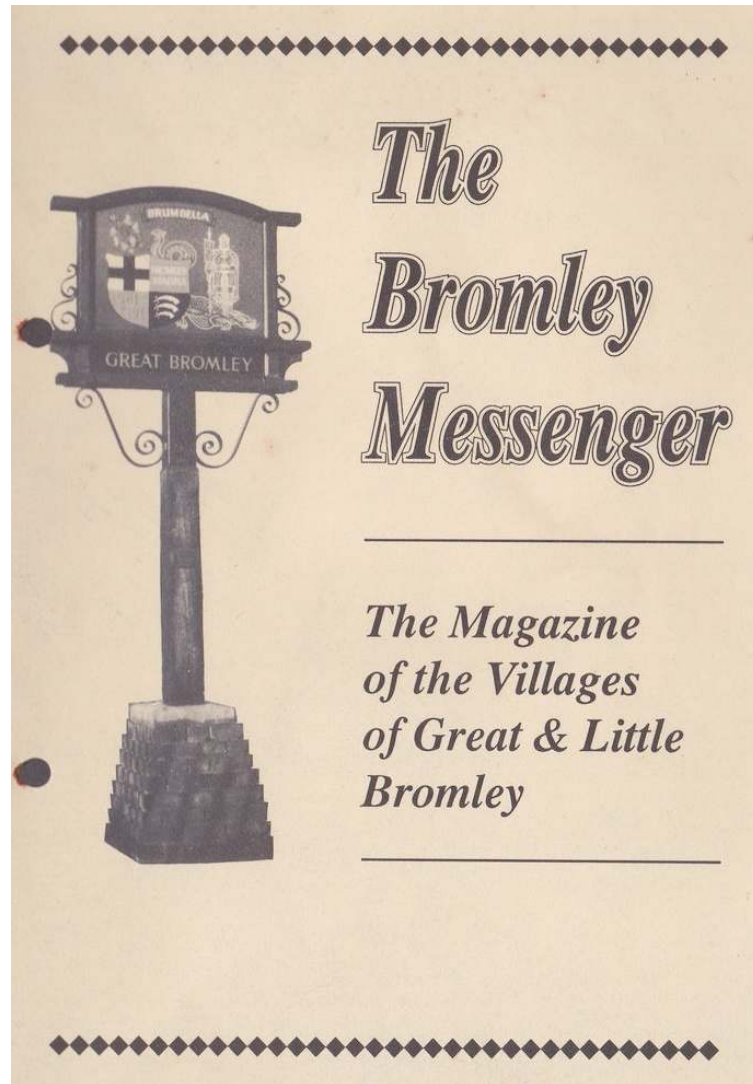


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The Bromley Messenger January 1996

I was pleased to learn in mid-November that the scheme to amalgamate the Parish of Ardleigh with "The Bromleys" has now been officially approved and is a legal reality. When I arrived just over 1½ years ago it was known that this was the way that the two parishes would operate but there was naturally concern about what this would mean for the parishes in practical terms. I have tried my best to create a working together of the parishes that fosters co-operation yet preserves local identity. So we have a pattern of services that allows a core of the faithful to gather together in each of the village parish churches and to meet in one place or location for a special occasion - like rogationtide for example. Not a few people have told me that it is all working out well and the effects of each parish sharing a parish priest have been minimised. I am enjoying the experience of rural ministry, which is known to be especially challenging in the present day. It has been a great privilege, too. Despite the problems of finance and the shortage of priests I still believe the church has such a vital role to play in the fabric of village life that I hope and pray that such a ministry will continue to be maintained in most places. The beginning of a year can be a time of assessment - we look both backward to the previous year and toward the future. Last year we had hoped that it would be possible to redecorate our church porch and to put on a number of events both secular and sacred that would add to the vitality of the village. I think we have achieved those aims. This year I hope that we can continue in the vein and also redouble our efforts to raise more money for our church building repairs and for our work as part of the wider church in this diocese. Even more importantly I hope to get to know more of you in the village and support those in particular need more effectively through the shared ministry of priest and people. *Fr. Trevor*

DIARY DATES

3 Jan W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
10, 11, 12, 13 Jan Sleeping Beauty Pantomime, Village Hall
15 Jan Playgroup term starts
17 Jan Toddler group term starts
17 Jan St George's Youth Club term starts
18 Jan Brownies term starts
25 Jan Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

MATERIAL for the February edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1996 please. THE COVER for 'The Messenger' is due for its annual change. Any names, telephone numbers or organisation/association changes should be sent to the Editor by 19th March for it to be incorporated in this year's print run. The Messenger' this month is sponsored by GREENACRE BOARDING CATTERY of Great Bromley, T & F MOTORS of Horsley Cross and PLEASS THOMSON & CO, Solicitors of Clacton. We thank them most warmly for their support and hope that in turn you will support them.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The first snow of the winter fell on our Christmas Party night but it did not stop a good turn out. Our President was able to welcome several guests and members' husbands. Members were thanked for their contribution to the successful Christmas Sale and were reminded that subscriptions are now due £12.50 this year). The Committee provided a well laden and decorated table for a buffet supper which was much enjoyed. Thank you Committee for this - how wise we were to select such good cooks. The talented Elaine Barker followed with folk songs and excellent recitations concluding with some Christmas sing-a-longs.

Next meeting - Wednesday, 3rd January, 7.30pm in the Village Hall when the Speaker will be Brian Mitchell, Chief Clerk of Colchester County Court. *Pippa Hardy*

MILLENNIUM COMMISSION.

Have you any ideas how Great Bromley could commemorate the year 2000? The Parish Council would be pleased to have any ideas. In addition Tendring District Council would consider any historic event or prominent person responsible for Great Bromley's early development and erect a monument. Please let me know your thoughts and suggestions as soon as possible.

Len Christodoulides

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GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Now that Christmas is over, holidays and sunny far off places begin to stir our thoughts. Mr John Jarvis will be showing us some holiday slides to maybe help make up our minds where that holiday will be.

This month the Competition will be A religious Christmas card. *Mildred Purkis*

COVER COMPETITION

We have decided to run a competition for the front cover of the magazine open to ALL readers. It will be divided into two sections - 'Under 16' and 'Over 16'. It should either be a line drawing or a photograph suitable for reproduction on the cover within the limitations of the printing process. I suggest you examine past and present front covers. There will be a prize for any contribution that is used. Entries to be sent to the Editor by 1st March, 1996.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd November, 1995. Little action has been taken to date by the District Council over the car breaking which is continuing in the village. The Parish Council will send a further letter of complaint. Authorisation has now been received from the Essex County Council Highways Department to position neighbourhood watch signs in the village. Mr Rowe reported that the traffic calming measures for the village have been

budgeted for 1996-97 financial year. The Parish Council will forward a planning application to Tendring District Council for the use of land in Ardleigh Road as a playing field with future plans to build a village hall. The offer of this land has been made by Mr P Herring. The Parish Council have given a donation of £120 to the PCC. towards the grass cutting expenses for the churchyard.

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PLANNING APPLICATION TEN/95/1166

An action group "PROTECTION" has been formed to oppose this application in Great Bromley (Protest by Residents Over Tendring's Environmentally Catastrophic Treatment In Our Neighbourhood). Frating, Little Bromley and Great Bromley are against this type of Industrial Development, being so big and so high. Balloons have been flown on the site to give T.D.C. councillors an idea of just how high it would be, and what impact it would have on the surrounds. T.D.C. will have discussed this application on 19th December but the D of B will step in if T.D.C. approve on the grounds that the acceptance of the application by T.D.C. is illegal. If you require further information contact me or the Steering Committee leader, Dale Robinson (01206 250731). It is NOT too late to write and object to the Planning Officer of T.D.C. which I urge you to do before we lose another part of our village. *Len Christodoulides*

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 16th November, 1995. Following complaints from both the Parish and District Councils, Anglian Water have stated that they will install an odour control system at the sewage works in Brook Street. The Parish Council will review this problem again in the Spring.

Scanfreight UK have applied to change their Goods Vehicle Operators Licence to keep 8 vehicles and 2 trailers at their centre in Frating Road. A letter of objection will be sent to the Licensing Authority. The Parish Council have objected to the Broadway Malyan (Tiptree Books) planning application. A letter of support will be sent to Mr D Robinson who is leading the campaign against this application.

The Parish Council have agreed to provide carpeting for the new committee room at the village Hall.

Kathy Hayward stated that a preservation order has been obtained for one horse chestnut and two oak trees near P.C. Cottages. A licence has now been received to plant trees in Mary Lane North but unfortunately it is too dry to plant at the present time.

THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CONCERN in the village regarding the newspaper reports that the Essex County Council intends to purchase Morants in Colchester Road, Great Bromley for use as a home for disturbed children. The Parish Council have received no correspondence whatsoever about these proposals and will therefore write to the County Councillor, Mr Chris Pearson, to voice the concerns of the parishioners and request that the Parish Council is updated on all developments. Mr Pearson will also be invited to the next parish council meeting which will be held on Thursday, 25th January, 1996 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public can of course attend.

GREAT BROMLEY AND FRATING PLAYGROUP

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Our Christmas party held last month was a great success. Adrian entertained the children with magic, puppets and balloons and the party ended with a visit from Santa. Thank you to everyone who helped.

We are pleased to report that the 'Toddler Group', which was under threat of closure will now be continuing due to the increase in numbers. Good news for the little ones! Playgroup returns on Monday, 15th January and Toddler Group on Wednesday, 17th January. We wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you soon.

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KITCHEN CORNER

The New Year, and the party season, is upon us again - A Happy New Year to all my readers! I am still waiting to have some favourite recipes to share, so do write in! Party time means drinks all round, and if the weather is cold, nothing cheers more than something to give a warm glow throughout.

MULLED WINE This can be prepared beforehand and warmed when required. Stud 2 oranges and 1 lemon with cloves and grill till the juices start to run. Put into a pan with 3 pints water, 1lb soft brown sugar and a cinnamon stick. Boil till reduced by half. Add 3 bottles cheap red wine, add rum or brandy to taste. Serve warm with a little grated nutmeg if liked

AUSTRIAN GLUHWEIN An easier recipe

3 bottles red wine; juice and zest of an orange rind; 1 cinnamon stick;
juice of half a lemon; 15 cloves; brown sugar to taste; 3 cups water.

Warm slowly and sweeten to taste as it gets hot (do not let boil). Float orange slices on top if liked.

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4 pints apple juice; 4 cinnamon sticks; 1 cup brown sugar; 1½ teasp allspice; 12 whole cloves. Bring to the boil and gently simmer a few minutes. Garnish with lemon slices. Can be varied by using equal quantities of orange juice with the apple, and sweeten with honey.

Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB Season Round-Up

Last summer again proved to be both an enjoyable and successful one for the Cricket Club. In the Lancaster Garages League Division 2 programme Gt. Bromley finished a very creditable fifth, (equalling 1994's finish) and again very narrowly missed out on promotion into Division 1. In fact out of the two promoted teams, Gt. Bromley defeated one twice and narrowly lost to the other off of the last ball in each match. I hope we can repeat this kind of form next season and go one step further and achieve promotion into the First Division.

In the friendly fixtures the Cricket Club again sampled success with many games being closely contested. The results are not as important as in the League and the friendlies give many club members the chance to cross swords with old friends. Our friendly fixture list remains as strong as ever and it was particularly encouraging to see an increasing number of our younger members playing in these matches. On the batting front last summer proved to be a prolific one for our batsmen with four managing to record individual totals of over 500 runs. Captain Fraser Eadie again led the way with a season aggregate of 919 including 11 half centuries and a highest score of 90 not out against Grasshoppers in the League. Matt Pirie was the second highest run scorer with 815 runs. His total included an impressive four centuries and one half century with a highest score of 128 recorded against a Boxted XI in a friendly. Peter Brinkley in his first season back at the club after a spell at Mistletoe was third highest run getter accumulating 717 runs. Peter's total included two centuries and three half centuries with a highest score of 126 compiled against Bacton in a friendly match.

