causes held in the area that it is difficult to select a Saturday or Sunday when something else is not going on. Even though this can be frustrating for organisers it shows that people are prepared to give time and effort for a cause in order that the results of their work will help others. It means that there is an awareness of others and their need. Indeed the quality and character of a society begins to break down when people retreat into their own worlds and concerns and are only interested in their own families or friends.

The Christian faith has always tried to stress this aspect of things. Not a few organisations have been founded by people who have been inspired by Jesus' attitude to those in need. In one of his parables, after Jesus made those who were listening aware of the need to show compassion to those who were sick, bereaved, in prison, hungry or thirsty he asked a rhetorical question "when did you visit me when I was in need?" *"in as much as you did it to the least of my brethren you did it unto me ..."* An encouragement to us all to get involved and give of ourselves. *Fr Trevor*

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FLOWER AND GARDENS WEEKEND Very many thanks to all those who helped to make the weekend so enjoyable and successful, to all who opened their gardens and to the many who helped with the Flower Festival. The total raised was .£1,876.65. *Ann Wild*



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THE ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL to raise funds for Research invite you to a

Morning in the Garden at The Old Rectory, Little Bromley on Sunday, 16th July 11am-1pm . Bring & Buy stall, Cakes, Plants, Tombola, Raffle etc. Sideshows Entrance (inc. glass of Wine) £2

TOC H, ELMSTEAD

I noticed with interest Father Trevor mentioned The V. E. Day TOC H Vigil of Peace in your May 'Bromley Messenger'. We have a very active TOC H branch in Elmstead Market if anyone would care to join us. We meet at our Chairman's bungalow, 65 Lucerne Road, The Hollies, Elmstead Market on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm. *Sylvia Passmore*

[10 Business card Ads as before:

Sweet Success; Ivan Arthey; PJ Samson Builders, Ardleigh Used; Top to Bottom; Odd Job Man; Logan Kemp; Pleass Thomson & Co., Elmstead Kodaly School of Music, High Society]

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 Jul Conservative Strawberry Tea, Park Farm, 3.00pm
3 Jul Garden Party with Leigh Singers at Grove House, 2.15pm
5 Jul WI Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
8 Jul Tendring Show
13 Jul Garden Club visit to Hearts Delight Nursery, 7.00pm
14 Jul Colchester Institute Roadshow, Hare Green 11.30-2pm & Church Meadow, 2.30-4pm
14/15 Jul H.D. Collection at Tesco Highwoods
15 Jul St George's Church Barbecue, Church Meadow, 6.30pm
16 Jul Arthritis & Rheumatism Council Morning in the Garden,
The Old Rectory, Lt Bromley, 11am-1.00pm
18 Jul H.D. meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.00pm
20 Jul Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting
7 Jul Friendship Club outing to Debenham Pottery, meet Elmstead 9.30am
2 Aug WI visit to Sudbury, meet Village Hall, 12 noon
12 Aug Cricket Club Hog Roast & 60-70's Disco, Village Hall, 7.00pm
9 Sep Sponsored Diocesan Cycle Ride
28 Sep Harvest Festival Service with Wine to follow
30 Sep Stour Choral Society, St George's Church
1 Oct Harvest Lunch

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mr Burgess will be talking to us about 'Medicine and Ailments in Bygone Days'. Sounds very interesting! The Competition - An arrangement of Herbs in an eggcup.

A REMINDER - The coach for the outing of Thursday, 27th July to Debenham Pottery with tea at Stowmarket leaves Elmstead at 9.30am. *Mildred Purkis*

THANKS

I was so surprised to see so many of my old parishioners at Little Horkesley on Whitsunday when I celebrated the 40th anniversary of my ordination as a Priest. I would like to thank all who came, all who sent me their best wishes, and Father Trevor for cancelling his evening service to allow them to attend. It brought back to me the happy years I Spent in the parish - thank you all for giving me the lovely surprise that you did and for sharing with me on that happy and significant occasion. *Paul Davis*

The Leigh Singers invite you to a GARDEN PARTY to be held at Grove House, Gt Bromley on Monday, 3rd July, 2.15pm-4.30pm Raffle, stalls etc.

Tickets £2 (includes entertainment and strawberry tea) Tickets available from Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-12 noon £2.00 per session.

Toddlergroup Wednesdays 10.00am-11.45am £1.00 per session

Thank you to Hilary, Karen, Andy, Liz, Sue and Nicky for performing in the Fire Charity Swim last October. They raised a grand amount of £400 for Playgroup and Toddler Group. Welcome to Carol who is helping Sue on a Monday morning. We have some spaces free should you know of any three year olds or children coming up to three who would like to come along. Please ring Nicky on 01206 230229.

Please remember Toddler group wishes to see as many under three's as possible!

Kelly Hazelton (01255 830063)

THERE WILL BE NO P.C.C. meeting in July as originally arranged. Next meeting on 19th September at The Rectory.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 7th June, the full board of Trustees, and certain members of staff (about 15 in all and including The Rt. Hon. Peter Brooke M.P., The Bishop of Beverley and the Dean of Carlisle) visited Little Bromley on a tour of churches in North East Essex and Suffolk on behalf of the Churches Conservation Trust. The architect gave a short talk on the condition of the church. It was generally considered to be in good condition, with only minor repointing needed. Just before the visit, the Archbishop Laud window had been repaired, and grilles refitted on all the stained glass windows.

Points raised were:

1. That the windows should be put back in the old porch.
2. The cost of renewing the outside light was probably too expensive as all the cable had been broken in the restoration.
3. The coat of arms should be hung and displayed in the church. The Trustees generally said what a delightful small church it was, & that they hoped it would continue to be used; we thanked them for their help. *Bill Walker*

The Rector comments

Sometimes people get confused about the status and function of St Mary's, Little Bromley. Some years ago it passed into the hands of the Churches Conservation Trust, a body that deals with churches that are redundant and have ceased to be centres of Parochial worship because there is no viable congregation to make this a sensible proposition. (St George's is now the Parish church of the Bromleys) However this does not mean that the church is not being used or does not have a role in the sentiments of the village. It is hoped that the people of Little Bromley will continue to visit the church from time to time and feel that they want to express their affection for it by caring for it and its surrounding churchyard. At the the moment there is a clear need for the churchyard to be cared for by the locals. Bill Walker and George Kent will be happy to receive donations to "Little Bromley Churchyard Fund" that will be used to cut the grass and keep the churchyard tidy or, alternatively, to know of those who are able to help with its upkeep. A clear expression that the people of Little Bromley wish to care for and continue to use and value their church as a sacred site.

The Rector, Fr Trevor

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Members' Meeting which was held on Wednesday, 7th June in the Village Hall was well attended and the President welcomed four visitors. Names were taken for the Summer Outing to Sudbury in August and for the visit to Hamilton Lodge on 21st June. Stewards are needed for the W.I. Show at Writtle, any volunteers? The W.I. Bulb Scheme forms are available from the Secretary.

Jill Frostick was the Chairman for the "Members" part of the evening. Five teams keenly competed in a quiz to become Gt Bromley Brain Boxes. The Red Team of Jean Wright, May Cutner, Ina Warboys and June Willgress won the title by just one point - all good humoured fun! This was followed by some very tasty refreshments, a raffle and a Fun Auction. A new member, Nadia Holmes, proving she has missed her vocation with her auctioneering skills.

Mrs Appleby will be greatly missed by all the W.I. members. She was a loyal and enthusiastic member for many years.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 5th July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Drama and Turns by Members - I suspect this will be a memorable evening. *Pippa Hardy*

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Schools and Colleges will shortly be closing for the summer, if not already so, and parishioners should be aware of the above foundation which gives grants for educational purposes. This is an advance notice and you should look in the Village Post Office, the next 'Messenger' and other outlets for further details. Claims can be made until October but don't hesitate to apply if you would like to be considered, or contact me for further information. J. Harding, Trustee

MATERIAL for the August edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 18th July please.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Very many thanks to all the collectors and those who contributed to the Alexandra Rose Day collection. The final total was £249.63 - an excellent result 80% of which will go towards needful welfare for HD. members of this branch. I understand that in some parts of the village Action Aid and Lifeboat collections were going on simultaneously. This obviously was bad organisation. We apologise and I am taking it up with the appropriate authority. Look out for our Stand at the Tendring Show. We won't be asking you for money but will love to see you and give you a welcome. The Tesco Highwoods collection is on 14th and 15th July. Any help, even for an hour, would be gratefully accepted. Contact Jean Harding 230425.

There will be an evening meeting of family members and friends at Seven Rivers on Tuesday, 18th July at 7.00pm. Anyone interested would be more than welcome.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 8th June, 1995. The Council heard that the newspaper bank is being well used. As there have been some complaints that the bank is an eyesore the Council have requested that it be re-sited further back behind the hedge. Enquiries will be made as to whether or not revenue from this will affect the Council Tax.

There is to be a site visit by the ECG Highways Department on 14th June to discuss fencing in Mary Lane North to prevent further unauthorised gypsy encampments. It was reported that the play equipment at Hare Green is to be re-painted to cover the graffiti and the Council have agreed to supply the paint.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council was held on 18th May, 1995. Mr R Poulter was re-elected as Chairman and Mr P Ollivant was appointed Vice-Chairman. Other Council members are Mr P Herring, Mr J Pleass and Mr G Kent.

At this meeting the Parish Council representatives were appointed as follows:-

Tendring District Association of Local Councils Mr R Poulter

Footpath/Rights of Way Officer Mr G Kent

Tree Warden Mr P Herring

Transport Mr P Ollivant

It was reported that the grass has been cut on the plot of land adjacent to the shop in Shop Road allowing the children to use it as a play area. A letter of thanks will be sent to Messrs Enever, Munt and McRae for their efforts.

Only a few public footpaths in the village have been maintained. Mr Mallett of Essex County Council will be asked to pursue this with the local landowners.

Approval will be sought from Essex County Council Highways for traffic calming measures through the village between "Five Farthings" and Mulleys Farm". Additionally approval will also be sought for a footpath along Shop Road.

The Parish Council will endeavour to locate four neighbourhood watch signs at the following locations: 1. On the footpath sign near "Hunters Moon", Chequers Road 2. Near "Five Farthings" 3. Rectory Road 4. Bentley Road. On the Little Bromley sign.

Future Parish Council meeting dates were agreed as follows:

20th July, 1995, 28th September, 1995, 23rd November, 1995, 25th January, 1996, 28th March, 1996, 4th April, 1996 - Parish Assembly

Mrs S Shute, Parish Clerk

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH BARBEQUE

In Church Meadow Saturday, 15th July 6.30pm 'til late

Music * Entertainment * Food * Bar * Bouncy Castle

Tickets £3 Children £1 from Village Shop, Rector or Churchwardens

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

are running an outing to Sudbury Silk Mills and Gainsborough Art Museum and have a few spare seats. Wednesday, 2nd August starting at Gt Bromley Village Hall at 12 noon. Cost £10.50 includes coach and entrance to Mill and Museum.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

At our meeting on Thursday, 8th June we spent a quiet time watching a video on the planning and construction of a garden from a pile of rubble to the completion. The estimated cost which the house-owner had budgeted for was £10,000 but the final figure was £9,900 which gave us all an intake of breath! - more so as this was a "town house" back garden, but the presenter did say one could obtain a loan from the bank!!?