This season was also a profitable one for our bowlers. The leading wicket taker was Tony Huish who claimed 44 victims and again just fell short of the magical 50 barrier. Tony's best performance was recorded against Mile End where he took 4 for 37 in a League Match. Second highest was Bill Kempster who captured 26 wickets. Earls Colne were the unfortunate victims as Bill ripped through their batting to claim a season best of 6 for 12 in a League match. Nigel Rowe and Claudius Green tied for third, each with 24 wickets. Nigel's best was 4 for 10 recorded against old rivals, Bures, in a friendly and Claudius' analysis of 5 for 17 was a career best performance for our tall paceman, League opponents Tendring Park being the victims.

On 10th November the Club held its annual dinner and awards night at the Black Boy, Great Bromley. As usual it was a very successful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The Club President's wife, Mrs Gwen Hayward, presented the trophies to the following winners:

- ❖ Douglas Wenden Trophy (Batting) Fraser Eadie
- ❖ Bowling Trophy Tony Huish
- ❖ Fielding Award Pip Allam
- ❖ Players Player of the Year Peter Brinkley
- ❖ Single Wicket Trophy Peter Brinkley
- ❖ Clubman of the Year Nigel Rowe

Matt Pirie and Peter Brinkley both received trophies in recognition of their centuries. Mrs Hayward also made presentations to the Tea Ladies on behalf of the Cricket Club for their untiring efforts throughout the summer.

Finally, on 22nd November the Cricket Club held its A.G.M. at the Village Hall and the following officers were elected:

- ❖ President Dick Hayward
- ❖ Chairman Phill Allam Vice-Chairman Bill Eadie
- ❖ Secretary Tim Biscoe
- ❖ Treasurer Matt Foley
- ❖ Fixture Secretary Nigel Rowe
- ❖ Captain Fraser Eadie Vice-Captain Tim Biscoe
- ❖ Match Manager Matt Pirie
- ❖ Committee Members Bill Kempster, Tony Huish and Peter Brinkley
Fraser Eadie

ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club has enjoyed the summer using our new 5-a-side football posts paid for by a grant from Colchester and Tendring Community Trust and Rural Community Council of Essex. In October we had a Hallowe'en party with fancy dress and games. In November our sleep over in the church raised £142 of which £71 was given to Father Trevor for church repairs and £71 paid toward bowling on 9th December. We finished this week with Bingo and party games. Youth Club starts again on 17th January, 1996. *Chris Taylor*

THANKS I would like to say a big thank you to all who helped in any way at all to make the Christmas Fayre a success. £466.50 was raised for both the Village Hall Association and Great Bromley Church Roof Appeal. *Jean Wright*

A MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION, and Deanery Synod Representative for Ardleigh and the Bromleys, Bill Walker of Little Bromley, has just been elected to serve on General Synod for the next five years. He is also the first man from the Harwich Deanery to sit on the Church of England's national ruling body. Bill has outlines for us where he stands on the issues of the day.

1. "I support Bishop's statement on Human Sexuality. Because of the representative role of the priest, I do not believe that persons in open or closet homosexual relationships should be ordained as priests.
2. I welcome in principle the Turnbull Report to streamline the structures of the Church of England.
3. I support the nationwide parish system of the Church of England, and shall concern myself particularly with the problems of rural ministry and Conservation Trust churches.
4. I am in favour of retaining the book of Common Prayer with as little basic change as possible to the revision of the ASB.
5. I am concerned about the issues of financial mismanagement and the need for financial probity.
6. I am happy that Clergy freehold should be retained.
7. I am in favour of Ecumenism and Evangelism as an integral part of Church life.

I am looking forward to this new challenge."

Our best wishes go to Bill for the Opening Session of the General Synod which started on 28th November with Holy Communion at Westminster Abbey in the presence of the Queen. George Kent also went up for the day, accompanied by Harold Rolfe from Lawford. Bill hopes to bring us news of what is happening in the Church of England. In this context he felt that parishioners should know that the Rt. Rev. Edward Holland spoke recently to the Deanery Synod, and talked on leadership in the Millennium in the Church of England, and said that consensus and co-operation were essential between laity and clergy in the days ahead in this present financial crisis. Bill also wished to report on the ALPHA VIDEO COURSE that has just finished at Lawford. This was most successful, with far more people attending than anticipated. Alpha is a course on Christian basics, sanctioned by the Bishop of Chelmsford, and highly recommended by such High Churchmen as Bishop Michael Marshall and the new Archbishop of York, Dr Hope, who says of Alpha that is "is a clear way into Christian faith for a wide variety of people' and that he "warmly and heartily commends the Alpha courses." Alpha has something for everyone. Roger Howell from Lawford says that he would not have missed the course, experiencing a "renewal of

his Christian faith and beliefs" and recommending it for enquirers as "the answers to all the questions". At present the course is running East Bergholt, Bradfield and Colchester and will shortly begin at Frating and Holton St. Mary. Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha, please ring Bill on 01206 392886.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Firstly I hope you all had a good Christmas. In the couple of months leading up to Christmas both villages and Ardleigh were hit by a spate of dwelling burglaries. This is obviously not good news especially for those of you who were burgled. It is felt a lot of burglaries were connected as the same means of entry was used on each, kicking in the front or back door. There was nothing subtle about it. In a few cases nothing was stolen. There have not been any sightings of any vehicles at the scenes of the burglaries. However we do have a couple of vehicles we are currently watching out for. As these have not been seen at the scene of a crime details of them are being withheld at this time. The 'suspicious callers' have been seen in the area and thanks to some good information from one alert villager I can tell you that a vehicle to look out for is some kind of pick up/ 4 x 4 vehicle, silvery grey in colour. If you do get any callers ask to see some ID. and remember all that you can about them. If you are not happy, call the police.

I have recently noticed a lot of garden bonfires being lit rather close to the highway, the subsequent smoke causing a danger to motorists. Please make sure all fires are well away from roads and your neighbours' boundary. You may find your neighbour claiming damages from you.
C. J. Phillips, PC1061

THE PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS

Sun 7 Jan 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion
9.30am Family Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

Thur 11 Jan 2.15pm Pram Service in the Rectory

Sun 14 Jan 8.00 am B.C.P. Holy Communion, Ardleigh
9.30am Eucharist

Sun 21 Jan 8.00 am B.C.P. Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sun 28 Jan 8.00 am B.C.P. Holy Communion, Ardleigh 9.30 am "The Ministry of Healing". At the Eucharist we welcome Michael Theyer, Chaplain of the St. Helena Hospice. who will speak to us about the work of the Hospice.

Midweek celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 9.30 am and Fridays at Seven Rivers at 11.00 am. (Tuesday, 9.30 am and Thursdays, 7.30 pm at Ardleigh). I welcome enquiries about baptisms, confirmation and weddings.

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The Churchwardens have told me that people do not always understand the different terms that I use to describe forthcoming services and other aspects of church life. I have recently acquired a computer and am myself struggling through all the computer jargon which people in 'the know' expect you to understand so I can sympathise with those who like to be aware of what words they may not have come across mean. It is good that you all make me aware that the church like any other organisation has its share of special terms and ways of working. Last month, for example, I spoke of the recent scheme that has amalgamated the two parishes of Ardleigh and The Bromleys under the care of one priest. This in itself perhaps needs more explanation. While the parishes share a vicar and co-operate together this does not mean that they have simply been forged into a larger unit in the way that the villages of Great and Little Bromley were made into one ecclesiastical parish called The Bromleys. Rather the two parishes of Ardleigh and The Bromleys remain distinct with their own Parochial Church Council and Churchwardens and representatives to Deanery Synod. (It was wrongly reported that Bill Walker, Anne Fairley and George Kent represent Ardleigh at Deanery Synod - they represent only The Bromleys.) Parish Councils are the elected representatives of the Parish Church and work with the Rector to ensure that the needs of the wider parish are best met in terms of worship and pastoral care etc. and that the fabric of the church is maintained.

The work of the church, repairs and alterations, the spending of money and the planning of events and services is decided within this body. The possession of the church and churchyard is vested legally in the hands of the Rector and Churchwardens jointly. Churchwardens maintain order, allocate seats, and receive the collection in order to pass it over to the Treasurer. Churchwardens are Bishop's Officers and report to the Bishop and the Archdeacon at his visitation about the health and state of the parish. The Rectory in Great Bromley is owned by the Diocese and is maintained by them for the use of Clergymen appointed to the parishes of Ardleigh and The Bromleys. I hope this may help people understand a little more how the Church of England operates.

During Lent there will be an evening home group to learn and share thoughts about the Christian faith. I am always delighted to hear of anyone who would like to be confirmed or learn more of what the church has to say. I would be very happy to run an introductory course of the Christian faith if enough people were interested. Please contact me or the Churchwardens.

Fr. Trevor

DIARY DATES

- 7 Feb WI Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Feb Garden Club Meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
- 13 Feb Copy for 'The Messenger' please
- 29 Feb WI Group Activity, Hewitt Hall, Dedham
- 1 Mar Closing date for entries for 'The Messenger' Cover Competition

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There are a few places still available in the Playgroup. Themes organised for this term include 'Fairy Tales' and 'the Body'.

Dates for your diary: Half term begins Monday 19th February.

Playgroup and Toddler Group return on Wednesday, 28th February.

Please note there will be no playgroup on Monday, 26th February.

J Calderbank (01206 251812)

COFFEE MAKING ROTA for after the 9.30am Sunday Service

4 February Olive Sparling 11 February Jean Harding

18 February Anne Fairley 25 February Jane West

KITCHEN CORNER

This month, some recipes from my American cook-book "Old-fashioned Apple Recipes"



1) NUTTY APPLE-CHEDDAR LOAF

½ cup butter

2-2½ cups flour

2/3 cup brown sugar

1 ½ teasp baking powder

2 eggs

½ teasp bicarbonate of soda

1½ cups shredded apples ½ teasp salt ½ cup grated cheddar cheese ½ cup nuts.

Cream butter and sugar, beat in eggs, add sifted dry ingredients then stir in nuts, apples and cheese. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake moderate oven 350F one hour. Cool 10 mins before turning out. Try this for breakfast!

2) APPLE-O-DATE PUDDING

1 cup porridge oats, 2 cups sliced apples, 2? cups cold water; 1 teasp lemon juice

¼ cup honey; 1 tablesp butter; 1 teasp cinnamon; ½ cup raisins, ½ teasp salt, ½ cup dates.

Cook oats in water for 5 mins, stirring constantly. Stir in honey, spice and salt. Remove from

heat and cover the pan. Saute the apples with lemon juice in the butter, stir in raisins and

dates. Layer the oat mixture and apple mixture in alternate layers in shallow baking dish. Cover and bake 20-25 mins at 350F. Serve warm with cream.

Jill Frostick

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

CARPET BOWLS

Our Christmas evening was rather different this year as it coincided with a home match against Walton. The ladies added some festive fare to the usual buffet and it was a happy evening all round. The result was a draw. Those 4 points put us at the top of the League Table at the halfway stage. There are some tough away matches during the second half of the League fixtures so we may not stay there. However, we will do our best and feel sure the games will be enjoyed whatever the outcome. A happy 1996 to all our members and friends, and good bowling.

Nancy Kempster

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

4 February Olive Sparling 11 February Anne Wild and Jean Harding

18 February J Wests 25 February Royce Diaper

If there is anybody who would enjoy a quiet half an hour in the church occasionally you would be very welcome to join our band of happy workers. The time would be to suit yourself and men are very welcome, they appear to be very good at polishing!