On 13th July a visit has been arranged to Hearts Delight Nursery, Lawford - will members please meet there at 7.00pm *Vicky Griffiths*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dear Parishioners I'm afraid that since I last wrote we have had a few crimes reported to us, especially in the last month. There has been a dwelling burglary in the Balls Green area of Gt Bromley and an attempted burglary in the Brook Street area. Quick thinking and actions by a neighbour and the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the area almost caught the person responsible in the case of the attempted burglary. This case is rather disturbing in that the occupant was in the house at the time. A while Cavalier-type vehicle was seen making off from the scene. Pub car parks seem to be a target at the moment, vehicles are being broken into and all sorts of items stolen from coats, handbags and stereos to headlights and a front grill being stolen from a BMW. A car was also stolen from a pub car park in Lt Bromley. Once again building sites and houses being renovated are being visited by the criminal fraternity. Anything from copper piping to expensive power tools are being stolen.

Beware of anyone calling at your house asking if you would like your drive re-surfaced with tarmac. A number of roadworks are going on at the moment and anyone calling will have nothing to do with the contractors but will most probably be from a "cowboy outfit" who will either not do a decent job or not even complete the job. Anyone with a business in the villages is also urged to be aware of persons claiming to be from a rates bureau. They claim to be able to get a reduction in your business rates for a fee but it would seem this bureau is taking monies for a service they are not providing. They are currently under investigation by the Metropolitan Police. *CJ. Phillips - PC1061*

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

will be holding a HOG ROAST and 60-70's Disco on Saturday, 12 August at Great Bromley Village Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets £5 Adults, £2.50 children. Licensed Bar, Raffle, Bouncy Castle Tickets available from Philip Allam or Nigel Rowe.

100 Club Winners MAY: 1st Dale Coppin, 2nd Phil Wright, 3rd Michael Tearle. *Philip Allam*

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Once again I express my sincere appreciation for your support of my Coffee Morning on 16th May last. £210 was raised and the Save The Children Fund have asked me to thank you all on their behalf. *Rose F Field*

COFFEE MAKING ROTA after the 9.30am Service on Sundays

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9 July Anne Fairley

16 July Jane West 30 July ??

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR GREAT BROMLEY

SERVICES during JULY

- Sun 2 Jul 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Family Service with school leavers of the final year of St. George's School
6.30pm Sung Evensong
- Sun 9 Jul 9.30am Parish Eucharist
- Thu 13 Jul 2.15pm PRAM SERVICE followed by tea in The Rectory garden (weather permitting)
- Sun 16 Jul 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Sung Evensong
- Sun 23 Jul 9.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evening Service with the Guides from Frinton
(who are camping this week at Seven Rivers)

Sun 30 Jul (A 5th SUNDAY)

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

We will have with us this Sunday the Choristers from St. Nicholas, North Walsham, one of the last surviving traditional Parish choirs in East Anglia. They will be singing with us at 10.00am at Ardleigh, St Mary's and 6.30pm Choral Evensong at Gt Bromley. DON'T MISS THIS opportunity to experience the best in the Anglican choral tradition. It will be glorious!

NO 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gt Bromley.

Prayer is offered daily in church. Please place your requests on the Intercessions Board.
Weekday Eucharist at Gt Bromley on Wednesday, 9.30am and Fridays 11.00am at Seven Rivers (Ardleigh Tuesday, 9.30am and Thursday, 7.30pm)

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Evensong is at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays I welcome enquiries about baptism, confirmation and weddings. I

if you are unable to come to church on Sunday why not come to a short said celebration of Holy Communion during the week.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Mrs ENID APPLEBY and CAROLINE MCDONALD

The Bromley Messenger August 1995

August is a month when many minds turn to holidays and relaxation. Even if we do not actually go away we notice the schools stand empty and evening classes and meetings all but cease. As parents we have more opportunity to be with our children and will possibly even hear our offspring mention that they "are bored". The principle of rest and relaxation is enshrined in the Bible. In the creation story we are told that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh - the Sabbath. The people of Israel in their lives were asked to follow that pattern. I do not believe that we are being asked to accept that God literally made the world in six days these stand as periods of time that show the progression of creation that we know happened over millions of years. What is important is that there was a clear pattern when work gave way to rest and intense activity was followed by inactivity.

This tells us in an age when we are so concerned with what we do and achieve that we must also pause to consider what and who we are. The 'how' we relate to our friends and families and how we keep in touch with our inner selves and our inner equilibrium is as important as what we may or may not achieve in the material world. Relaxation and rest gives us the opportunity to develop that aspect of our lives. Reflection helps us realise what are the really important issues of our lives and who we really are. To put it another way "To Be is as important as To Do".

Fr. Trevor

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- 5 Aug Jumble Sale, Burnt Heath Methodist Church, 10.00am
- 10 Aug Garden Club meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
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- 15 Aug 'Messenger' copy to Editor
- 22 Aug Coffee Morning, 'Arethusa', Ardleigh Road, 10.00am
- 30 Aug Huntington's Disease meeting, Seven Rivers, 11.15am
- 4 Sep Badminton Club new season starts
- 9 Sep Sponsored Diocesan Cycle Ride, meet St. George's Church, 10.00am
- 11 Sep Playgroup starts
- 13 Sep Toddlergroup starts
- 18 Sep Playgroup Annual General Meeting, Badley Hall Farm, 8.00pm
- 26 Sep Pantomime Group Casting Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Sep Pantomime Group Auditions, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Sep Harvest Festival Service with Wine to follow
- 30 Sep Stour Choral Society, St. George's Church
- 1 Oct Harvest Lunch
- 15-16 Oct Fire Swim (Playgroup)
- 21 Oct Playgroup Table Top / Craft Fair, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 3 Nov Playgroup Fireworks Party

GREAT BROMLEY BADMINTON CLUB

Last season we played some very enjoyable matches finishing third in both the Men's and Mixed Leagues. Club nights were generally not well attended, new or old members would be very welcome to come along. The first Club night of the new season will be 4th September. Please come. *Mrs J Golding*

RECREATION FIELD

Once again interest in the Recreation Field at Hare Green seems to have fallen by the wayside. New members for the committee are desperately needed to help organise events to raise money. Every year the play equipment on the field has to have a safety check and be insured. This costs around £200. This money has to come from somewhere. If no new members are forthcoming, the current committee will be standing down having worked extremely hard over the past few years. The running of the field will then be handed back to the Parish Council. Anybody interested in joining the committee please contact Chris Phillips at the Police House. *C J Phillips*

MATERIAL for the September edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 15th August please.

ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB, GT BROMLEY

Fifteen children and six adults from the Youth Club spent a very enjoyable weekend at the East Mersea E.C.C. Youth Camp on 17th and 18th June. We all took part in the assault course, caving and Ariel Runway (sliding down a 100m rope from an 8m tower).

We have been lucky enough to receive grants from the Rural Tending Community Trust for sports equipment. We have already bought rounders bats and balls, an indoor Short Tennis set, Unihoc set, table tennis net, bats and balls and a selection of hard and soft footballs. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for paying our insurance this year. Don't forget Youth Club is on Wednesday evenings, 5-6.30pm in Great Bromley Village Hall (term time only). 75p each, age 9 years upwards. *Chris Taylor*

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-12 noon £2.25 per session

Toddlergroup Wednesdays 9.45am-11.40am £1.00 per session

During the summer months the Village Hall will be undergoing alterations so when we return on Monday, 11th September we will be using the Fire Exit door around the back by the kitchen as our main entrance. Unfortunately we will also be increasing our fees to £2.25 per session from September, but Toddler Group still remains at £1.00 per session.

Good luck to Victoria, Jimmy, Sherrie, Ben, Kirsty, Alice, Chloe, David and James who are all leaving to start school in September. Sadly we must also say "Goodbye and Thank You" to Sue who is leaving too - you will be missed.

Dates

11 Sep Autumn Term Starts

13 Sep Toddler Group Starts

18 Sep Playgroup A.G.M. - 8.00pm Badley Hall Farm

15-16 Oct Fire Swim

21 Oct Table Top/Craft Fair 2.00pm Village Hall. Anyone interested in a table contact Nicky Robinson

3rd Nov Fireworks Party

SUPERVISOR WANTED with DPP or equivalent Monday & Wednesday mornings. *Nicky Robinson*

JUMBLE SALE in aid of Methodist Church Funds at Burnt Heath Methodist Church on Saturday, 5th August from 10.00am ALL WELCOME

WILL THE PERSON who purchased a neck pillow from the "Morants" Car Boot Sale and failed to collect please telephone 01206 230585

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are having a Bingo session (there won't be a Jackpot Rollover I'm afraid) and some entertainment at our August meeting. Tie Competition - a Teapot *Mildred Purkis*

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Dear Parishioners

Once again there have been one or two crimes reported to the police. Another attempted burglary, this time in Badley Hall Road, was reported. This was discovered after the alarm had gone off two days running at a house. Maybe the would-be burglar was disturbed by the alarm.

Criminal damage has been reported to us at the Hare Green pumping station. Windows have been broken possibly by stones being thrown. The Village Hall has suffered yet another break in. Each time the same window is attacked. It would appear nothing was stolen but £100 worth of damage has been caused. There is a good possibility the same people as breaking into the hall. If anybody has any information regarding this or any other crime please let me know.

The play equipment on the Recreation Field at Hare Green is constantly being covered with graffiti. A lot of this is offensive especially to parents with young children. Some has already been painted out but more work is necessary. Anybody found writing on the equipment will be charged for criminal damage.

On a final note, a warning to owners of expensive 4-wheel drive vehicles. These are currently in demand by thieves. Make sure you have a good alarm fitted and please use it. If anybody has lost a gold coloured large earring it can be collected from PC Phillips. *C J Phillips PC1061*



On 9th September there will be a group of adults and children setting out from St. George's Church at 10.00am to visit a number of churches and chapels in the area. We will be arriving back at the Rectory for tea at 4.00pm. Come and join us. It will be great fun and you will help our local churches and chapels through your sponsorship monies.

ALL WELCOME.

Forms available from Yvonne Cobbold

THE HALL'S FURNITURE & FITTINGS, 1763 (cont.)