The more volunteers we have, the less frequently each person will have to do it, and the more beautiful our lovely old church will be, not only for services but for those who visit and attend weddings and funerals. It can be a very peaceful and satisfactory occupation in this busy life of ours. *Olive and James*

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Carol Service held in Lawford Church just before Christmas was much enjoyed by the members who went. Another Group Activity has been organised for Thursday, 29th February at the Hewitt Hall, Dedham. Starting &10.00 for 10.30 and ending about 3.15pm. There will be three speakers - Mrs Harper on the History of Silk, Mr West on the Craft of the Potter and Mr Dungey on Bedgers.

Two calls for help - firstly, Essex Federation are collecting Tea Bags and Instant Coffee for the people of Chernobyl we are asked to bring contributions of these items to the February meeting. If any non-member reading this would like to donate as well we would be very grateful, telephone me on 230341. Secondly - our Raffle Prize stock is getting low so if you have anything suitable please bring it to the next meeting.

Brian Mitchell, Chief Clerk of Colchester County Court, gave an interesting talk on his 38 years experience in the Courts. Procedure has changed a good deal since he first started work and he says not to be intimidated if you have a problem go and ask them for advice. Next meeting - Wednesday, 7th February, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, the Speaker is Mr Heather and the competition is 'A Picture or Photograph of a Tree'. *Pippa Hardy*

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 4 February 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd J Robinson

Sunday 11 February 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr D Green

Sunday 18 February 11.00am Balls Green Mr J Ekins

Sunday 25 February 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd J Wilkinson

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COLCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH

Some 34 HD family members and friends had the annual soup and sausage party at the Hollies recently, with ages ranging from babies to grannies and it was a lively and happy get together. Later in the week 17 of us enjoyed the village panto on the Charity night. Several of our family members are presently undergoing the predictive test C which determines which side of the coin comes down in the 50/50 chance of developing this awful condition. These families need considerable support which we try to give in our helplines, meetings and activities. An advance notice. Huntington's Disease has once again been selected as the beneficiary for the local Alexandra Rose Day collection in the last two weeks of June. This will be house to house, and anyone who would like to help is asked to contact Jean Harding on 230425. Also we hope there will be no other collection coinciding with these dates in the village.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

In the February 1986 edition of 'The Messenger' it was reported that Great Bromley Pantomime Group had entertained the village with the adventures of ROBINSON CRUSOE and had been much enjoyed. Also the Teddy Bears Picnic which was in the event held in the grounds of the Cheshire Home in the June was in its planning stages.

CAROL SINGING

Well we set out again to sing around the village and bring a little of the real Christmas cheer to you all. Of course we did not get to all the nooks and crannies of Great and Little Bromley, however where people were in we were made most welcome. We were so pleased that some of the Guides with Jacquie and John Terry joined us with some folks who did not even live in the parishes! We started off singing to a lovely crowd in Seven Rivers. We were warmed with hot punch at the Rectory on the first evening and with hot soup at the home of Mr and Mrs Harding on the Friday evening. Many thanks we needed the thawing out.

£207.77 was collected and duly handed over to the SAINT HELENA HOSPICE. We were all most encouraged. So much so that we are saying "Next Year ..." already. This year the lanterns lit our way most successfully, now next year we would like a few more willing singers, and then, maybe, we could split up and really get around the village. Make a note in your diaries we start thinking about CAROL SINGING in OCTOBER maybe this year we could practise a programme!

We do hope that so far you are enjoying a most Happy New Year. *Olive and James*

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Alresford Concert Party will be entertaining us this month to cheer us up after that awful weather. I was lead to believe that hard frost would kill off the GERMS! The Competition - A pretty scarf. *Mildred Purkis*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our A.G.M. was held on 11th January at the home of Mr and Mrs Wright to whom we give many thanks for their hospitality. The Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer and Committee were re-elected for another year. The accounts were approved and the year's programme was discussed including outings if possible. Leavingtons have been approached to send us a Speaker for February and we are awaiting confirmation. Our next meeting at Seven Rivers will be on 8th February at 7.30pm. *Vicky Griffiths*

DR. EDWARD WILLIAMS MD

Dr. Williams was a resident in Great Bromley as well as having a surgery in West Stockwell Street, Colchester. He was Mayor of Colchester in 1849, 1854, 1859 and 1862. The Colchester & Essex Hospital in Lexden Road, Colchester has many tales to tell of Dr. Williams. He was among the small band which helped to found the Parish School, now St. George's School. So Dr. Williams was interested in education. When the Colchester Royal Grammar School moved from its ancient site in Culver Street to its present location in Lexden Road in 1853 there among the supporters is our Dr. E Williams. The Essex and West Suffolk Gazette records the opening of the School where Alderman E Williams was among the Town Councillors in the procession from the old site to the new one. The same E Williams, MD. gave a contribution of five guineas to the foundation funds. C(harrington) Nicholl Esq, (of Ardleigh) gave ten guineas. The Revd. H B Newman of Little Bromley sent a guinea. Among the Clergy in the procession with the Ven Archdeacon Burney was Henry Brown Newman, M.A., (Little Bromley), and his neighbour Henry Richard Somers Smith, B.A., J .P. (Little Bentley) who had also subscribed a guinea. Who knows perhaps there will be more to tell from the archives of the R.G.S., Colchester. *John Appleby*

COMPETITION

We have decided to run a competition for the front cover of the magazine open to ALL readers. It will be divided into two sections - 'Under 16' and 'Over 16'. It should either be a line drawing or a photograph suitable for reproduction on the cover within the limitations of the printing process. I suggest you examine past and present front covers There will be a prize for any contribution that is used. Entries to be sent to the Editor by 1st March, 1996.

I CANNOT BEAR the mispronunciation of my name as 'Ireen' and so I prefer to be known as Mrs Wilkinson. Irene is possibly Greek in origin and so the final 'e' should be sounded and always was in my young day. *Mrs I Wilkinson*

From the Dictionary of First Names:

IRENE [ie'reenee, ie'reen] *The three-syllable pronunciation of this name comes from the original Greek. where the word means 'peace'; the shorter form is a modern pronunciation based on the spelling. Irene was the name of an early fourth-century martyr, whose legend, probably embroidered, tells of her being confined, but unmolested, in a brothel before being burnt. It was also the name of a number of Byzantine empresses, one of which in the eighth century managed to reign in her own right, even though holding on to the throne meant putting out the eyes of her son.*

CHILDREN'S PAGE

BEETLE GAME [omitted]

FACTS A ping pong ball can be hit to reach speeds of as much as 170 km/h.

A cricket ball has been bowled at 160.45 km/h.

A baseball has been pitched at 162.3 km/h.

The highest golf shots ever made were by Alan Shepard, Commander of Apollo 14, on the moon in February, 1971. There are three golf balls still up there.

ST. GEORGE the MARTYR SERVICES

Thurs 1 Feb 7.30pm Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Eucharist at Ardleigh

Sun 4 Feb 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service - Children especially welcome 6.30pm Evensong

Thur 8 Feb 2.00pm Pram Service in the Church followed by tea and squash

Sun 11 Feb 9.30am Parish Sung Eucharist

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

Wed 21 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY 7.00pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (This is a service at the beginning of Lent in which the theme of repentance is introduced and each person is signed with ash on the forehead as a sign of penitence. It is a custom that goes back into the early history of the church that was borrowed from the Old Testament. Old Testament characters put ash upon themselves when they wanted to enter humbly into the spirit of humility and repentance.)

Sun 25 Feb 9.30 am Parish Sung Eucharist

Midweek celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 12 noon and Fridays at Seven Rivers at 11.00 am.

I welcome enquiries about baptisms, confirmation and weddings.

The Bromley Messenger March 1996

Following on from my first article about the organisation of the church and its terminology may I begin my article this month by ensuring that there is no confusion about the roles of two groups of people that have almost the same title in our villages. The Parochial Church Council or Parish Church Council is of course concerned with the role and work of the local church in the area, while the Parish Council is purely there to deal with the everyday needs and problems of the village and its administration and is completely distinct from the church. I know that people, especially those who move here, are sometimes confused by these different groups that not infrequently share the same members. When I spoke with the Bishop of Colchester recently he wondered if a service to mark the amalgamation of the two Parishes of Ardleigh and The Bromleys would be a good idea. I'm not sure that it would for as we have now got used to the scheme it might easily be quite an anticlimax. However, this suggested to me some further words connected with a priest being appointed to a Parish, that can mystify people.

Firstly INSTITUTION. This is the admission of a new incumbent into the spiritual care of the parish. It is always done by a Bishop, since the Vicar or Rector of a Parish shares this spiritual care with the Bishop. Hence the Bishop's words in the service, "Accept this ministry which is mine and yours".

Then INDUCTION. The induction, which will normally be at the same service as the institution gives the new incumbent legal possession of the "temporalities" of the Parish (fabric, buildings, etc.) Often this includes laying the hand of the new incumbent upon the key of the church door. It is generally done by an Archdeacon.

LICENSING. In the case of a Priest-in-Charge (i.e. someone who is not the incumbent of the Parish) there will simply be the licensing of the Priest by the Bishop. In such cases a priest will be placed for a fixed time in the parish and legally speaking can be moved by the Bishop.

COLLATION is the term used to describe what happens when the Bishop is the patron of a parish. The new priest who is to be an incumbent is said to be "collated" into the living. An Incumbent is a priest who has the freehold of the living and hence cannot be moved, (save for negligence) against his will. The church is not a complete democracy as such, rather it entrusts ministry and care of different parishes to the ministry of Bishops, Priests and Deacons into work with, and co-operate with, the members of the church community. This mirrors the pattern of Apostle ministry in the first centuries. *Fr. Trevor*

Diary Dates

1 Mar Women's World Day of Prayer, Dedham Church, 2.00pm

6 Mar W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

14 Mar Garden Club Meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm

19 Mar 'Messenger' Copy Deadline

21 Mar Pantomime Group A.G.M. , Village Hall, 8.00pm

23 Mar Playgroup Craft & Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm

13 Apr Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

17 Apr Proposed Day visit to Canterbury Cathedral

26-27 May St George's Church Flower Festival & Gardens Open Day Weekend

13 Sep Essex Police Band

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 and supporting our magazine.

MATERIAL for the April edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1996 please.

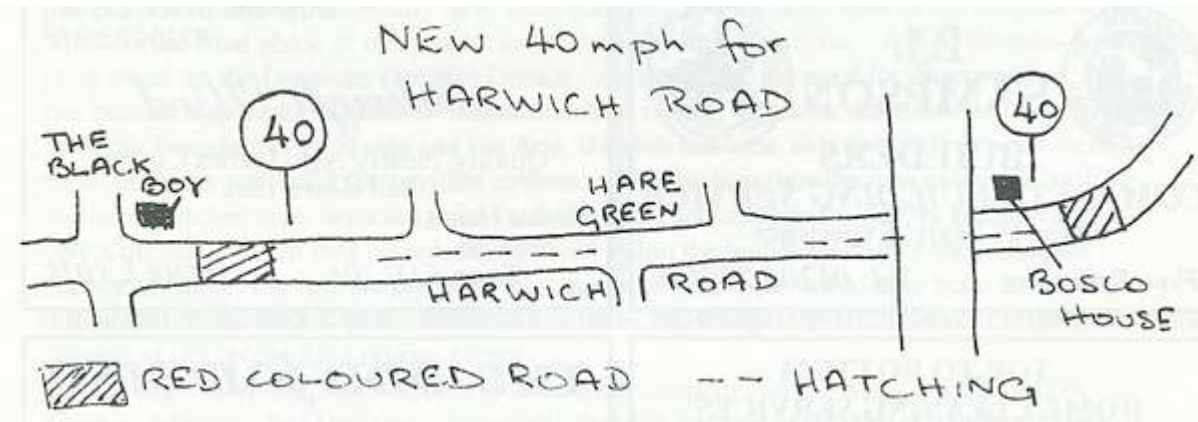
IN APRIL THE COVER for 'The Messenger' is due for its annual change. Any names, telephone numbers or organisation changes should be sent to the Editor by 19th March for it to be incorporated in this year's print run.

TIPTREE BOOK COMPANY PROTECTION ACTION GROUP

You will all have read that John Gummer turned down the Judicial Review on the doubt about the legality of the decision by T.D.C. to approve planning permission. All the local Parishes will be chipping in to a small fund for protection to pursue a private application for a Judicial Review. If any individual would like to contribute please contact me. *Len Christodoulides*

HARWICH ROAD - SPEED LIMIT

The Great Bromley Parish Council has after 15 years of trying, persuaded E.C.C. to introduce traffic calming on the Harwich Road costing some £14,000. Work has already begun and involves a 40 mph. speed limit, hatching in parts of the road to discourage overtaking and red coloured tarmac at the 40 mph speed limit signs. If this is successful then we can look at other roads, e. g. Frating Road, to see if there is any case for consideration of similar steps. The Parish Clerk has the drawings if anyone is interested.



ESSEX POLICE BAND

To all you music lovers and especially those who enjoyed their last visit to the Village Hall, watch this space for further news. As the tickets will be very limited, if you would like to have your name placed on the list for tickets for their performance on Friday, 13th September please telephone Stan West on 01206 230584 or Frank Griffiths on 01206 230086.

EASTER LILIES

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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH Don't wait for your ship to come in - Swim out to meet it. F.G.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Leigh Singers will entertain us in March. We look forward to some pleasant music heralding in, we hope, a lovely Spring. The Competition - A Spray of Spring Flowers. *Mildred Purkis*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT: Qualified teacher offers help with literacy, numeracy, maths, physics etc. Village rate £10 per hour. Please telephone for further details V. Harris

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Although the Winter and post Christmas period is not normally a busy one for cricket clubs, Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club and the ground have been a hive of activity. The pavilion extension will hopefully have been completed by the time these notes are published which is the final phase of our project to improve the club's facilities. As Gt. Bromley have progressed up the Lancaster Garages Cricket League ladder, the need for improved facilities has become apparent. Thanks to committed fund raising, generous donations and a grant from the Foundation for Sports and the Arts, the club has been able to install new showers, toilet facilities and build the pavilion extension. When complete the new extension will include a kitchen area, separate toilet facilities and a lounge area for players and spectators. With the cricket club now consolidating itself within the higher reaches of the Lancaster Garages League, the "off the pitch" developments have also proved to have been successful. On behalf of the cricket club I would like to thank the villagers of Gt. Bromley for their support at our recent fund raising events. During the winter months Gt. Bromley have been competing in the Royal London Indoor Cricket Alliance, 2nd Division. Unusually the club has had somewhat of a difficult time this winter and are at present embroiled in a relegation battle. However, the threat of the dreaded drop has been eased a little after two recent consecutive victories including one over top of the table Boxted. Interest in the cup competitions ended early so to use the well worn cliché, Gt. Bromley can now concentrate on the league!

Finally, just a reminder to any readers who are members or "would be" members of the cricket club "100 Club" that the first draw of the new year is on 25th March. To be included in the first draw membership subscriptions should be paid to myself or any other member of the cricket club by 15th March. Once again the draws will be made on the last Wednesday of each month with the first, second and third names drawn each receiving cash prizes of £25, £15 and £10 respectively. Although not as glamorous as the National Lottery and the draw master and co-ordinator not as attractive as Anthea Turner, for only £1 a month the chances of winning are significantly better than those offered by Camelot. If readers have any questions or wish to join please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone 01206 823689 (evenings) and I'll answer any questions that you may have.

The winners of January's draw were: 1st Gill Christmas (£25), 2nd Mr G Smith (£15), 3rd Bill Kempster (£10) *Fraser Eadie*

PERSONALLY CHALLENGING spring and summer camps and activities for young people aged between 10 and 21 years are being offered by Essex County Youth Service this year. A brochure has been passed on to the Youth Club, Guides and Brownies and if anyone is interested please ask there or contact me as I can obtain further copies. *V. Harris*

QUIZ NIGHT

Great Bromley Village Hall on 13th April at 7.30 pm. Come and enjoy a fun evening up to 8 members per team Families, Clubs, etc. please support us. All funds in aid of St. George's Flower Festival, 25th-27th May. For more information telephone 01206 230679

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUPE

Playgroup: Monday & Wednesday 9.30am-12 noon Cost: £2.25 per session

Toddlers: Wednesday 9.45am-11.40am Cost: £1.00 per session

Please note that we are now using the 'Fire Exit' door around the back by the kitchen as our main entrance.

Saturday, 23rd March - 2.00pm - Gt. Bromley Village Hall

Following previous successes we are holding another 'Craft and Table Top Sale' to raise playgroup funds. Do you know anyone with unusual crafts who might like to have a table?

Would you like a table yourself? To book please telephone Jane Calderbank - 01206 251812.

Pre-paid tables £5.00 Pay on Day £6.00 BOOK EARLY

Dates: 1st April Easter Holidays begin

15th April Summer term begins

MRS IRENE WILKINSON

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Mrs Wilkinson. For many years she contributed regularly to 'The Messenger' with her articles on the history of Great Bromley and continued to send me items for publication right up to last month. She always had a very keen interest in the village where she had lived for many years and was a staunch supporter of many organisations. She wrote the Domesday Book which is kept in the church and contains the names of all parishioners living in the village in the Jubilee Year. She was also an accomplished knitter and craftswoman, the beautiful kneelers in the church depicting St. George and the Dragon being an example of her work. She will be greatly missed.

METHODIST CHURCH

3 March 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd J Robinson

10 March 11.00am Balls Green Mr R Firmin

17 March 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd Russell Moston

24 March 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs G Watts

31 March 11.00am Balls Green Mr E Lansdown

GARDENS OPEN

It is hoped to again arrange for gardens to be open on the weekend of the Church Flower Festival in St. George's. Anyone who would be willing and able to open their garden to the public on either Sunday, 26th May or Monday, 27th May (Bank Holiday) from 2-6pm please contact J Frostick (telephone 250263)

CARPET BOWLS

Our annual dinner was held at The Old Black Boy on 3rd February but owing to illness and prior engagements the number was down on last year. However, 17 members and guests had a pleasant get-together over a meal. So far this year we have played two League matches and lost 6-2 to both Alresford and Great Bentley, not a good start to 1996. The Brumbella Trophy will be competed for by local league clubs on 9th March in the Village Hall. A big day for us and hopefully enjoyed as much as our first one last year. A result in the next issue of the magazine.
Nancy Kempster

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 25th January, 1996. County Councillor, Mr C Pearson, and two representatives from the Social Services, Ms S Coward and Ms C Bird, were in attendance to discuss the proposed purchase of 'Morants' for use as a residential home for children. In her address to the meeting, Ms Bird said that the Local Authority have a statutory duty to provide homes for young children when they are no longer able to live at home. The intention is to use Morants as a short term unit for assessment purposes for 18 young children aged between 11-16 years old. She said that some of the children may be disturbed, some may have criminal records, some may just be very unhappy and require lots of support. Because of local concern, it was decided that a public meeting be held within the next few weeks. Councillor Pearson and representatives from the Social Services will be in attendance to answer questions. Following the approval of the 'Tiptree Books' planning application, the 'PROTECTION' steering committee intends to hold a Private Judicial Review in an effort to stop this application. The Parish Council have agreed to donate £300 to the Private Judicial Review Fund.

W.E.A. Courses 1995-96

The W.E.A. provides opportunities for all people who wish to continue learning throughout life as well as for those who wish to return to education. . The W.E.A. provides courses from a wide range of subjects. There is something of interest for everyone. See your local Parish Council notice-board for details of courses and venues.

KITCHEN CORNER

PASTA is a popular dish, and especially good when using fresh rather than dried. Here is a very easy way to make your own CANNELLONI

Pasta: 5oz strong plain flour, 2 eggs, pinch salt

Mix together, knead and roll out thinly. Cut into oblongs 4" x 5". Using a flat roasting tin, bring salted water to the boil and cook the pasta 3 minutes. Lift carefully and dry on a tea towel.

Meat Filling: 1 small onion, chopped, 1 tblsp oil, clove garlic, 8oz mince, 2oz mushrooms 1tblsp tomato puree, Bay leaf, nutmeg, seasoning.

Heat oil in pan, fry onion and garlic, add meat, then rest of ingredients. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring. Keep mixture dry. Use to Stuff and roll the cannelloni.

Tomato Sauce:

1 small tin tomatoes (or fresh, skinned) Seasoning & pinch marjoram. 1 teasp sugar.

Drain tomatoes, mix all together and pour over cannelloni in an oven proof dish

Cheese Sauce:

1 oz marg, ½ pt milk, seasoning, 1 oz flour, 1oz grated cheese

Make the sauce, add cheese, pour over the cannelloni and sprinkle with parmesan. Bake moderate oven 45 minutes.

For vegetarians/lent fasters - substitute spinach/lentils/other vegetable filling.

Alternative method of cooking is to omit the sauces and cook the stuffed cannelloni just sprinkled with oil and baked. Serve any sauces separately. This way they come crisp.

Jill Frostick

COLNE GARDEN SERVICES GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Fences/sheds erected	Hedge/grass cutting	Paths/patios laid
Ponds built/cleaned	Garden furniture to order	Greenhouses erected
Wildlife Gardening TEL Wivenhoe (01206) 825789		

URGENT SPONSORSHIP URGENT

We still need three more hill sponsors for the Magazine. Time is getting short if we wish to carry on publishing - please let me know of anyone who may be interested at £95 a full page sponsorship. *Len Christodoulides (251264)*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

At our meeting on 8th February we were very fortunate to have Mr Breeze-Lamb to talk to us not only on flowers as such, but the work it entails getting them from Covent Garden - leaving home at an ungodly hour to arrive there early enough to get the "pick of the bunch". It was most interesting to hear of his varied career, including time as a policeman and time in the Royal Air Force before becoming a "Florist", well known world wide. Our next meeting is at Seven Rivers on 14th March at 7.30pm when we have Mr Hooper to talk to us on Ponds and Water Gardens. Guests are always welcome. *Vicky Griffiths*

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

SLEEPING BEAUTY has awoken after a very successful run thanks to the team spirit of EVERYONE involved in the production. Thanks to all the parents who ferried their children to the rehearsals and above all to you, the audience, and your generosity in supporting our chosen charities. A goodly amount will now be apportioned to the Playgroup, Brownies, Guides and Youth Club in the village. Well done and thank you once again. We look forward to your company in 1997!

The Pantomime A.G.M. will take place at the Village Hall on Thursday, 21st March at 8.00pm. See you there. *Betty Rowe, Hon. Sec.*

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

The service this year has been prepared by the women of Haiti, entitled "God calls us to Respond". All are welcome to attend the service in Dedham Parish Church at 2.00pm on Friday, 1st March. Anyone who would like a lift please contact 250263.

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There are several things to think about following our February meeting:

- Stewards are wanted for the WI County Show at Cressing Barns on 14-15 June.
- Ideas for the August Outing.
- Musical Instruments made from recycled materials for the Spring Group Meeting (hopefully melodious!)
- Mistley WI's Quiz Evening on 13th April, tickets £2.50
- Celebrating the Millennium, ideas to our rep., Jean Wright.

Mr Heather was the Speaker and related some wonderful anecdotes and reminiscences of the remarkable Mrs Palmer, Founder of Hamilton Lodge.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 6th March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Hazell on Antiques - bring along something for him value and talk about please.