The last list was an account of the Mannocks best china. Now we come to the everyday used china. Again, I like the spelling and the way of listing! "BLUE AND WHITE CHINA 1 turren and dish, 1 soop dish, 14 other dishes, 4 dishes of an other pattern, 4 sauce boats, 6 china patty pans, six egg cups, 6 pint basons and six half pint ditto, 2 punch bowls, 4 scollip tart dishes, 4 dozen of china plat(e)s all. but one (so that is 3511, 12 soop pleats, 7 china coffe(e) cupps, 1 tea spoon boat, 1 blue and white china tea pott and tppp, 1 sugear bason and top, 2 blue and white jars and tops, 2 bottles, one canister with out a top, 1 tea potte and top, 6 coffe cupps, 6 custard cupps, 2 tea chests lthat is "caddies"1."

Be honest! We have the same sort of mixture of china today. *John Appleby (to be continued)*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

PERMANENT LOVING HOME WANTED for neutered male tabby cat called 'Harry' approximately 2 years old, very affectionate with people, but will not tolerate dogs. Fully vaccinated against cat 'flu, enteritis & Leukaemia and comes with 'starter kit' (litter tray, bowls etc.) Telephone Pat Peachey on 01206 393527

FOUND - very friendly female Black and White cat. Owner please telephone Nicky

COFFEE MORNING

on 22nd August at 'Arethusa' (Mrs Hurst's), Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley from 10.00am till 12 noon in aid of Methodist Church Funds

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 13 July. It was reported that Essex County Council intends to install access restricting posts along the verge in Mary Lane North with the aim of preventing further unauthorised gypsy encampments. The Parish Council will request a completion date for this work from the E.C.C. Highways Department. Although Tendring District Council insists that all rubbish and debris has been cleared from Mary Lane North, it was reported to the Parish Council that this is not the case. A large amount of rubbish, car seats, bottles and a table remain in the Spinney. A site visit will therefore be made by the Parish Council who will then pursue this with the District Council. Maintenance work will soon be carried out on the village sign and Cathy Hayward, our newly appointed "Tree Warden", agreed to weed and plant flowers on the surrounding garden.

Fr. Trevor would like to thank all who contributed to the success of the St. George's Barbecue. It was good to see so many villagers enjoying a summer evening together.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP CASTING MEETING

26th September, 7.30pm

AUDITIONS - 28th September, 7.30pm for 'SleepingBeauty'
(10, 11, 12, 13 January, 1996) All Welcome *Nigel Rowe* .

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our July meeting the President welcomed guests from Wivenhoe W.I. and said thank you letters had been received from Seven Rivers, Hamilton Lodge and The Hammerbeam Roof Appeal. Mrs Usher (Wivenhoe W.I.) gave a good delegate's report on the recent Blackpool A.G.M. and Rita Baxter shared with us the excellent results of her Decoupage weekend at Denham; she expressed thanks for the Bursary.

There are several things to make a note of:-

A delegate is wanted for the half-yearly Council Meeting on 13th October.

Thursday, 26th October. Stour Activities are holding a Patchwork Class and for the November Meeting members are requested to bring along items of their own handicrafts (ancient or modern!) to exhibit.

Some of our own very talented members provided the evening's entertainment of drama, poetry and singing which was great fun and enjoyed by all.

Outing - Wednesday, 2nd August to visit Silk Factory and Gainsborough's House in Sudbury. Depart Village Hall at 12 noon, return approximately 6.00pm. A few places left so contact Mary Clarke on 251939. *Pippa Hardy*

It is with sadness that we bid' farewell to Colin Whittle, our faithful organist at St. George's. We will miss his friendship, good humour and musicianship.

ORGANIST REQUIRED for ST. GEORGE'S, GREAT BROMLEY.

Following the resignation of Colin Whittle who will shortly be moving to France we are looking for someone who will be able to play at our main 9.30am service every Sunday and at Festivals. A fee is of course payable. Contact the Rector, Fr. Trevor, or the Churchwardens, Olive Sparling and James Wild.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

"Hearts Delight" - what an appropriate name for a Garden Centre when you see the fascinating array of geraniums when entering, then the Shrub section followed by benches of flowering plants and magnificent hanging baskets. Our meeting held there on 13th July was extremely interesting when Adrian demonstrated to us the making up of a hanging basket using a tall flower - i.e. a geranium in the centre then surrounded by trailing plants. The "potting-on" system is very mechanised and Ross explained to us very fully how the thousands of cuttings, which are already in plug modules, are transferred into 3" pots which have been filled automatically by machine. Hanging baskets for the Autumn: we were also shown plants we could use to give us colour in the garden for the Winter months.

Many thanks to Mrs Biddis who invited us to her home to have coffee which rounded off a very pleasant evening. Our next meeting will be at Seven Rivers on Thursday, 10th August when Mr Gould will be speaking to us on wine and beer making - don't forget your "SMALL" glass for tasters! - usual time 7.30pm. *Vicky Griffiths*

BOOK REVIEW

"CHANGES IN A RURAL ENGLISH VILLAGE" by L P Lonsdale is a most interesting pictorial record of more than a hundred years in Thorpe-le-Soken and Landermere, compiled by a member of one of the original families. A treasure for all of us ordinary folk made by one of us.

Irene Wilkinson

THE ROOF REPAIR COMMITTEE MEETING has been postponed to Wednesday 2nd August, 8.00pm at Mr John Clapham's home.

BROWNIES

Welcome to Emily K and Claire who have joined Brownies and taken their Promise and also to Sharlene who is taking her Promise at the beginning of next term. Goodbye and good luck to

Beth, Emily H, Gemma, Katie and Rochelle who have now left to go on to Guides where they have been regular visitors for the past few weeks.

During the term Kate and Emily H gained their Roadway badge and Emily P, Lisa, Elizabeth and Natasha their Footpath badge. Beth obtained her Artist badge, Penny her Cook badge and Kate & Elizabeth their Water Rescuer badge. The whole Pack received Peace badges for their contributions to the Peace Packs which went out to Africa for refugee children.

Marjorie Culham visited us one evening with Guide dog puppy, Page, who is about to go off to be fully trained. We have also made 'magic' bags, had origami boat races, made water bottle timers and enjoyed, many thanks to the Cheshire Home, races and Scavenger Hunts in the gardens.

The Brownies also created a floral arrangement as part of the Church Flower Festival.

Various Brownies have discovered the fun of District Sixer/Seconder Day, the District Fun Water Day in aid of Thailand Aid Project and District Brownie Revels. I hope everyone enjoys their holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone, and also anyone over 7 who would like to join, on Thursday, 21st September at 5.30pm *Brown Owl*

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Very many thanks are due to the local friends who helped in our collection at Highwoods Tesco on 15th and 16th July - Edie and Fred Wickham, Val and Ian Harris. Results will be reported in the next issue, but so far are very promising. Many thanks to Royce Diaper and Sylvia Mangan who so kindly help and care for our HD families' children during our meetings. This gives a necessary opportunity for these young parents to participate and talk, free of diversion. Thank you too to Rose Field who quietly deals with coffee and raffles. It was good to meet so many of our friends at our Tendring Show stand. The highlight of the lives of one of our affected members, Tony, and his wife Di, an active committee member, was when they attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, representing our Branch. They deserved that great experience!!

Our August meeting will be on Wednesday, 30th at 11.15am at Seven Rivers when a specialist genetic nurse from Addenbrookes will be in conversation with our families. *Jean Harding*

[10 Business card Ads as before:

Sweet Success; Ivan Arthey; PJ Samson Builders, Ardleigh Used; Top to Bottom Hoem Cleaning; Odd Job Man; Logan Kemp, Handyman; Pleass Thomson & Co., Elmstead Kodaly School of Music, High Society evening wear]

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 6 Aug 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd R Gooch

Sunday 13 Aug 11.00am Balls Green Mr W Evans

Sunday 20 Aug 11.00am Elmstead Market Miss M Holford

Sunday 27 Aug 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr P Bingham

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR GREAT BROMLEY

SERVICES during AUGUST

Sun 6 Aug 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Sun 13 Aug 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sun 20 Aug 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist with prayers to commemorate VJ. Day 6.30pm Evensong - with a VJ. theme

Sun 27 Aug 9.30am Parish Eucharist

There will be NO midweek services during August as it is a time when so many are away.

The Bromley Messenger September 1995

This month the magazine may be a little leaner than usual. This is of course an inevitable consequence of August. During this period people are either away regenerating themselves or if you are a farmer it is your busiest time of year. However if you are a struggling editor of a parish magazine the lull in news which August produces is a golden opportunity to come to grips with a new word processing package. By next month I hope I will be on top of it rather than it on top of me ready to cope with the flood of items for October's edition. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays! *Leonie Henderson. Editor*

The 'Messenger' this month is sponsored by THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE BROMLEYS whom we thank most gratefully for their support. MATERIAL for the October edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson. by Tuesday, 19th September please.

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, 24th September at 11.00am Conducted by Revd. J Robinson The produce will be sold at the close of the service. All are Welcome. Proceeds for Church Funds

VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS

The collection taken during V.S.O. week in the Balls Green area and Frating Road totalled £45, a splendid result, for which I received a grateful letter of thanks from the V.S.O. headquarters. Many thanks indeed to all the residents who so generously supported this appeal. *Jill Frostick*

HARVEST EVENSONG

followed by Sharing of Memories of Rural Harvest Time over a glass of wine (£1).

Do come and enjoy this informal sharing of our past. It is so important that the past is kept alive in this way and that younger and more recent members of the Village hear how things used to be. Come along and bring your memories.

PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS HARVEST LUNCH

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 12.15pm for 12.45pm at Great Bromley Village Hall, including Glass of Wine/Soft Drink Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon. You may bring your own drink if you wish. Adults £3.50 Children £1.50 Under School Are Free

Limited number of tickets - Get yours from Yvonne Cobbold 230360 or The Post Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 Sep Lawford & District Horticultural Society Show, Ogilvie Hall, 2.00pm

4 Sep Badminton Club new season starts

9 Sep Sponsored Diocesan Cycle Ride, meet St. George's Church, 10.00am

9 Sep Huntington's Disease Assn Regional Meeting, Village Hall

11 Sep Playgroup starts, 13 Sep Toddler Group starts

14 Sep Great Bromley Parish Council Meeting

14 Sep Garden Club meeting

17 Sep Harvest Festival, Burnt Heath Methodist Church, 11.00am

18 Sep Playgroup Annual General Meeting, Badley Hall Farm, 8.00pm

21 Sep Friendship Club meeting

22 Sep Huntington's Disease Assn. outing to Greenacre Cattery, 2.00pm

23 Sep Bell Ringing Meeting at St. Mary's, Little Bromley, 3.30pm followed by service at 4.30pm

24 Sep Harvest Festival, Balls Green Methodist Church

26 Sep Pantomime Group casting Meeting, Village Hall, 8.00pm

27 Sep Huntington's Disease Assn. Family Meeting, Seven Rivers, 11.15am

28 Sep Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

28 Sep Harvest Festival Service with Wine to follow, 7.00pm

28 Sep Pantomime Group Auditions, Village Hall, 8.00pm

1 Oct Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.15pm

7 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm

14 Oct Coffee Morning, Stacies Farm, Little Bromley, 10.00am

15-16 Oct Fire Swim (Playgroup) 21 Oct Playgroup Table Top/Craft Fair, Village Hall, 2.00pm