Competition: A Decorative Tea Pot. *Pippa Hardy*

DAY OUTING TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

If there is sufficient support - up to 35 - we plan to visit Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday, 17th April led by Dr Jeffrey West. We will leave Gt. Bromley at 9.00am and return about 6.00pm. It will depend on the numbers but it will not cost more than £10. Please add your name/s to the list in the church if you are interested and we will contact you later, or ring Jean Harding on 230425.

NATIONAL LOTTERY

The National Lottery Information Document covers general information about the National Lottery and general advice on making an application for funds. This is a detailed document and if anyone is thinking of applying for lottery funds please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council, Sandra Shute, on 01206 396767 (evenings).

S.O.S. GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP Has anyone a video of SLEEPING BEAUTY - this year's pantomime? Please would you ring Nigel Rowe on 230398.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25th January, 1996. A letter has been sent to the Essex County Council Highways Department itemising the work the Parish Council would like considered for inclusion in the 1996-97 financial year. The main points are –

1. Traffic calming through the village
2. Reflector posts and new chevron signs for School House corner
3. Bollards/Posts either side of the entrance to the car park to prevent cars being driven or parked on the footpath
4. Re-surfacing of footpath which runs in front of the Council Houses
5. Reinstatement of white lines through the village

The proprietors of the Fox and Hounds public house have applied for a variation in respect of the Public Entertainment Licence in relation to the extension of the premises. The variation, if approved, increases the number of persons permitted on the premises from 160 to 325. The Parish Council have raised no objection. Following a meeting with the Tendring District Council Planning Officers it has been decided to defer the planning application for the playing field and proposed village hall as it is contrary to the 10-year District Plan. The Parish Council will therefore make provision for this application in the 10-year Plan when it is reviewed in approximately 18-24 months' time.

Dog Fouling The Parish Council have received complaints about dogs fouling the footpaths in the village. Please, please, please clean up behind your dogs!



COFFEE ROTA for after the 9.30am service

3 March Olive Sparling 10 March Jean Harding

17 March Anne Fairley

24 March Ben Welham 31 March Jane West

ROTA for CLEANING THE CHURCH

3 March Heather Brown & Sue Rampling

10 March Ben and Jean Welham

17 March Pauline Greenfield & Mary Bush

24 March Olive Sparling

31 March Anne Wild & Jean Harding

ST. GEORGE the MARTYR

PARISH CHURCH of THE BROMLEYS

Sun 3 Mar 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service 6.30am Evensong

Sun 10 Mar 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Thur 14 Mar 2.15pm Pram Service in Church if temperature permits

Sun 17 Mar MOTHERING SUNDAY . 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 9.30am A service to celebrate Mothering Sunday and the role of our mothers. The children will present posies of flowers. 6.30pm Evensong

Sun 24 Mar 11.00am Parish Eucharist

Sun 31 Mar PALM SUNDAY 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion 11.00am Palm Sunday procession and Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Weekday Eucharists in Great Bromley

Wednesday 12 noon

Friday 11.00am

There will be a Home Group meeting on most Wednesdays at 7.45pm during Lent to hear and discuss different aspects of our faith and history.

FOUND

- on Church Meadow, just before Christmas, 1 pair men's black leather (driving) gloves with red edging. Apply 230679.
- after Little Bromley Carol Service a Golf Umbrella. Apply Rectory.

The Bromley Messenger April 1996

I will be continuing with my articles of explanation next month. May I thank those who have written to me asking for clarification of different words and phrases. This month as I write, the first of the funerals of the little children who were killed at Dunblane has just taken place. This is a tragedy that has shaken the nation because the horror of what has happened is almost too much to take in. A number of people spoke to me about it and asked what we were doing in our Parish churches. I was able to tell them that during the daily worship the children and their families were remembered and on Sunday we kept silence after a list bearing photographs of the children was read. It was very moving to sense the congregation deeply identifying with the Scots town.

Churches are the natural places that people turn to in tragedy and sadness because they realise that ordinary human thinking and reasoning does not come up with any reasons, or any way of understanding the depth of anguish that can enter into lives through such events as happened at Dunblane. In a few weeks we will be recalling the events of Holy Week and see Jesus becoming more and more isolated from his friends and followers, eventually breathing his last on a cross between two thieves. We know that this humiliating death was to be the prelude to that first glorious Easter morning, but at the time it must have seemed dark, hopeless and desolate indeed. The great strength of the Christian faith is that it does not downplay tragedy and try and turn it into something else. It fairly and squarely asks those who follow Christ to strive and feel the bitterness and darkness of Holy week because that was the true experience of John himself who shouted out 'My God, why hast thou forsaken me. You as Christians open their hearts to this blackness and pain'. They begin to realise that because God has through Christ dwelt in such harrowing places, it means that at least He understands, and that there will be no glib answers and no easy explanations. Christians know that the cross is central to their faith because it is only here that the pain and suffering of the world can be brought to be held in the hands of a God who saw his son die at the hands of evil men in order that the power of truth and holiness could be released.

In Holy week we have the opportunity of re-experiencing the last earthly days of the Son of God, yet it fills us not with apathy and depression but with a sense of tragedy certainly, yet urged with hope even before Easter day. A 20th Century theologian has written these words which seem to sum up what I am trying to say so well "Once we are able to see and feel the desert in which we live, the desert becomes fertile, bringing forth every tree whose fruit shall be for meat and the leaf thereof for healing. Once we know that we are poor the kingdom of Heaven is ours. So when our lot is cast with someone who is finding his cross, his desert, his poverty overwhelming we are on Holy ground. For it is precisely here that God is able to heal and save us, as well as them. Our identification with the other person brings to our lives and to theirs, the power, the joy and the victory, which is already ours and all mankind through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Fr. Trevor

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HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH

We meet monthly at Seven Rivers for mutual and family support and to learn about this hereditary condition for which there is at present no cure. We are in touch with 75 families in the region. Please remember us and support us. Thank you.

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HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COLCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home on Thursday, 11th April at 7.00pm. Our Patron, Lord Braybrooke, will be with us as will local mayors. The Speaker will be Mary Whyte, a carer of her HD family of four generations. We will be very pleased to welcome any parishioners and friends. There will be a light buffet to follow the meeting.

WE THANK the PRIVATE SPONSOR of this month's Messenger very much and extend to them our grateful thanks for supporting our magazine and for so generously contributing to our funds.

Diary Dates

3 Apr WI monthly meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
11 Apr Garden Club meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
13 Apr Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
15 Apr Summer term starts - Playgroup
IS Apr Last day for Entries for Guides 'Biggest Pumpkin Challenge'
17 Apr Summer term starts - Toddler Group
18 Apr Annual Parish Assembly, Village Hall, 8.00pm
23 Apr Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Seven Rivers, 8.00pm
25 Apr WI Spring Group Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
27 Apr Friendship Club Spring Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
13 May Pumpkin plants supplied by the Guides, Pirie Hut, 7-8.30pm
26-27 May St George's Church Flower Festival & Gardens Open Day Weekend
22 Jun Cricket Club's Chairman's Day luncheon & match
13 Sep Essex Police Band, Village Hall
29 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Festival
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ARDLEIGH SURGERY

From 4th March, Drs Manders, Owens and Bettle at ARDLEIGH SURGERY have joined the new doctors on call co-operative, called NORDOC (North Essex Doctors on Call). (This is to try and ease the burden of out of hours. emergency cover, and provide a more efficient system). Virtually all the General Practitioners surgeries in the area have joined NORDOC. It means that about 80 local GPs' from the Colchester area have formed a large well managed rota.

HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK? If someone needs a Doctor urgently for advice or treatment out of surgery hours, they should ring the surgery number. An answerphone will give the NORDOC telephone number. The call will be answered automatically by the Essex Ambulance Service and passed through to the doctor on call. The call doctor will be based at Castle Gardens Medical Centre on East Hill in Colchester. The Doctor will be able to give advice, ask the patient to come to Castle Gardens for prompt treatment, or despatch a mobile doctor to visit. The system will be run by professionals promoting a quality service, staffed by local GP doctors. The service will mean that patients are seen by fresher doctors and it will ease the time consuming on call burden for country General Practitioners, including Ardleigh Surgery.

We are enthusiastic about NORDOC, similar co-ops are operating very successfully already all over the country. If you have any queries about NORDOC, ring the practice on 230224 for more details.

GUIDES

Challenge to all non adults "GROW A BIGGER PUMPKIN THAN WE CAN"

The plants will be supplied on 13th May at The Pirie Hut between 7.00 and 8.30pm and Frank Griffiths will be on hand to explain how best to grow and look after them. The entry fee is 20p but we need to know numbers by 15th April so that seeds can be sown. *Jazz (01206 230490)*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A hundred friends are not enough, One enemy is one too many. *F.G.*

CARPET BOWLS

We had a very successful day on 9th March when 16 teams (4 players) played for the Brumbrella Trophy which was eventually won by Little Clacton with Walton as runners up. Everyone enjoyed their bowling and the whole tournament was very well organised by Pat Petchey and Jayne Bates. Pauline Keeble was in charge of refreshments and she received several compliments on her bill of fare. At the end of the day £160 was raised for the St Helena Hospice. Our standard of play in the last few league matches has fallen and consequently Walton has taken our place at the top. With only one more league match to play we cannot hope to regain that position. At least we have been there, if only briefly. Perhaps next year!! Who knows? *Nancy Kempster*

COMPETITION FOR MAGAZINE COVER

Maybe our idea to have a competition for you to design a cover for the magazine was not such a good one after all! We had disappointingly few entries and unfortunately much as the judges liked what they saw it was felt that none of the entries that were received could be used at the end of the day which is most disappointing not only for us but also for those who entered. However the judges have asked that special mention be made of four year old Daisy Osborne of Little Bromley whose entry we hope to print in a future edition.

NEW OUTDOOR BOWLING FACILITY

Those of you who have travelled along the A137 from Ardleigh towards Colchester over the past few months will probably have noticed a certain amount of construction and building work going on - on the left between THOROGOODS (Redbury Farm) and the entrance to ARDLEIGH RESERVOIR (via Clover Way). This work is in connection with a new outdoor bowling green, car park, clubhouse and associated club facilities and should be ready for use early in May 1996. It is to be the new home of the Colchester Bowling Club.

The Colchester Bowling Club was originally established in 1902. For the past thirty years or so it enjoyed a tenancy of land and facilities between St Andrew's Avenue and Greenstead Road. Expiration of the tenancy following approval of the site for commercial development in 1994 resulted in the Club having to vacate and re-locate elsewhere. The majority of members belonging to the Club have always lived to the North and East of the Town so the new location is still within the original catchment area. There are thriving clubs at Brantham, Mistley and Wivenhoe but there is no outdoor club in Ardleigh, Gt. and Lt. Bromley or Dedham. As the Colchester Bowling Club now finds itself on its own freehold site in Ardleigh, it seems only fair the Club should extend an invitation to those living within and adjoining these Parishes to come along and inspect this new local facility. There is a special automatic provisional membership for both players and non-players available on application for ONE trial month. Instruction for those who need it can be arranged. Application forms are obtainable from the Club Secretary - David Cass, 29 Cowdray Avenue, Colchester CO1 1US or by telephone on 765851. If you would prefer to have a provisional chat with an existing member in your area, without any obligation whatsoever try Michael Hall, Leadale, St George's Close, Gt. Bromley, CO7 7HZ. Telephone 230637 or 230243.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Unfortunately the Speaker booked for our last meeting on 14th March let us down, and it was felt better to cancel the meeting. Our next meeting will be on 11th April with a talk on Wildlife by Mr Mansfield from Essex Wildlife Trust, - usual time 7.30pm at Seven Rivers.

Did you know? The heaviest apple, whose weight is still unsurpassed was grown in England in 1965 - 1.36 kilograms.