3 Nov Playgroup Fireworks Party

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Millie Clark and friends will be entertaining us at our meeting on 21st September, providing us with a very pleasant afternoon. The Competition - The Prettiest Button on a Card. *Mildred Purkis*

BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday, 17th September at 11.00am , All Welcome

On Monday, 18th September there will be a HARVEST SUPPER followed by Entertainment by The Revd John Robinson and Sale of Produce. Tickets £2.00 from 230585 or 230166

FOOTPATHS - GREAT BROMLEY

It has been reported by local residents that the finger post and footpath have been obstructed by the contractors working on the new development at church corner. This has been reported to the ECG and a Public Rights of Way Officer will visit the site. Further reports of damaged and misplaced finger posts have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. The Clerk has forwarded all details to E.C.C. We will report the outcome of these complaints in next month's magazine. *A. Prior, Footpath Representative*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOUND - very friendly female Black and White cat. Owner please telephone Nicky 251115.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

CASTING MEETING 26th September, 8.00pm AUDITIONS - 28th September, 8.00pm
for 'Sleeping Beauty' (10, 11, 12, 13 January, 1996) All Welcome *Nigel Rowe*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT SECTION

Why not raise some money on that unwanted article or advertise through our column for the item you have always wanted and never been able to get. Under the PERSONAL COLUMN you could wish someone a happy birthday or anniversary or congratulate them on passing an exam or their driving test. *[etc, application form] Len Christo*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our meeting on Thursday, 10th August was quite a "merry" affair! After hearing and learning the in's and out's of wine making from our Speaker. Mr R Gould. and his colleague (Roy) we sampled some of the Tendring Show cup-winning wines and beers. Anyone who is interested in joining the Colchester Winemaking Society should 'phone the Chairman (Mr Gould) on 868252 when he will be pleased to give further details.

Mr and Mrs Headford have invited us to their home on 14th September when we hope to have plants and cuttings for sale for Club funds. Don't forget the Lawford and District Horticultural Society have their Autumn Show on Saturday, 2nd September at Ogilvie Hall, 2.00pm-5.00pm. .
Vicky Griffiths

DEDHAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Applications are invited from those living in the area for financial help to those moving into, or already in, Secondary College or University education. Please write to Mr C M Barlow, 47 Butt Road. Colchester CO3 3B2, and your letter will be considered. Any queries can, however, be made to Jean Harding on 10206 230425.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 20th July. A map of the village annotated with the Parish Council's preferred location for speed limit signs and footpath through the village has been forwarded to the Essex County Council Highways Department for approval. On a separate map the Parish Council's preferred locations for the siting of the Neighbourhood Watch signs has also been forwarded for approval. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's objection to the Tendring District Council's 10-Year Plan, which prohibits infill development in the village, has been overruled. Grass cutting at the churchyard was discussed. The Parish Council will continue to give a donation towards the cost of the grass cutting but feels that more than three cuts per year is required.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 10th August. Following further correspondence from Essex County Council Highways Department the Parish Council have decided that metal post and concrete rail will be the most effective barrier to prevent unauthorised gypsy encampments in Mary Lane North. A letter to this effect will be sent to the Highways Department. The village sign requires more renovation work than first anticipated. Some of this work will be put out to tender.

Mr Chris Phillips reported to the Council that the Hare Green Recreation Committee has disbanded due to lack of support. It is likely that full control of the recreation ground will now be handed back to the Parish Council. This, however, will be discussed in detail at the next meeting on 14th September.

THE STOUR CHORAL CONCERT arranged for Saturday, 30th September has regrettably had to be cancelled.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Further to the report last month, the final result of the Tesco collection was £591.05. Thanks again to all helpers. 9th September brings our Regional Meeting at the Village Hall, when families from other parts of Essex and East Anglia are meeting for an all day get together. Tea at Seven Rivers will be followed by Evensong in the Church. Any parishioners will be more than welcome at the Service.

Saturday, 23rd September there will be an outing to Greenacre Cattery and Two Hoots Owlery at 2.00pm followed by tea at the Hollies for family members. Wednesday, 27th September there will be the usual family meeting at Seven Rivers at 11.15am. We are always pleased to meet interested friends. We need your support. *Jean Harding*

[10 Business Card Ads as last month]

ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD, LITTLE BROMLEY

We regularly tend our relatives' grave at Little Bromley and have for some time been very concerned as to the overgrown state of the Churchyard. It seems such a pity that so much money has been spent on the Church itself but NO funds are available for the upkeep of the burial ground. As we do not have suitable equipment to cope with the grass it is a battle with hand-shears and secateurs to keep graves tidy. Through the magazine we would like to thank the person who has cut the grass and made the place look a lot tidier. Indeed we would thank anyone involved with organising the grass cutting at St. Mary's. If there was a rota and equipment to use we would be quite prepared to take a turn to ensure that the tended graves do not get so overgrown in the future. *Name supplied*

BARN DANCE

Dancing to the Lantern Band at Village Hall on 7th October 7.30pm
Tickets £5.00 (in aid of Village Hall Fund)

THE HALL'S FURNITURE AND FITTINGS, 1763 (continued)

Besides the china there was also glass and stone ware in the Mannock household at Great Bromley Hall in 1763. The Inventory reads:- "GLASS 3 glass salvers, 3 middel desert glass's (and) one with a lead (lid) to it, 19 handle sullibub ditto, 42 handle ditto, 12 jelly glass's, 1 Scottiss shell sweet meat glass, 5 small scollip ditto. 5 other sweat meat ditto, 4 odd jelly glass's, 6 tart patty pans, 2 wass (?glass) lamps. STONE 6 white cheesecake patty pans. 2 brown poting pots, 1 sullibub cow, 5 ston(e) fruit dishes."

In future notes we shall look further into this very interesting account of life above and below stairs in our village in 1763. *John Appleby (to be continued)*

LITTLE BROMLEY

Mrs Liz Lennox is holding a COFFEE MORNING at her home - Stacies Farm, Chequers Road= Little Bromley on 14th October front 10.00am-12 noon. Everyone will be most warmly welcomed. If you are new to the area or would just like to meet your neighbours why not come along, enjoy a coffee and a chat. Your children will be welcome too. There will be a BRING & BUY and a RAFFLE.

September 9th 1995 Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk

On 9th September there will be a group of adults and children setting out from St. George's Church at 10.00am to visit a number of churches and chapels in the area. We will be arriving back at the Rectory for tea at 4.00pm. Come and join us. It will be great fun and you will help our local churches and chapels through your sponsorship monies. ALL WELCOME.
Forms available from Yvonne Cobbold (230360)

KITCHEN CORNER

PICKLED PEARS are a delicious accompaniment to cold meats or boiled ham etc. If you use small pears they can be left whole after peeling. Otherwise core and quarter them.
4 lbs pears, 1 lb demerara sugar, 1 pint malt vinegar, some pared lemon rind, 2 teasp whole cloves, 2 teasp whole allspice, 3 x 1 inch pieces stick cinnamon, 1 piece root ginger, bruised. Lightly crush spices and tie in a muslin bag. Put this, and the rind, with sugar and vinegar in a pan and bring to the boil. Add prepared fruit, and simmer till soft but not broken. (They should appear translucent). Have warm dry jars ready, and lift the pear pieces with a perforated spoon and pack into the jars. Meanwhile, remove spice bag and boil syrup hard to reduce by half and to a thin honey consistency. Fill the jars with the hot syrup and screw on lids. (or cover with waxed cloths when cold). This quantity fills about 3 x 4oz coffee jars. *Jill Frostick*

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 3 Sep –

Sunday 10 Sep 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd J Robinson

Sunday 17 Sep 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Firmin

Sunday 24 Sep 11.00am Balls Green Revd J Robinson

BELL RINGING

On 23rd September Great and Little Bromley will play host to a meeting of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. Ringing will commence at Little Bromley at 3.30pm with a brief service at 4.30pm. Tea and a short business meeting will be held at the Village Hall with ringing in the evening at Great Bromley.

In July the Great Bromley ringers took part in the Essex Association Striking Competition final, against teams from all over Essex, and came a very creditable 9th.

David Wenden, Captain of Bells

COFFEE MAKING ROTA (after 9.30am Sunday service)

3 September Olive Sparling 10 September Jean Harding

17 September Ann Fairley 24 September Jane West

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

3 September Royce Diaper 10 September Heather Brown & Sue Rampling

17 September Anne Wild & Jean Harding 24 September Ben & Jean Welham & Olive Sparling

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR GREAT BROMLEY

SERVICES during SEPTEMBER

Sun 3 Sep 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Sun 10 Sep 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sun 17 Sep 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Thu 21 Sep 2.15pm Pram Service In the Rectory. All welcome

Sat 23 Sep 4.30pm At St. Mary's, Little Bromley Bell Ringing and Service for Bellringers

Sun 24 Sep 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Thu 28 Sep 7.00pm Evensong to celebrate Harvest Time followed by a relaxed and informal sharing of past memories of rural life in Great Bromley

The Bromley Messenger October 1995

HARVEST TIME has a tremendous appeal these days especially in rural areas. The in-gathering of the crops and produce worked for all year is a time of supreme satisfaction and pleasure. At the deepest level it speaks to us of the urgent need to provide the means of life as sustenance for the family and the wider community. We can easily sense the relief of seeing those crops finally and safely brought in, safe at last from the caprice of weather or pestilence. Although the Old Testament prescribes a feast to celebrate the first fruits of the harvest which it called Pentecost and another to celebrate the use of the threshing floor and winepress, the Christian church does not seem to have celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving until recent times. This was because the church was nervous that there was so much folk lore and primitive superstitions associated with it. The Kern Doll was one such example. This was a small model made from the last sheaf of corn. Folk were nervous about cutting this last standing corn because by so doing they believed they were killing the spirit of the fields. Therefore they all threw their sickles in and made it a joint effort. The Kern Doll was carried aloft into the largest barn to preside over a supper given by the farmer to thank all his workers. Under the guardianship of the Kern Doll or Kern Baby or Harvest Queen all social distinctions disappeared. While the feast of Lammas "loaf mass" (1st August) was observed in England from Saxon times it had fallen into disuse. In 1843 Rev. R.S. Hawker revived the Lammas custom and pulled together the Harvest supper, the decoration of the home with produce and the clear theme of thanksgiving into what we now recognise as Harvest Thanksgiving. Apart from the odd collect added to the Book of Common Prayer the theme of Harvest Thanksgiving is entirely missing. Today, however, in the church calendar we are well provided with readings and services dating especially from the Victorian period. Harvest is a joyous time especially apt in this era of computers and electronics when we need to be reminded of the miracle of growth and life in the world around us that we may find time to thank our creator. *Fr. Trevor*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 Oct Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.15pm
4 Oct WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
7 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
7-8 Oct Fire Swim (Playgroup)
14 Oct Coffee Morning, Stacies Farm, Little Bromley, 10.00am
14 Oct Tearcraft Coffee Morning, The Chase, Chase Rd East, 10.00am
21 Oct Playgroup Table Top & Craft Fair, Village Hall, 2.00pm
25 Oct Huntington's Disease meeting, Seven Rivers, 11.15am
3 Nov Playgroup Fireworks Party
9 Nov Garden Club Annual Dinner, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
23 Nov Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting
2 Dec Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm .
9 Dec Children's Christmas Party

COFFEE MORNING at LITTLE BROMLEY

Mrs Liz Lennox is holding a COFFEE MORNING at her home - Stacies Farm, Chequers Road, Little Bromley on 14th October from 10.00-12 noon. Everyone will be most warmly welcomed. If you are new to the area or would just like to meet your neighbours why not come along, enjoy a coffee and a chat. Your children will be welcome too. There will be a BRING & BUY and a RAFFLE.

BARN DANCE Dancing to the Lantern Band

at Village Hall on 7th October 7.30pm . Tickets £5 (in aid of Village Hall Fund)

I'VE JUST BEEN watching a broadcast about samphere, now plentiful on our marshes. Try it steamed for a few minutes, then suck it from the wiry stems. It is rich in iron, very good for you, and cheaper than asparagus! *Irene Wilkinson*

DEDHAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

There is still time to apply for grants for young persons going into secondary and tertiary education. Refer to the notice in the Post Office kindly put up by the Halls, or to Jean Harding

REPLY TO LETTER ENQUIRING AS TO MY WELLBEING AND HOPING MY OLD CAR IS NOT GIVING TROUBLE

In reply to your enquiries about me and my old car
I really think I ought to try and tell you how things are;
My little ends are rather worn, it seems they'll soon be gone,
My seat is torn and tattered from being sat upon.
I have trouble getting started, I haven't got much spark,
So I daren't run far in daylight and I'm much worse after dark.
I only travel slowly, in fits and starts and jerks,
And I'm sure my nearside winker is the only thing which works.
I'm also very poorly shod, my boot leaks at the top,
And I only seem to have three speeds, they're slow, darn slow and stop.
I think I need a good tune up. a major overhaul
Or I'll be on the scrapheap and that won't do at all
And by the way I ought to say in case you've got me wrong
Apart from this I feel all right - my car's still going strong!
A.H.C.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Did you know we have 10,000 mediaeval churches? 356 in Essex alone. Mr Roy Tricker showed us some wonderful slides of a good selection of them at our September meeting. An avid "Church Crawler" since the tender age of four his enthusiasm and knowledge was a joy to listen to. Nominations for next year's Committee are now being sought and don't forget to look out craft items you have made to display at the November meeting. Advance warning for the December meeting - Elaine Barker is to entertain us. guests welcome at £1 a head. Cakes for the Hospice ready for Sunday, 8th October please - a list will be handed round at the October meeting. Mrs Wilkinson, distinguished Great Bromleyite and WI'er, becomes a nonagenarian on 6th October - HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm in the Village - AUCTION for our own funds so come well armed with irresistible items to bid for. *Pippa Hardy*

YOU CAN BE FOOLED BY A SIGN

The sign of the Black Boy seems to have been used in Great Bromley from about 1786 as the Chelmsford Chronicle newspaper for 3rd March, 1786, advertises that a sale of property and goods is to take place there. The Black Boy seems to have been a tobacconist's sign at first and Ben Johnson (1573-1637), in "Bartholomew Fair" writes:- "I thought he would have run mad o' the Black Boy in Bucklersbury, that takes the scurby rogyu tobacco there" (Act 1, Scene 1). Variants of the sign in other parts of the country were - The Black Girl, Two Black Boys. The Black Boy and Comb (at a perfumier's shop in London), and The Black Boy and Camel (in Leadenhall Street, London). Mr John Bateman, J.P., of The Lodge, Great Bromley did have black servants in his employ there in the 1870's but that is a century after the Sale. *John Appleby*

PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS HARVEST LUNCH

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 12.15pm for 12.45pm at Great Bromley Village Hall, including Glass of Wine/Soft Drink Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon. You may bring your own drink if you wish. Adults £3.50 Children £1.50 Under School Are Free. Limited number of tickets

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday the 14th our hosts were Mr and Mrs Headford for a lively evening. Plants and cuttings were on sale in aid of Club Funds. PLEASE NOTE: the OCTOBER MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED, but we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner on 9th November (7.00pm for 7.30pm). We all thank Mr and Mrs Headford for their hospitality. *Vicky Griffiths*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

2nd December, 1995

In aid of Church Road Repair Fund and Gt. Bromley Village Hall Funds

To be held at Gt. Bromley Village Hall

Opened by FATHER CHRISTMAS at 2.00pm

Free visit to see Father Christmas for children.

All usual STALLS etc. items for which would be much appreciated.

Also any surplus items would be welcome for FESTIVE RAFFLE.

Anyone willing to help in any way would be welcome. Please ring 230663.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the October meeting, which will be our 34th birthday, we shall be entertained right royally by our own Great Bromley Friendship Players. The Competition - A Lucky Charm. *Mildred Purkis*

KITCHEN CORNER

A tasty way to use ripe bananas! **CARAMEL BANANA TORTE**

Cake:- 6oz SR flour; ¼ teasp baking powder; 2oz butter/marg; ¼ teasp bicarbonate of soda
5oz castor sugar; 6oz ripe bananas; ½ teasp fresh ground nutmeg; 3 tablesp milk; 1 egg (beaten).
Sift flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda, rub in butter, add sugar. Mash bananas, beat in egg, milk and nutmeg. Stir this into dry ingredients

Grease 8" round tin and line the bottom. Put in mixture, bake 180C for 40 minutes. Cool in tin for 5 minutes then turn onto wire rack.

Filling:- 6oz full fat soft cheese . 1 tablesp lemon juice; 2 tablesp icing sugar

Beat well together. Add more sugar if needed. Halve the mixture. To one half add chopped banana. Slice cake in half and use to fill and sandwich together Use other half of filling to coat the sides of the cake and press on toasted almonds. (You can keep a little for decorating the top if liked)

Caramel Topping:- 3oz sugar

Put in a small pan over moderate heat. Shake but do not stir, allow to liquify then colour to golden brown. WATCH IT! Pour at once on to cake and spread quickly. Mark before it sets too hard as this makes serving easier.

Jill Frostick

FOOTPATHS

As promised an update on footpath complaints within the village. Footpath 22 - the problems have now been resolved. The two finger posts mentioned in last month's magazine have been inspected. One will be replaced, the other will be correctly positioned. Regarding the footpath/finger post on Church Corner development. Matthew Bradley, P.R.O.W. Officer, has spoken with the contractors who said that the finger post had been removed whilst the fence was being erected. Once this on-site work is complete the post will be re-instated. *Angela Prior*

COLCHESTER & DISTRICT HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

This Branch hosted the first Regional Family Day of the East Anglian Branches of the HDA at the Village Hall, Gt. Bromley, on Saturday, 9th September. 54 people attended, coming from as far afield as Norfolk and Southend. Since the Colchester Branch started three years ago, branches have been formed in six other centres of the region. After a welcome and coffee there were three talks, all of direct pertinence to HD families; one by a researcher from Cambridge, one by a genetic nurse from Addenbrooke's and one by a social worker. There was particular reference to the hereditary risks that these families have to bear. Buffet lunch followed and the socialising was an important element, some families never having met others with HD and the sometimes similar problems. Four workshops were arranged to further help family members, after which we repaired to Seven Rivers for tea, and groups were shown round the Home and met HD residents. A short Evensong led by Father Trevor was well attended and a tranquil ending to an exceptional day. Very many thanks to all who helped and to the Guides and kind friends who provided a play day for the young children of our families.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 25th October at Seven Rivers at 11.15am when a speech and swallowing expert will be with us

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

TABLE TOP AND CRAFT SALE Saturday, 21st October in Gt. Bromley Village Hall at 2.00pm
To book a table or craft stall please telephone 01206 230229

THOUGHTS AT THE AIRPORT

Here I am at the airport waiting for my family. I am early, I would rather sit here and watch the world than sit at home watching the clock. I wonder where this family is bound for, the little girl looks at me with bright blue eyes and says "I am going to Fairyland to see Micky Mouse, Snow White, Thumper and Bambi." "She means Disneyland", says her down-to-earth brother.

These people with their brilliant printed cotton attire are Nigerians and my thoughts go back to that hot beautiful country where plumbago and bourganvillia cascades down my veranda. I watch again the Moonflowers opening in the moonlight and smell the heady perfume of frangipanies, eat mangoes. avocados, paw-paws and pineapples.

Ah, now the Eastern visitors. I cannot see a Japanese but I think of 'Tenko' and poor devastated friends. These Swiss or Austrians with haversacks and fringed socks are from placid lakes and icy mountains and remind me of the Jung Frau where I was breathless in the thin air on the Viewing Platform looking on the top of the world, then drank hot soup before descending to earth again. There the bonfires were lit for Midsummer's Eve. Passing through are Italians, French, Dutch, Germans bringing memories of castles on the Rhine, Paris, the Rose window, Eiffel Tower, tulips, diamonds, St. Peter's Square, Florence, a Venetian serenade and my beautiful Isle of Capri.

Ah! here come my travellers, back from halfway to the moon.

Mildred Purkis

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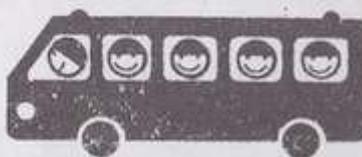
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BUS and TRAIN TIMES for the whole of Central and North East Essex available for inspection at Little Bromley Post Office during shop hours.

The Colchester Fire Swim



is now in its 14th year and takes the form of a 24 hour sponsored swim at Colchester Leisure World with teams of six swimmers (plus a non-swimming team captain) swimming in relay along one lane of the pool for one hour.

It is a fun event, suitable for swimmers of all ages and abilities with trophies being awarded for the best fancy dress, the most lengths swum and the most money raised.

If you or your organisation feel you may be able to help support local charities contact Annette on 01206 574255 for more information.