More heavyweights: Cucumber - 9.1 kilograms; watermelon - 118 kilograms; pear 1.4 kilograms; potato - 13.5 kilograms

Vicky Griffiths

COFFEE MAKING ROTA after 9.30m service

7 April A Fairley
14 April J Wests
21 April O Sparling
28 April B Welham

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

7 April O Sparling
14 April A Wild and J Harding
21 April H Brown and S Rampling 28 April J Wests

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

So far this year only three crimes have been reported to the police. A burglary occurred in Frating Road, a motor vehicle stolen from Chapel Lane, this vehicle being recovered in Colchester, and the telephone box in Mary Lane South had the coin box forcibly removed. Not a bad start to the year but then every crime is one too many. Litter seems to be an increasing problem in our villages and with a new taxation soon to be imposed at designated rubbish tips could become even worse. If you see anybody dumping rubbish at the roadside please make an attempt to get the registration number of any vehicle they may be using. I will be only too happy to deal with the matter. Many of you will be aware of the new 40 mph speed limit being imposed along Harwich Road, Gt. Bromley. After an initial settling in period do not but surprised if you find a speed trap in operation on the odd day. The Tendring police division, of which Gt. and Lt. Bromley are part, has recently started up a crime desk at Clacton. All crimes reported are dealt with centrally by the crime desk. Any crime trends can be more easily identified. In the case of more minor crimes the crime desk may decide that nothing further can be gained by a police officer visiting your home. However, if you require a visit please ask and you will be seen. If at any time you have not been happy with the way your report has been dealt with, please say so. The crime desk is not here for a trial period but has been imposed on us by Government. Finally if anybody has the property marking kit, or knows of its whereabouts, can it please be returned to me as it is required in other villages. Thank you. *C.J. Phillips, PC 1061*

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1996

Great Bromley has entered, as usual, the 1996 competition. The judges look at notice boards, playing fields, the Village Hall, churchyards, cemeteries, War Memorial, village shops, school, pubs, litter, verges and commercial premises, so we all need to have a tidying before May, when we are judged. Would you like to be a Judge? - let me know before 9th April. *Len Christodoulides*

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 7th March. Mr R.T. Steward has appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment against Tendring District Council's refusal of his planning application to construct a large building at Shaftesbury House, Briar Road, for use as storage of large agricultural equipment. Essex County Council Highways Department had originally objected to this application on the grounds that the access roads to Shaftesbury House are too narrow but they have now withdrawn their objections as an agreement has been reached with Mr Steward. Councillor Rowe has now been requested by the Parish Council to obtain details of this agreement. The Parish Council have written to the Secretary of State for the Environment detailing their objections to this application. Councillor Rowe reported that the speed limit signs which were erected in the wrong position in Harwich Road will soon be moved to their correct locations.

Councillor Harris reported that the play equipment on Hare Green has recently been inspected and several problems have been highlighted. The inspection has shown that there are potential head and finger traps on the equipment which will require attention. The Parish Council will take urgent action to rectify this.

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY will be held on Thursday, 18th April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Public participation is welcome.

ESSEX POLICE BAND

To all you music lovers and especially those who enjoyed their last visit to the Village Hall, watch this space for further news. As the tickets will be very limited, if you would like to have your name placed on the list for tickets for their performance on Friday, 13th September please telephone Stan West on 01206 230584 or Frank Griffiths on 01206 230086.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are holding our annual fund-raising Spring Sale on Saturday, 27th April at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. We would be grateful of any items for our various stalls, and raffles. There will be a Tombola, Bric-a-brac, Nearly New, Jumble, Plants and Produce, Jewellery and Gifts, Cakes. Toys and Books, Raffles. Thank you! Do come along - there are always lots of bargains! Mr Edwards will be entertaining us at the monthly meeting.

The Competition - A small Picture Frame. *Mildred Purkis*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7 April 11.00am Elmstead Market Rev. Bob Gooch

14 April 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr W. Evans .

21 April 11.00am Balls Green Mr V Humm

28 April 11.00am Elmstead Market Rev. John Robinson

AN ADVANCE NOTICE:

Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Festival - 29th September

Harvest Supper - 30th September

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting was well attended and we were happy to welcome three prospective new members. £5 is to be donated to Hamilton Lodge to sponsor a tree and Mrs Sue Oriss is to organise A WI team to participate in the Quiz Evening on Saturday, 13th April. The idea of producing a musical instrument from re-cycled material has been abandoned. A less challenging competition for the Spring Group Meeting has evolved. This is to take the form of a display depicting a song title.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Ken Hazell of East Bergholt presenting a mini Antiques Road Show. Members and visitors brought along a variety of items to be examined and valued, including ceramics, jewellery, postcards, paintings, clocks and implements. This proved to be a very entertaining hour with Mr Hazell finally exhibiting a selection of his own valuable antique mechanical toys. Next Meeting - 3rd April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall when there will be a talk and demonstration of Floral Art. *Reta Gower*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SPRING GROUP MEETING

The Constable Group of W.I.'s are having their meeting this year at Great Bromley Village Hall on Thursday, 25th April at 7.30pm The speaker will be Colin Tam who entertains us with experiences of a musical career. This will be followed by drama from Baddow Hall group, who have a great reputation and should prove most enjoyable. There are some spare tickets and guests will be very welcome. Tickets available from Rita Baxter (01206 230291) are £1.50 and include refreshments.

OUR NEW COVERS show our Sponsors for 1996-97. Please support them so that they can continue to support us.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 13th April at Great Bromley Village Hall at 7.30pm. Teams may have up to 8 members. The cost of each member is £2.00. Spectators £1.00. It is a B.Y.O.D.'s (Bring your own drinks) evening and we will also be holding a raffle. All funds in aid of St. George's Flower Festival.

Outing to Canterbury Cathedral

Sadly, due to lack of support together with increased costs the outing planned for 17th April has had to be cancelled. It is, however, hoped to arrange a day visiting East Anglian Churches in the summer.

KITCHEN CORNER

Here is a "time-saver" recipe for busy cooks who like to produce more than one cake at a time!

3 in 1 Recipe

1) 12oz marg 12oz sugar 6 eggs 1 teasp vanilla essence 12oz SR flour sifted with 3 teasp baking powder

Cream the fat and sugar, beat in eggs and flour etc. Divide into 2.

2) Chocolate Peppermint Sandwich

Bake two-thirds of first half of mixture in two sandwich tins (as for Victoria Sandwich)

Filling: 2oz butter 2oz icing sugar 2oz chocolate

Peel the chocolate in curls with a potato peeler. Save some for decoration. Cream butter, sugar and rest of chocolate to make filling.

Icing: 4oz icing sugar 1 tablesp water, 1 drop peppermint essence

Spread on cake and decorate with chocolate curls.

3) Coffee Daisy Buns

1 ½ tablesp instant coffee dissolved in 2 tablesp boiling water.

Add half of this to remaining one third of mixture and fill bun cases (8-12). Bake in moderate oven.

Icing: Add 4oz icing sugar to rest of coffee mix. Ice buns and decorate with almonds and cherries to look like daisies.

4) Fruit Cake

To second half of mixture add:- 4oz peel 6oz plain flour 6oz sultanas 2 tablesp milk, grated lemon rind

Bake 7" tin 325F 1¼ hours. When cooked, brush cake with 3 tablesp honey melted with 1 tablesp lemon juice and decorate with candied peel

Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The new cricket season will be starting at the end of this month and Great Bromley & District Cricket Club again has a full and attractive fixture list to look forward to.

The season will contain a mix of league and friendly fixtures with the club again competing in the Lancaster Garages League Division 2. The friendly fixtures include two games against local rivals Ardleigh (back by popular demand after a season's absence) and the annual Tour to Rutland over the Bank Holiday weekend of 25-26-27 May. The Tour fixtures include Oakham Mosquitoes on 25th and Uppingham Town on 27th. Both clubs have arguably the most picturesque grounds that we play on during the season and the Oakham fixture also includes the best curry of the summer! Another date for the diary is the traditional Chairman's Day luncheon and match that will be held on 22nd June.

The opening matches of the season are against Grasshoppers and Elmstead (both at home) on the weekend of 27-28 April. With the club now boasting improved off the pitch facilities, it is hoped that on the pitch we can enjoy another summer of good weather and good cricket.

Outdoor nets will again be held on Wednesday evening (weather permitting) starting at 6.30pm from the first Wednesday in May.

Finally, the following people were the lucky winners of February's '100 Club' draw 1st - Dr. E Marsh (£25); 2nd - K Stokes (£15); 3rd - Mr C Pirie (£10) If any readers are interested in joining the cricket club or would like to know more about us, give me a call and I will answer any questions that you may have.

Fraser Eadie

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING to be held at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1996 at 8.00pm

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session

Toddler Group – Wednesdays 9.45-11.40am £1.00 per session We would like to wish Good Luck to Rebecca, Rosie and William who are leaving us to start school after Easter. This means there will be a few places available again on both Mondays and Wednesdays. The themes organised for next term include 'numbers' and 'road safety'.

Dates for your diary: 15th April - Playgroup returns 17th April - Toddler Group returns

Jane Calderbank

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

At a meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 14th March 11 clubs were represented, together with 3 Parish Councillors. The list below gives the suggestions made in order to celebrate/commemorate the event. If there are any more please let me know and I will add them to the list. I shall then ask you in next month's 'Messenger' to choose the six you prefer so that we can decide which of these to aim for.

1. Build a Nursery School - at the School or the Village Hall (£50,000)
2. Build new classrooms at the School (£250,000)
3. New heating system at the Village Hall (£10,000)
4. Larger car park at Village Hall (£5,000)
5. Better outside lighting at Village Hall (£5,000) . '
6. A Fun Day for all ages (£1,000)
7. A commemorative plaque in the Village Hall (£500)
8. Turn the Church field into a proper car park (£10,000) ...
9. and put a play area in it £6,000
10. Build a 2-storey room under the bells in Church, so that you can see the bell ringers # and to have a room for children/teas etc. (£150,000)
11. Village parties, fete in the summer (£35,000)
12. More play equipment for playing field £5,000)
13. Create a new open space (£10,000)
14. Site some memorial seats (£1,000)
15. Make accessible the pond (£10,000)
16. Re-position the Village sign (£2,000)
17. Give everyone in the village a commemorative token (£3,000)
18. Erect a commemorative sign (£3,000)

The costs are only a guide to enable you to make your choice. The big jobs, i.e. 1, 2 and 10, would have grants from the respective responsible bodies, therefore our contribution would be significantly less. *L. B Christodoulides*

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

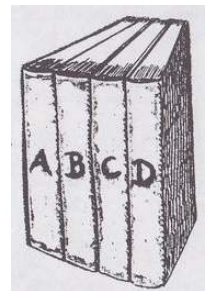


Billy the bookworm loves books. He particularly likes burrowing in them.

All the books shown on this bookshelf are 5cm in thickness. Plus, each cover has a thickness of $\frac{1}{4}$ cm.

If Billy burrows in a straight line from the first page of Book 'A' to the last page of Book 'D' how far does he burrow?

Answer next month



ST. GEORGE the MARTYR PARISH CHURCH of THE BROMLEYS
Services during Holy Week

Wed 3 April 12 noon Eucharist with Passiontide readings
 3-4.00pm Activity for children "The Story of Easter" with craftwork and refreshments. All children of the village welcome.

Maundy Thursday 4 April 7.00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, followed by the Stripping of the altar and Gethsemane Watch. A remembering of the last meal Jesus had with his disciples and his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday 5 April 10.00am Proclamation of the Cross - A Service to help us enter in to the meaning of Jesus' death.
11.00am at Ardleigh Procession of silent witness from the school, followed by Stations of the Cross in church.