GREAT BROMLEY AND FRATING PLAYGROUP

Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-12 noon £2.25 per session

Toddler Group Wednesdays 9.45am-11.40am £1.00 per session

We held our A.G.M. on 18th September when Linda, Nicky and Kim were all re-elected in their positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. It was lovely to welcome seven new committee members - Jane, Laura, Debbie R, Nikki H, Jackie, Debbie B and Julie L. The playgroup is delighted how well the children have settled down with our two supervisors, Carol and Hazel, who have recently joined us. If anyone is interested in registering their child, please contact me. Nicky Robinson - 01206 230229

TEARCRAFT COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday, 14th October at The Chase, Chase Road East from 10.00am to Noon

Christmas Cards * Bring and Buy Stall * Craft Gifts * Refreshments

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CARPET BOWLS

We have continued club evenings during the summer and in spite of the hot weather had quite good attendances. We played Wix and Alresford in friendly fixtures and managed to win on both occasions. During August the club singles competition ended in a husband and wife final, with Linda Francis taking home the trophy. An interesting game and well done! to Linda. On 10th September two Gt. Bromley teams reached the semi-final of a Triples charity competition but that is as far as they were able to go. £245 was raised on that day for the Children's Hospice. At the A.G.M., chaired by Pat Petchey, the officers for the next year were elected and are as follows:- Chairman - Pat Petchey, Secretary - Jayne Bates, Treasurer - Dick Wilsher, Captain - Ron Copp, Vice-Captain - Cyril Childs and the new post of Competition Secretary - Linda Francis. Pauline Keeble is in charge of match refreshments. Ron Copp (Captain) awarded and presented the Player of the Year Trophy to Evelyn Childs. An honour well deserved.

Nancy Kempster

DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS of 1995 Seven Rivers entered the Colchester and Clacton-on-Sea Carnivals. A party atmosphere enabled us to win the Baxter Cup at Colchester and First Prize in our section and the MS Trophy at the Clacton Carnival. A good all rounder on everyone's part in helping create the float. Well Done!

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 14th September, 1995. The Hare Green Recreation Ground was discussed in some detail and a sub-committee of the Parish Council was created to appoint a new management committee. The Parish Council's complaints to the Tendring District Council regarding the sewage odours in Brook Street have had little effect. A second letter of complaint will be sent to the Environmental Health Department. Councillor Rowe reported that Tendring District Council have commenced legal proceedings against Anglian Water to resolve the problem. The Parish Council feel that the open space land at Spring Hill Close should be tidied and properly managed. Enquiries are being made to find out who owns the land. Two members of the public attended the meeting to object to the planning application for changes at the Crossways Garage in Frating Road. The Parish Council were made aware of the problems caused to the local residents by noise and disturbance during the day, night and at weekends and also of the smell of paint spraying. The Parish Council agreed to send a letter of objection.

COFFEE MAKING ROTA (after 9.30am Sunday service)

1 October Olive Sparling 8 October Jean Harding
15 October Ann Fairley 22 October Ben Welham
29 October Jane West

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

1 October Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush 8 October Royce Diaper & J Wests
15 October Heather Brown & Sue Rampling 22 October Anne Wild & Jean Harding
29 October Ben & Jean Welham & Olive Sparling

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR

GREAT BROMLEY SERVICES during OCTOBER

Sun 1 Oct 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist and Harvest Thanksgiving
N.B. 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh with the St Cecilia Singers
Sun 8 Oct 9.30am Parish Eucharist
Sun 15 Oct 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sun 22 Oct 9.30am Parish Eucharist
Sun 29 Oct 9.30am Parish Eucharist (5th Sunday)

ALL SOULS DAY

Evensong of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

At 6.30pm at St. George's on Sunday, 5th November we will have a service to remember the faithful departed by name and commend them to almighty God. Candles will be placed around the Easter candle and silence will be kept. Please give any names to the Rector, Fr. Trevor, or the Churchwardens. I welcome enquiries about baptism, confirmation or marriage. The sacrament of forgiveness, or anointing of the sick with prayer for healing is available for any who desire it.

The Bromley Messenger November 1995

One of the most difficult and uncomfortable subjects to raise is that of money. Yet looking back at past magazines it has surfaced from time to time in The Bromleys from necessity. In 1982 for example was the rather grim notice which read "St. George's in debt by the end of 1982 that debt is expected to be £2,500, the reason is that your donations have not kept pace with rising costs in recent years".

I am pleased to say that the Parish of The Bromleys is not actually in debt, although it is not able to meet the current payments to the diocese which enable the Diocese to maintain a live spiritual presence in the villages. Some people it must be said are generous in their giving while those unable to give financially may give generously of their time. In order to try and meet our payments we have had a number of successful events that have raised money for the church and as an important consequence have, we hope, enriched the life of the village. I am grateful to all the different people who have been involved and to the small committees that plan and organise. As I look at the current assessment for the parish of the Bromleys (some £10,000 per year) it would seem that fund-raising will continue to be an important aspect of the work of the parish if it is to remain a live concern. I also hope that what is done will continue to enrich the life of the villages and bring people together. At a recent coffee morning at Little Bromley I was delighted to speak to some parishioners that I had not met before.

May I take this opportunity, in an age based increasingly on finance and on "supply and demand", to bring to your attention the financial needs of the parish church and ask you to consider whether you personally might be able to support it financially. (If you already do perhaps you would be able to increase your donation). By so doing you will be contributing to that pastoral pattern of priest and village in English rural life that has been in place for centuries and of which our line church buildings are so powerful a symbol. I conclude with words written by Hugh Picton, Rector in 1982 "It is vital that we all review what we contribute to our church for its mission and maintenance. Money is given us by God not only for our use but also for his".
Fr. Trevor

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 Nov W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

2 Nov Crime Prevention Roadshow, Mistley Village Hall, 12.00-8.00pm

3 Nov Playgroup Fireworks Party

9 Nov Garden Club Annual Dinner, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

22 Nov Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club A.G.M., Village Hall, 8.00pm

23 Nov Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

25 Nov St. George's School P.T.A. Christmas Bazaar, School Hall, 2.00pm

2 Dec Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm

9 Dec St. George's Church Children's Christmas Party

12-15 Dec. Village Carol Singing

15 Dec St. George's School P.T.A Disco (Years 3,4,5&6) 6.30pm

18 Dec St. George's School Christmas Party (Years R.1&2) 4.00pm

MATERIAL for the December edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 14th November please.

LAST MONTH I wept over the magazine through sheer fury and frustration. I was applying the finishing touches and doing a bit of 'clever stuff' with the new computer programme when pressing a combination of keys (and afterwards I could not remember which they were) I 'zapped' into computer hell everything I had done. Not a happy editor had to start all over again. However this month's effort has been a happier event. Do please keep the articles and information coming in - variety is the spice of life!

HARVEST LUNCH

What a wonderful celebration of Harvest was enjoyed by attending the HARVEST LUNCH on 1st October. Everyone appeared to enjoy the hot meal provided and we would like to thank all those who were involved in the production of the food. We think that almost 50 people contributed and we feel that this is truly a Village occasion when we can meet and speak with people we rarely see. If you did, THANK YOU for coming, we certainly enjoyed being with you all. And if you could not manage it this year, well there is always 1996 to look forward to. *James and Olive*

KITCHEN CORNER

Variations on a theme:- here are some different ways to treat an old favourite.

BASIC SHORTBREAD

10oz/325g plain flour + pinch salt

2oz/50g ground rice

4oz/125g caster sugar

8oz/250g butter

Cream butter and sugar, work in flours to smooth dough. Either press into greased tins or roll out into rounds and put on a greased tray. Prick well with a fork. Bake moderate oven 350F 20-30 minutes according to size. Mark with back of knife while still warm in portions or squares. This makes it easier to cut when cold.

COCONUT SHORTBREAD BISCUITS

4oz flour 2oz coconut 4oz butter 2oz ground rice 2oz caster sugar 9'5

Roll very thin and bake on greased trays.

WHOLEMEAL SHORTBREAD

6oz wholemeal flour 3oz butter 3oz caster sugar Yolk of one egg

GINGER SHORTBREAD

5oz flour 1oz ground rice 2 teasp ground ginger 2oz caster sugar 4oz butter 1oz crystallised ginger

Add $\frac{3}{4}$ of chopped ginger to the mixture, use remainder to decorate top. *Jill Frostick*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th September. Mr Kent reported that grass cutting of the Little Bromley Churchyard was discussed at a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council. The grass will continue to be cut three times per year only. The Parish Council have now requested assistance from the Essex County Council Public Rights of Way Officer to get the local landowners to improve the condition of the footpaths in the village. It was reported that the War Memorial is cracked. The Parish Council will investigate the problem and consult a Stonemason if necessary. Because of the difficulty in cutting the grass surrounding the memorial, the feasibility of replacing this with paving was discussed. Quotations for this work will be requested. The Parish Council books have now been audited.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 12th October. The Parish Council have been requested to investigate the problem of the annual winter flooding of land near Carrington Road and Briar Road. Following a site visit by members of the Council it was felt that the cause is the poor condition of the culvert opposite Hazells Farm. This is preventing water flow through the ditches in Carrington Road. The landowner will therefore be requested to take remedial action. The Clerk confirmed that Guardian Royal owns the open space land at Spring Hill Close. The Company will now be contacted to see if they would consider allowing the Parish Council to take control of this area and manage it as a conservation area. The Tree Warden has requested 80 trees from Tendring District Council for planting in Mary Lane North. Councillor Rowe gave his report. The Gypsy Committee in Tendring District Council have been reformed. They are currently looking for small sites in the district to locate a maximum of 5 caravans at each location. A site visit is to be held by the District Council to the Crossways Garage prior to consideration by the Planning Committee of the recent planning application. The Parish Council have already forwarded a letter of objection to this application.

COFFEE MAKING ROTA after the 9.30 Service

5 November Olive Sparling 12 November Jean Harding

19 November Ann Fairley 26 November Ben Welham

ELIZABETH WARREN CHARITY

Every year the Elizabeth Warren Charity has money to give at Christmas to the people of Little Bromley. This is a relic of the past when some were very poor. Happily such poverty is not longer a feature of rural life, yet the money must still be shared out. The Trustees have therefore decided to give a small donation (£10-£20) to each household where there is a member of retirement age, or where there are children under 18. Please let the Rector know of any people in these categories, we don't want to leave any one out! There is no need for any embarrassment to be felt. Families and individuals are not being given the charity moneys because we feel you are in dire need, rather it is a method of using the fund in a way that seems appropriate. I would therefore be most grateful if you would let me know of anyone who is eligible.

Revd Fr. Trevor Diaper, Bromley Rectory (230344)

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

5 November Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush 12 November Royce Diaper & the J. Wests

19 November Heather Brown & Sue Rampling 26 November Anne Wild & Jean Harding

THE THE CARING PARISHES

During World War I, (The Great War), a "shrine" was erected where now the Memorial stands. Here one could find the names of those from the Parish who were serving in the Forces as well as other details which had been received from the Front, etc. There were many soldiers from Essex who were taken prisoners of war and the Essex Regiment families set up the Adopters of The Essex Regiment P.O.W. Village - two.

Church collections, for the Association's funds, in Great Bromley in 1917-1918 amounted to £4 9s. 0d. (£4.45p), a large amount in those days. The Vicar of Ardleigh, The Revd R. H. Grubb, donated £1 0s. 0d. This gives a little insight into the generosity of the parishioners.