Holy Saturday 8.00pm EASTER EVE CEREMONIES. The Traditional lighting of the Easter Fire and celebration of the Resurrection. A service which can be traced back to the earliest Christians.

7 April 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Ardleigh
 9.30am Easter Family service and blessing of the Easter Garden
 (with Easter Eggs or the children)
 6.30pm EVENSONG

THE LORD IS RISEN... HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Sun 14 April 9.30am Parish Eucharist
21 April 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 9.30am Parish Eucharist
 6.30pm Evensong
28 April 9.30am Parish Eucharist

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS ON

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh
Wednesday 12 noon Gt. Bromley
Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh
Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers.
All are Welcome.

I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptised, or who would like to be confirmed or baptised as adults, or who are thinking about getting married in the Parish Church.

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

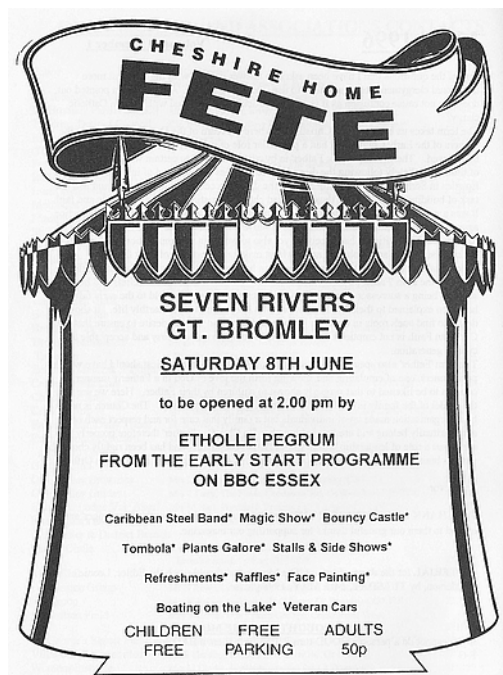
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One of the questions that I have been asked to answer is to do with the title that more traditional clergymen like myself tend to use, namely "Father". As one person pointed out, does this not cause confusion as it is a form particularly associated with Roman Catholic clergy? The term takes us back to early Christianity where we learn of the Desert Fathers or of the Fathers of the Early Church that had a particular role of ministry to the communities which they served. The title 'Apostolic Father' is by custom applied to certain writers of that period of time immediately following the disciples and apostles that we read of in the Gospels and Epistles in Scripture. These Fathers were the direct successors to the apostles and had the task of building up the faith of those who had chosen Christianity as their lifestyle and faith. It was a period in which the Church was defending and explaining its teaching and practice against misrepresentation and accusations of naivety and falsehood. The Early church had to preserve the tradition it had received, yet also to work out the implications of the faith as different situations and problems arose whilst making the essence of their faith understandable to those who were interested in hearing what this 'new faith' had to offer. By using the term 'Father', a clergyman is making a statement about his beliefs and his real sense of being a successor (centuries later, it is true) to those who held to the early faith that had been explained to them by the apostles who knew Christ in his earthly life. It shows a desire to find one's roots in the early Church and have that earnest desire to ensure that the Christian Faith is not emptied of content in an attempt to make it easy and acceptable to a cynical generation. The term 'Father' also speaks very eloquently of the relationship a priest should have with his parishioners, one of emulating and showing forth the love of God in a Fatherly manner, a concern to be likened to that properly shown to children by their Father. Here we see that the model of the family is used to describe the Christian community. The Church is not to be an organisation made up of individuals but a family that care for and respect each other and spiritually belong and are bonded together "in Christ". 'Father' therefore properly expresses a role of leadership within the Christian community and has been rightly chosen by various branches of the world-wide church Roman Catholic, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox. . *Fr. Trevor*

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH If you cannot do a person a GOOD turn, NEVER do them a BAD one. *F.G.*



CHESHIRE HOME FETE SEVEN RIVERS GT. BROMLEY SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 1996
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FROM THE EARLY START PROGRAMME ON BBC ESSEX

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14 May WI visit to Braintree Silk Factory, 9.45am start
14 May Copy deadline for 'Messenger' to be sent to Editor
18 May Balls Green Methodist Church Coffee Morning, Schoolroom, 10am
25-26-27 May St George's Church Flower Festival Weekend
27 May Gardens Open Day
22 Jun Cricket Club's Chairman's Day luncheon & match
13 Sep Essex Police Band, Village Hall
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30 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Supper
19 Oct Silent Auction

CHILDREN'S CORNER

[Omitted]

Answer to last month's Burrowing Bookworm is 11.5cm. You count only the front cover of the first book and the back cover of the last book. *[Something wrong here?! Ed]*

THE UNLUCKY GAMBLER'S GROUSE

Why is it in this modern age that lotteries are all the rage?
Scratch cards and tickets now are sold to people hoping they'll strike gold
And now each weekend there's a tide of great excitement nationwide.
Not long ago prevailed a state of being rather more sedate
When raffle tickets to enhance the football club or local dance
Gave prizes no-one now forgets, Whisky, Chocolates, Cigarettes,
And folk thought they were doing well if they were on a winning spell,
It all was just a bit of fun, but since the lottery's begun
It seems that people now aspire to raise their sights a good deal higher,
In hopes that they'll forget their cares by soon becoming millionaires.
Tho' some folks have their lucky day, to me it all seems far away.
I might perhaps have one more fling, but can't see winning anything,
The odds against are steep, its clear, financial lightning won't strike here,
Before small raffles hit the rocks, at least I won a box of chocs! A.H.C.

FOOTBALL TEAM

Earlier this year a football team was formed in Gt. Bromley by patrons of the Old Black Boy public house. Support by both players and friends alike has grown, so much so in fact that Terry and Carole Marshall from the Old Black Boy have kindly forwarded a sponsorship in respect of providing shirts and equipment for the club. A committee has been formed and meetings are held monthly to discuss and provide crucial input for future improvement to the Club. Games are played most Sundays at 10.30am in the Recreation Field and support by local residents either by way of supporting games or by way of ideas for the club would be greatly appreciated. Interested persons can contact the Club Manager, Stephen Wade, on 01206 844106 for details. We hope to see you one Sunday soon. *Stephen Wade*

EVELYN CHILDS and FAMILY wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and floral tributes on the passing away of CYRIL, her dear husband. He will be greatly missed by many. The people of Great Bromley welcomed us into their community, and, for the very brief four years that he lived here he was happy and felt that this was where he belonged. We would particularly like to thank members of the Carpet Bowls Club and the Garden club for helping to make him feel this way.

QUIZ NIGHT

Very many thanks to all those Who took part in the Quiz. It was wonderful to have so much support and I think a good evening was had by all. We raised £340 for funds for the Flower Festival.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 5 May 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr G Patterson
12 May 11.00am Balls Green Rev. J Robinson
19 May 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr D Carter
26 May 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr L Polley

ESSEX POLICE BAND

Tickets are now available - the seats are limited this year - book early by 'phoning Stan West on 2305 84 or Frank Griffiths on 230086. The date is FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

LAW & ORDER

The County Police Act, 1839, permitted counties to set up a paid police force. The Essex Police Force was established in 1839 but many counties did not follow suit until later in the century. William Smith, an Ardleigh labourer, was sworn in as PC. No. 2 in 1840. William White in his 1848 Directory of Essex gives details of the villages and towns of the County together with a list of the principal inhabitants. In Great Bromley the Police Constable is noted as being James Peacock. He may not have been the first officer in the village.

Ardleigh, in 1848, was the residence of Police Inspector Hugh Ackers and he operated with his constables from a station in Ipswich Road, Colchester. He married an Ardleigh lady, Mary Ann James, in 1845 and they had several children whose baptisms are recorded in the Ardleigh Registers.

Lawford's policeman was Timothy Rawson. Manningtree with Mistle had Inspector Philip Sargeant and he lived in South Street. P.C. Thomas Smith resided at Tendring.

Superintendent John McInnes was at Thorpe-le-Soken and was in charge of the area. In 1859 Great Bromley's constable was Robert Parish. John Lamprell Guy was sergeant of police at Manningtree. At Thorpe-le-Soken, Henry Day, constable, resided at the Police Station where the petty sessions for the area were held on Mondays of each week and the records of the Sokens were kept. *John Appleby*

UPDATE ON SAINT GEORGE'S ROOF REPAIR FUND

Two years after its launch, the new Appeal has raised almost £25,000. This achievement has made it possible to repay all borrowings for the completed restoration of the Church Tower and still have more than £18,500 in hand towards the repair of the great double hammerbeam roof.

The architects are currently preparing a full specification of the new work, partly for the building contract but also as a basis for the detailed applications to relevant charities. An application for a grant from the European Union has been unsuccessful, and the Lottery Fund does not make grants for projects already supported by English Heritage.

Fortunately, however, English Heritage have recently indicated that they may be able to increase their own commitment when the detailed specification has been considered.

Generous donations have been made, (many of them from well wishers other than members of the congregation) but we still have a long way to go because we have always recognised that the eventual cost of the work is going to be more than £100,000. We want to begin as soon as possible, but we cannot do so until we know we have enough money to finish. So please continue to help. Several events are planned for future fund raising including a Silent Auction. We are asking for gifts for this event. Please dig out the items you never use or would like to give: small or large, from teaspoons, children's toys, pictures to blankets, garden tools, silver teapots, in fact ANYTHING saleable and of good quality, but NOT jumbly. Contact John Clapham (230790), Jean Harding (230425) or the Rector (230344). The evening will be an exciting one, out of the ordinary, and with a simple supper. A real night out. The Date? Saturday, 19th October.

We are hoping to have a day's outing round some notable East Anglian churches in the Autumn. This will be an occasion when we shall have a knowledgeable guide to explain the many marvels that are to be found off the usual round of cathedrals, abbeys and the more majestic buildings. This will be a tour with a little mystery thrown in!!



GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The April meeting was well attended and the President welcomed several guests.

Spring Group Meeting - 25th April - members were asked for cakes, produce and plants for the Bring and Buy, but NO TINS!

Tending Show - 13th July - several members showed interest in the theme 'Village Life', so hopefully we will be exhibiting this year.

Stour Activities - 14th May - visit to Braintree Silk Factory, tickets £2.40 with a start at 9.45am returning about 5.00pm. Mrs Powell came to show us how to arrange flowers and turned out to be a great 're-cycler' of amazing things for her garden. We can go and have a look when her village has their next Open Garden Weekend.

Next Month - Resolutions with Judith Rose VCO. *Pippa Hardy*

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session

Toddler Group – Wednesdays 9.44-11.40am £1.00 per session

March was a busy month for fund-raising activities:- A fun morning was had by children and helpers alike with our 'sponsored obstacle course'. Thank you all for your support. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped with and supported our 'Craft & Table Top Sale'. It was very well attended and we raised about £200 for playgroup funds, which is brilliant. Summer term commenced on 15th April and is now in full swing. The themes this term include 'numbers' and 'road safety'. Half term week begins 27th May. . *Jane Calderbank*

KITCHEN CORNER

Sorbets are light and refreshing when the warmer days come. Here are two ways to use rhubarb, which is in season now.

Rhubarb Sorbet for 6

670g (1 ½ lb) rhubarb 275g (10 oz) light brown sugar

Chop the rhubarb into 2cm lengths, mix with sugar in an ovenproof dish, cover and bake 1 hour, 175C/350F (no added water). When cooled, process or sieve to a puree and put in a shallow tray. Freeze until nearly firm, then turn into a bowl and whisk vigorously. Return to the freezer until firm.