John Appleby

THE FIREWORK CODE

1. KEEP FIREWORKS IN A CLOSED BOX Take them out one at a time and put the lid back on straight away. Keep the box away from fire and cigarettes.
 2. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON EACH FIREWORK CAREFULLY Read the instructions by torchlight, never a naked flame.
 3. LIGHT THE FIREWORK AT ARM'S LENGTH It is best to use a special safety firework lighter or fuse wick
 4. STAND WELL BACK
 5. NEVER RETURN TO A FIREWORK ONCE LIT - It may go off in your face
 6. NEVER THROW FIREWORKS
 7. NEVER PUT FIREWORKS IN YOUR POCKET
 8. KEEP PETS INDOORS
- HAVE FUN.

TYPEWRITER Are there any clubs, committees or organisations out there in The Bromleys who could make good use of a portable typewriter? The Parish Council no longer requires their typewriter and are offering it free to a good home. If you are interested please 'phone Val on 892996 (office hours) or 251691 (evenings)

HARE GREEN RECREATION FIELD

The Chairman of the Hare Green Recreation Field has decided to stand down and its management has been taken over by the Parish Council. We would like to involve members of the village in the running of this field and propose to hold a meeting for all who are interested, you can be involved as little or as much as you like. Please ring Val Harris as we need your ideas and suggestions; my daytime work number is 01206 892996 and my home number is 01206 251691. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Phillips and all the people who were on the committee or otherwise involved with the running of the recreation field for their dedicated hard work over the years.

SEPTEMBER was the wettest in the region for 19 years. The Colchester area had a September total of 3.36 inches. Sunshine levels were recorded in Colchester as being 146.7 hours.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GREAT BROMLEY P.T.A.

At the P.T.A. A.G.M. held on 26th September the following were elected or re-elected on to the committee:- Amanda Rowe (Chairperson), Ruth Lawson (Treasurer), Jayne Bates (Secretary), Sue Clark, Jeanette Cox, Alison Drinkell, Julie Fahy, Joy Martin, Clare Phelps, Jacky Platt, Sue Skinner and Sharron Vigus. All the parents of children at the school automatically become members of the PTA.

On Saturday, 14th October a very successful 'Race Meeting' was held at the Village Hall. Future events include a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 25th November at 2.00pm in the School Hall. Any volunteers of help before or during the afternoon would be appreciated as would donations of seasonal items and raffle prizes.

A Christmas Disco is planned for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Friday, 15th December, 6.30-8.30pm and a Christmas party for years R, I and 2 on Monday, 18th December 4-6.00pm.

All money raised provides extra equipment of various kinds for the children. Any parents or friends of the school who would like to contribute of their time or make a donation please contact Jayne Bates on 230529 or Amanda Rowe on 230398. *C. Phelps*

POORLANDS (GUILDHALL) CHARITY

During the month of January, the Charity moneys will be distributed as usual to the list of beneficiaries held by the Trustees. All those who have previously received a gift from the Charity will continue to be included. The Trustees will be pleased to receive applications from any other residents of Great Bromley who are elderly and would like to be included. Any application should reach the Trustee, Mr J Wild, Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Burnt Heath, Ardleigh, Colchester, Essex CO7 7NE no later than 16th December, 1995. The Trustees of the Charity are Mr. H Fairley, Mr G Kempster, Mrs O Sparling, Mr J Wild and Fr. Trevor.

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Great Bromley & District Cricket Club will be held on Wednesday, 22nd November at 8.00pm at Great Bromley Village Hall.

100 CLUB WINNERS

| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
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| 1st Prize | Mr G Miller | Miss S Wilkinson | Mr & Mrs T Gladwin |
| 2nd Prize | Miss K Coppin | Mr B Fuller | Mr J Jenno |
| 3rd Prize | Mr B Wright | Mr J Taylor | Mrs C Gosling |

CRIME PREVENTION

Mistley Police are holding a Crime Prevention Roadshow on 2nd November at Mistley Village Hall between 12.00 and 8.00pm. Most of the local police officers from the Mistley Sections, which includes The Bromleys, will be present sometime during the day. Local specialist crime prevention companies will also be on hand to answer any questions and give advice. Please come along and see us. *C. J. Phillips, PC 1061*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT ADDITIONAL FARM FRESH TURKEYS and CHICKENS. All weights available. Contact Phil Allam, Bluegates Farm, Great Bromley. Telephone: 230375

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

As there was no meeting in October there is nothing to report. I would remind everyone that the time to be at "The Waverley" is 7.00pm for 7.30pm on 9th November. Please 'phone the Chairman if you have any queries regarding transport. *Vicky Griffiths*

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As we have lost our old cupboard in the re-furbishment of the Hall's nether quarters it has been decided that we will pay for and have fitted a new lockable one in the kitchen. Bidding was brisk at our October Auction. Members had brought along a multitude of items to go under the hammer of our President wearing her auctioneer's for the evening. Over £40 was raised in a

painless and fun way. The birthday cake kindly sent along by Mrs Wilkinson, and made by fellow member Ina Warboys, was much appreciated.

Make a note that for the Christmas Meeting on 6th December when the Committee are providing the food. you will need to bring along 2 plates, cutlery and a glass.

Next Meeting - Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 1st November, 7.30pm in the Village Hall with Dwin Hendry VCO. Dwin is always good value and as she is proud of her Welshness the Competition is for "An Item from Wales" *Pippa Hardy*

METHODIST SERVICES

Sun 5 November 11.00am Balls Green Patterson

Sun 12 November 11.00am Elmstead Market Gill

Sun 19 November 11.00am Burnt Heath Olufolabi

Sun 26 November 11.00am Balls Green Revd J Robinson

GT. BROMLEY ST. GEORGE'S C.E.P. SCHOOL

Brook Street, Gt. Bromley Colchester CO7 7HX Telephone / Fax (01206) 230305

MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT £3.86 per hour . Required as soon as possible to join team supervising pupils 11.55-12.55pm. Monday to Friday, term time only. (Bad pay, awkward hours BUT a terrific school) Details from Mrs P.A. Fitzgerald, Headteacher

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs Curtis Beard, with the help of slides, will be entertaining us, about Austrian village life. The Competition - A Home-made Christmas Cracker. *Mildred Purkis*

CAROL SINGING

Do you remember that last year a group of adults and children raised £102.60 for Leukaemia Research? We are planning to repeat our efforts again this year. PROVISIONAL DATES suggested are Tuesday 12th Friday 15th December. If anyone would like to swell the group it would be lovely or if YOU would like to welcome the singers to your neighbourhood please telephone either 230436 or 230679 and we will let you know final details. We would like to obtain some lights to enable us to read the carol sheets. Lanterns holding candles safely would be wonderful. Any ideas? PLEASE DO RESPOND if you possibly can. We hope to print final details in the December magazine. *Olive and James*

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR. GREAT BROMLEY SERVICES during NOVEMBER

5 November ALL SOULS DAY 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong of Remembrance and Thanksgiving At this service the theme will be the faithful departed. Please give any names to be included in the intercessions to the Rector. In a simple and dignified way prayers will be said and candles will be placed alongside the Pascal candle, that symbol of hope and resurrection.

9 November PRAM SERVICE 2.15pm in the Rectory for Toddlers and their parents. Relaxed and informal Bible story, short prayers, tea while the children play

12 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9.30am Parish Eucharist and wreath laying at the Memorial cross. Prayers will also be said at 10.45am at Little Bromley Memorial cross. (Remembrance service at Ardleigh 3.00pm) NO EVENSONG

19 November 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

26 November 9.30am Parish Eucharist

10 December "From darkness to light" with the Colchester Institute Singers. A source of Lucanum (Light) with some prayerful Taize' chants.

I WELCOME enquiries about baptism, confirmation or marriage. The sacrament of forgiveness, or anointing of the sick with prayer for healing is available for any who desire it.

The Bromley Messenger December 1995

The Christian Festival of Christmas is a time when we remember the story of God entering the world as a defenceless little baby, vulnerable and cared for by the humble but holy people, Mary and Joseph. Christians call this birth the incarnation believing that God through the birth of a little baby had come into the world. It is a profound and beautiful message through which God is telling the world how deeply he cares for it. So deeply that he was prepared to send his own precious son, Jesus, to share and make the love, peace, and joy of God available to any who wish to receive it. One of the challenges that faces the Christmas shopper with the present list is to get a gift that matches a particular person's character. God's gift to us is the greatest that could be imagined and perfectly chosen for each individual - it is the gift of spiritual life which enables us to live our lives here on earth to the full. One of the ways that God shares this gift with his people is through and in worship. This is why we have tried to arrange as many services in our parish as can be managed. From the youngest tot to the most senior member of the community there needs to be available an opportunity, a time and a place to hear those timeless words of the Nativity story and sing our favourite carols with joy praying that God will enter our hearts. *Fr. Trevor*

DIARY DATES

2 Dec Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm
6 Dec W.I. Christmas Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Dec St. George's Church Children's Christmas Party
12/15 Dec Village Carol Singing
15 Dec St. George's School P.T.A
Disco 6.30pm
17 Dec Carol Service, Burnt
Heath Methodist Church 6.30pm
18 Dec St. George's School
Christmas Party 4.00pm
10, 11, 12, 13 Jan Sleeping
Beauty Pantomime, Village Hall

The Messenger this month is sponsored by the GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP. We thank them most warmly for their support.

MATERIAL for the January edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER please. The Messenger' wishes all its readers a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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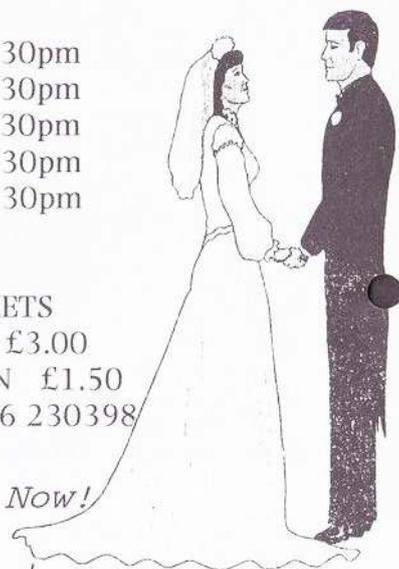
SLEEPING BEAUTY

JANUARY 1996

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| Wednesday, 10th | 7.30pm |
| Thursday 11th | 7.30pm |
| Friday 12th | 7.30pm |
| Saturday 13th | Matinee 2.30pm Evening 7.30pm |

TICKETS
ADULTS £3.00
CHILDREN £1.50
Ring 01206 230398

Book Now!



Charity: Youth Organisations of the Village

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The coach will leave Elmstead at 12 noon for the Christmas lunch at the Village Hall on 21st December. Mrs Kathy Alroyd will be entertaining with songs and choruses. The Friendship Club wish everyone a Happy Christmas and good wishes for 1996. *Mildred Purkis*

CAROL SINGING The proposed route for the carol singing is as follows:

Tuesday, 12th December. Meet in Seven Rivers Car Park, 7.00pm

We are invited to: Seven Rivers, PC Cottages, Badley Hall Road
Black Boy Area, Harwich Road, Meadow Close area

Friday, 15th December. Meet in Church Meadow, 7.00pm

Frating Road, Snooty Fox area, Furze Lane

Hall Road, Cross Inn area, Burnt Heath

Olive and James

THE SCHEME TO UNITE the Parish of Ardleigh with The Bromleys has now been officially approved and The Revd. Fr. Trevor Diaper is named as the Rector of the joint benefice.

DURING OCTOBER 4.25 mm of rain fell. The maximum temperatures during daylight hours were between 13C and 21C, the highest temperatures being during the second week. By the end of the month there were frosts with the minimum temperature at night being 0C.

BROWNIES

We welcome Sharlene, Daisy, Rosamond, Lauren, Eleanor, W Clare H, Bryony, Chantelle, Olivia, Emmagrace and Rachel who have all taken their Promise this term. . Lisa, Natasha and Elizabeth have all become Sixers with Sophie, Emily P and Sharlene as their Seconds. Pack Holiday and Cooks, Stage 1 badges have been gained by Elizabeth, Emily P, Lisa and Natasha. Lisa has also gained her Swimmer badge Stages 1 and 2 and Toymaker, Water Safety and Life Saver Stage 1 badges. Elizabeth has her Swimmer Stage 3 and Life Saver stages 1 and 2 badges.

The Brownies, as well as their usual meetings, have taken part in the Harvest Festival at St George's Church. Emily P, Sharlene, Eleanor and Daisy participated in a County Brownie Music Day and Elizabeth, Lisa, Emily P and Natasha went on Pack Holiday to Thorrington Scout Camp over half term. In November we all enjoyed a Mexican Evening with our ex-Tawny Owl. At the beginning of term Lisa and Elizabeth organised brilliantly a disco for the Brownies which was a great success and enjoyed by all.

As I do not have the help of a uniformed adult leader the support and help of parents each week is essential for the continuation of the pack and I must thank the parents involved for this help. I would also like to thank Chloe from Guides for all her hard work and enthusiasm during the last year and are sorry she can no longer help us but wish her well for the future. Term ends with a party on 7th December and starts again on 18th January. *Brown Owl* (231262)

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual Meeting, held on 1st November, went off smoothly with the help of our County Chairman, Dwin Hendry. Jean Wright was re-elected President with her Committee of Vera Biddis and Rita Baxter (Vice-Presidents), Mary Clarke (Secretary), June Willgress (Minutes Secretary), Ann Jones (Treasurer), Gwen Barrell, Jill Frostick and Margery West.

The displays of members' handicrafts had beautiful examples of many different crafts; some of which had been learnt at Grant Aided Classes run by the WI - one of the advantages of being a member! A 90th birthday card for Mrs Hurst, one of our founder members, was signed by everyone. Many Happy Returns.

- ❖ Have you recently moved to the village?
- ❖ Need a new interest?
- ❖ Would like to be more involved in village life?
- ❖ YES? Come and join us you will be made very welcome.

Christmas Meeting - Wednesday, 6th December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall with Elaine Barker, folk singer. Members 50p. Guests £1. Don't forget - 2 plates, glass and cutlery. *Pippa Hardy*

THANKS - BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHURCH thanks all those who supported the Coffee Morning on 11th November. A profit of £168 was made.

What is Christmas?

It is living in hope,
holding out the hand of reconciliation,
accepting strangers,
helping one another to do good,
wiping away tears.
Every time love is given,
distress is relieved
and someone is made happy,
God comes down from heaven
and brings us light.
That is Christmas.
A carol from Haiti

The Rector and the Churchwardens wish all in the parish A happy and blessed Christmas

METHODIST SERVICES

3 December 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr Holden
10 December 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr Green
17 December 11.00am Balls Green Revd J Robinson
6.30pm Burnt Heath Carol Service
24 December 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr D Carter
31 December 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr Lunniss

TEARCRAFT COFFEE MORNING Ian and Sue Orriss would like to thank all those who supported the coffee morning. Over £240 was raised to help poor people overseas.

WILD ABOUT FLOWERS DRIED FLOWER SHOP

Open Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm Thursday & Sunday 2-4pm
Large selection of quality dried flowers arrangements and Christmas decorations
Ann and Sarah Wild: 01206 230679 Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh, Colchester

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

3 December Ben & Jean Welham & Olive Sparling - Special clean for Christmas 10 December
Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush 17 December Royce Diaper & J Wests

TRADITIONAL FARM FRESH TURKEYS and CHICKENS. All weights available. Contact Phil Allam, Bluegates Farm, Great Bromley. Telephone: 230375

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

2nd December, 1995 In aid of Church Roof Repair Fund and Gt. Bromley Village Hall Funds
To be held at Gt. Bromley Village Hall - Opened by FATHER CHRISTMAS at 2.00pm
Free visit to see Father Christmas for children. All usual STALLS etc. items for which would be much appreciated. Also any surplus items would be welcome for FESTIVE RAFFLE. Anyone willing to help in any way would be welcome. Please ring 230663.

GREAT BROMLEY AND FRATING PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with the 'Craft and Table Top Sale' held last month. It was a great success and helped to boost our playgroup funds. The Fireworks Party was also a roaring success. A big thank you to Nicky and Ken for providing the venue and to everyone who helped. A lovely time was had by all. Sadly we must say 'goodbye and thank you' to Hazel who left the playgroup on 8th November. We wish her all the best for the future. As from 13th November Corrinne Johnson will be joining Carol on both Monday and Wednesdays and supervisor. A warm welcome Corrinne. The playgroup has been given permission to accept children aged 2 years 9 months. They should be 'dry' and ready to be left by their parents. There are a few spaces left on Monday and Wednesdays but numbers are limited - so register now! Finally our Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, 20th December which is also the last day of term (more details to follow). Any queries please contact Nicky Robinson (Secretary) 230229.

HOME MADE WINE

Home made wine has long been made, its origins go back
To days lost in the mists of time, of which we've since lost track.
But some retain the know how and vintages of fame
Aren't too expensive to produce and some folk make this claim,
That compared to beer or spirits it's pretty well cost free
And each and every wine is made from secret recipe.
But now, for first time ever by reading through these lines
All folk can learn a method of producing home made wines.
Of how, when brewed in cauldron, oft in the dead of night
The pale moon glows and scarcely shows this quaint wine making rite.
When pot is stirred with besom broom in left hand firmly held
And anti-clockwise round and round the mixture is propelled.
Seven times by seventy it bubbles in rotation
And waited on the breeze is heard the strangest incantation.
Half rotten fruit, old cabbage stumps and sticks of rhubarb too
And other strange ingredients make up this witches brew.
Now, all this Rotgut, Tanglefoot and liquid T.N.T.
Could well be used as rocket fuel to reach infinity,
'Twill burst the strongest bottle and shoot the cork away
And will mature if can be kept a twelve month and a day.
It blisters tongue and tonsils and what is such a curse
Is that upon its downward way the damage gets much worse.
There are headaches by the thousand and it is plain to see
You'll talk of your relations on a home wine tasting spree,
And so beware the proffered glass and asked to guess the sort
With all the bland assurances, "It's better far than port".
For if you sip the potion and fail to guess it right
When told just what it's made from you will feel quite ill all night.
Far better stick to coffee and I beg you please take note
Not only is it soothing, it's the tipplers' antidote!

A.H.C.

FOR SALE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH

Among national documents is one which gives details of goods owned and sold by 1548 by churchwardens in Essex. Here is the detail for Great Bromley. The spelling has not been modernised. Explanations are given in brackets in italics. "Myche Bromley. The churchwardens there doo presente and saye That John muntc and John Littleburye parryshenours there dyd sell a Crosse of sylver, a senser (*incense burning vessel*) and a Chalyce of sylver for the somme of xxli (£20) whereof there ys speente and ayede oute for the amendige (*repair*) of highwayes viijli, (£8). Amd the resydue remayneth in the churche boxe for the relief of the poore people of the same parrryshe. And of the parrryshe hath gyven to poore people of the same parrryshe xxxti yardes of lynnyn cloothe which hanged before the Tabernacles (*canopied niche for storing items*) of the same churche".

Other parishes in the present Harwich Deanery which are also included in the returns are - Dovercourt, Elmstead, Harwich, Lawford, Manningtree, Mistley, Great Oakley, Ramsey and Wix. There is not a return for Little Bromley. Ardleigh has a return. *John Appleby*

CAROL SERVICE to be held at Burnt Heath Methodist Church

on Sunday, 17th December at 6.30pm

Followed by Mince Pies and Coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME Collection for Church and Barnardos

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Excellent food, wonderful service, a warm cosy room together with jolly good company which is what we had at our Annual Dinner at the Waverley Hotel, Clacton. Who could ask for more?

Our next meeting on 14th December which will be more of a social evening is to be held at the home of Mrs Biddis (7.30pm). Maybe I could take this opportunity to wish all members a Very Happy Christmas from myself and Frank. *Vicky Griffiths*

COFFEE MAKING ROTA after the 9.30 Service

3 December Jane West 10 December Olive Sparling 17 December Jean Harding

[CHILDREN'S PAGE – omitted]

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

THE PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS

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| Sun 3 Dec | Holy Communion | 8.00am Gt. Bromley |
| | Family Eucharist | 9.30am Gt. Bromley |
| | Advent Carol Service with the Camerata Singers | 6.30pm Ardleigh |
| Sun 10 Dec | Parish Eucharist | 9.30pm Gt. Bromley |
| | Family Service (Gifts can be placed around the Christmas tree for later distribution to a children's charity) | 11.00am Ardleigh |
| | From darkness to light. Advent and taize music with students from the Colchester Institute | 6.30pm Gt. Bromley |
| Thur 14 Dec | Christmas Pram Service | 2.15pm Rectory |
| Sun 17 Dec | Holy Communion | 8.00am Gt. Bromley |
| | Parish Eucharist | 9.30am Gt. Bromley |
| | Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight | 6.30pm Gt. Bromley |
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| Tue 19 Dec | Carols by candlelight | 7.00pm Lt. Bromley |
| Sun 23 Dec | Christingle | 5.30pm Gt. Bromley |
| Sun 24 Dec | B.C.P. Holy Communion | 8.00am Ardleigh |
| | Joint Eucharist with Ardleigh | 10.00am Gt. Bromley |
| | Christingle | 5.30pm Ardleigh |
| Mon 25 Dec | Midnight Mass | 11.30pm Gt. Bromley |
| | Midnight Mass | 11.30pm Ardleigh |
| | B.C.P. Holy Communion | 8.00am Gt. Bromley |
| | Eucharist of Christmas | 9.30am Gt. Bromley |
| | Eucharist of Christmas | 11.00am Ardleigh |
| Sun 31 Dec | Parish Eucharist | 9.30am Gt Bromley |
| | NO EVENSONG | |

Come and Worship Christ the New-born King