Rhubarb and Orange Sorbet for 4

¾ pt slightly sweetened rhubarb puree, Juice of one orange 4 oz sugar 2 egg whites

Cook puree and sugar over moderate heat until sugar has dissolved. Stir in orange juice and leave till cold. Whip whites stiff and fold in to the mixture. Freeze in a tray one hour, then put into a bowl and beat well. Freeze until required. Best to take this out a short while before serving. *Jill Frostick*

Guides Challenge to all non adults... "GROW A BIGGER PUMPKIN THAN WE CAN"

The plants will be supplied on 13th May at The Pirie Hut between 7.00 and 8.30pm and Frank Griffiths will be on hand to explain how best to grow and look after them. *Jazz (01206 230490)*

1ST GREAT BROMLEY GUIDES

We've paid the plumber (we had a burst pipe); we've bought a new! cleaner from a car boot sale as our other one went up in flames, literally; we've enough money to redecorate the loo where the burst pipe made quite a mess; we will be able to cover the remaining windows with blinds; and we have still got some money in the bank thanks to the Pantomime Group. We do say a very big THANK YOU to the group for giving us a healthy bank balance. We intend to buy a heavy duty gaz cooker for cooking in camp. At the moment we share with the Scouts, which is fine until we both go away at the same time, and then it is theirs. In the meetings we have been learning about the fine art of flower arranging and the Guides have done some lovely arrangements. Their talents should be on display at the Flower Festival as will their expertise in making and serving teas. This term brings a Wedding and a Jamboree, both exciting events to plan and prepare for, though we did start some time ago. We shall be cycling on 24th June and we would like to get some canoeing in before the summer ends. Our Little Chef Ramble will be in July. *Jazz*

BROWNIES

Firstly a big thank you to the Pantomime Group for their donation to our funds and as can be seen from reading the Guides report there are a few urgent things to make life in the hut that

much more comfortable, We are also going to buy some decent length skipping ropes, new balls etc. Badger has come to help us with our meetings each week and we have been making posters of brownies from foreign lands, Danish baskets for sweeties, hearing from Anne of Dedham . about her recent trip to Thailand with other Guiders and Rangers from our county when they went out to help build a library for a village. We have been to Dedham Church for the Thinking Day service following that with fun, games and refreshments along an Indian theme. Since half term we have helped at the Mothering Day service at the church and been creating pottery models with the help of Mrs West which we entered in the Essex Handicrafts Association Exhibition in Chelmsford gaining good results and praise from the judge. We obtained 4 Silver (85-94), 7 Red (75-84) and 8 Blue (65-74) gradings, 1 1st in Class (Bryony Perera) and 1 2nd in Class (Anna West). Clare H has obtained her World Guiding badge, Eleanor Stages 1 and 2 Swimming badge and Lauren her Artist badge. *Brown Owl*

HUNTINGTON 'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COLCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH

The third annual general meeting was held at the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home on Thursday, 11th April presided over by Lord Braybrooke, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, the patron of the Branch. The Chairman, Jean Harding, outlined the progress made in the past year in supporting and linking up with 80 Huntington's (HD) families in the area on the progress in education and raising awareness of professionals and public to this hereditary condition, on the hopes for the future, on the need for more active supporters to come forward to help the group, and on the social events that have been enjoyed in the past year. The retirement of Ellen Saines, the Treasurer from the start of the group, was accepted and Robert Baker was elected in her place. The committee otherwise was re-elected for a further year. Jean Smith gave a short presentation on her plans to do a sponsored cycle ride on behalf of the Association from Lands End to John o'Groats in September. It was illustrated with maps and photos of her previous achievements in raising nearly £5,000 for charity.

Lord Braybrooke drew out the winning tickets for the annual draw and congratulated the Branch on the excellent work that was being done for HD families. The guest speaker was Mary Whyte, a founder member of the HDA and of a family from which so far five members had died from HD and two others are now in full time care. Addressing the many HD families present, she gave a moving and strangely encouraging account of her experience as a lifetime carer. Refreshments contributed to a friendly social meeting afterwards. Two days later, the Chairman was able to distribute to HD families 49 Easter Eggs which had been donated by Slimming Club members in the area to the Branch, in a widely publicised effort to help others by denying themselves. These were, needless to say, much appreciated by the children and family members. Thanks must go to Marijke for her initiative and enterprise.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 25th. 26th, 27th MAY, 1996

We do need a great number of volunteers to help with the Flower Festival. Please contact the following people if you are willing to contribute or help man stalls.

Tombola Betty Rowe 231067 Plants James Wild 230679 Cakes Heather Brown 250349

A Rota will be placed in the Church, please enter your name in it if you are able to steward for a short time during the duration of the Festival. Thank you.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING in the church on Tuesday, 4th May at 7.30pm for those who are doing flower arrangements on Friday, 24th May. Please do try and come along as Jean Maleary will be there to give us a few tips. Owing to the severe weather this winter undamaged foliage is very difficult to find. If anyone has something they think might be useful please let me know.

Ann Wild 230679

In connection with St. George's Flower Festival 26th - 27th May: Those requiring MEMORIAL PEW ENDS (£5) Please ring B. Rowe on 231067

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL for offers of help to serve TEAS for one hour in the church over the Flower Festival weekend. Please ring Anne Fairley 250229.

GARDENS OPEN DAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27th MAY

From 11.00am until 6.00pm

Linked with the Flower Festival, twelve or more gardens will be open in the Burnt Heath, Colchester Road, Park Road areas. In addition Frank Watts Owlery Where the owls will hoot for you, and Greenacre Cattery, where one can play with friendly cats, will also be open. Entry to include them all will be by Map/Programme obtainable at the Church, or any of the gardens.

There will also be Plant Stalls and if anyone has any plants to offer please ring Mark or Andrew at Mizapah, Colchester Road (230644) to arrange for collection and delivery. Refreshments will be available at some of the sites.

This should be a lovely occasion with gardens grand, small, large or cottage open for us all to wander in. Any further enquiries to Jacquie or John on 230490.

[Omitted – 11 business card adverts already appeared in this year's compendium]

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Mr Mansfield from the Essex Wildlife Trust showed us many slides and gave a very .informative talk on the many aspects of the wildlife in the County at our meeting on 11th April. Our next meeting will be on 9th May at Seven Rivers when Mr Dungay from the Badger Trust will be our speaker.

Useless "trivia" of the month !! Keep spiders and other crawlies out of wellies when you take them off by covering the tops of your boots with legs of old tights.

Did you know? - In Somerset foxgloves are also known as "Deadman's thimbles". The largest shrub in the world is thought to be a Wisteria in California which covers an acre. *Vicky Griffiths*

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, 18th May from 10 until 12 There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall ALL ARE WELCOME

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Little Bromley Parish Council was held on 28th March. .The Parish Council are to press for action by Tendring District Council for effective action to be taken to stop the nuisance caused by illegal car breaking in the village. An infestation of rats in Shop Road is causing concern and has been reported to the Pest Control Officer for action. Letters have been received by parents of children attending Manningtree School who currently benefit from the free school bus service from the war memorial bus stop. ECC Planning Department have said that they cannot guarantee seats for pupils as this stop is within the three mile statutory boundary. The Parish Council have objected strongly to this and are supporting the parents' claim that the route to the school is very dangerous and the bus stop is only marginally inside the three mile boundary. The Parish Council are currently researching the need for a low cost housing project in the village.

ST. GEORGE the MARTYR PARISH CHURCH of THE BROMLEYS SERVICES DURING MAY

Sunday 5th May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Family service 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 12th May 10.00am ROGATIONTIDE EUCHARIST at Badley Hall Farm by kind permission of the Robinsons. This is a real highlight of the rural year with the blessing of the crops, the brooks. animals and the work of human hands a celebration of God's creative power in nature.

Thursday 16th May 7.30pm Eucharist for Ascension Day at Ardleigh

Sunday 19th May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 26th May PENTECOST & FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND 9.30am Parish Eucharist. Our visiting preacher will be Mr Roy Tricker of the Churches Conservation Trust. 6.30pm SONGS OF PRAISE. Come and sing your favourite Hymns in our exquisitely decorated Parish Church.

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS on Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh, Wednesday 12 noon Gt Bromley,

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh, Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers. All are welcome.

Thursday 9th May 2.00pm PRAM SERVICE in Church for Toddlers and Babies, followed by Refreshments.

BAND CONCERT OF HOLBROOK SCHOOL at Ardleigh Church on Saturday, 4th May at 7.30pm.

Grand Thanksgiving Service for Restoration at Ardleigh Church with Dr Graham Leonard and the Colchester Institute Choir. Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm

COFFEE MAKING ROTA after 9.30am service

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

5 May J Harding '

B & J Welham

12 May A Fairley

P Greenfield & M Bush

19 May J Wests

O Sparling

26 May O Sparling

A Wild & J Harding

The Bromley Messenger June 1996

After the dark winter nights and what has been a particularly cold and hard winter light evenings and warm afternoons make a welcome contrast. Summer in a rural setting brings with it so much to enjoy. By the time you read this the Flower Festival, which is now so well established, will have brought many people into our fine parish church, which looks at its best when set off with natural texture and colour. Thanks is due to all who will have worked so hard to make it a success. The theme for the Festival was 'Artists' one which is very apt because art and artistic endeavour is able to underline and express spiritual truth and value. Colour, texture, light and beauty are able to bring us closer to the things of God.

Sometimes people ask me why we use the different colours of vestments and altar frontals for different seasons. Is it really necessary to have processional candles to add ceremony and effect to the reading of the Gospel. At Easter with the lighting of the first fire of the season and the blessing and signing of the Pascal candle and baptismal waters it can seem elaborate even overcomplicated.

I believe that such things have the very important function of creating atmosphere and heightening our awareness of spiritual things. One 20th Century theologian has written that in his view the design of a church should be completely plain and functional with white walls and a pulpit to aid the preacher. This View means that he feels the message of the Gospel and of Jesus is intensely cerebral and that the human senses of sight, hearing, touch and taste are not helpful or enlightening. Of course we need to guard against meaningless ritual and superstition. At the time of the reformation this did exist. Yet this should not prevent us from being aware of the way God can speak to us through symbols, colour, the natural world and the theatre of church worship.

These words of Jesus as he looked at the fields and flowers of Palestine show how effectively the awareness of beauty in God's world lifts us above anxiety and self pre-occupation into the spiritual realm. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith". *Fr. Trevor*

TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 1996

Gates open 8am PRESIDENT 1996

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Diary Dates

5 Jun WI meeting. Members Evening. Village Hall, 7.30pm

8 Jun Cheshire Home Fete, Seven Rivers, 2.00pm

9-22 Jun Alexandra Rose collection round villages

13 Jun Garden Club meeting, Social Evening at Mrs Hurst's. 7.30pm

15-16 Jun Lt Bromley Gardens Weekend

16 Jun Breakfast at New House, Lt Bromley, 9.00am

18 Jun Deadline for copy for 'The Messenger' to be sent to Editor

2 Jun Cricket Club's Chairman's Day luncheon & match

13 Jul Tendring Hundred Show at Lawford: The HDA & St. George's Church will have Stands

20 Jul Cricket Club Hog Roast

17 Aug Boyton's Jazz Band in aid of HDA, Village Hall

13 Sep Essex Police Band, Village Hall

29 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Festival

30 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Supper

19 Oct Silent Auction

We thank COLCHESTER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, the BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB and the TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW for sponsoring this month's 'Messenger' and extend to them our grateful thanks for supporting our magazine. MATERIAL for the July edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 18th JUNE, 1996 please.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH The person who never made a mistake never made ANYTHING. FG

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

One more suggestion has been forthcoming - "the planting of a wood". Are there any more? Let me know so that the Club representatives can canvass their members for suitable commitments from a final list. *Len Christodoulides*

THE COLCHESTER LEAGUE OF HOSPITAL FRIENDS

are a registered charity which provides special equipment, comforts and amenities to benefit patients, staff and visitors at local Hospitals. We do this by having Tea Bars, Ward Shop Trolleys, Newspaper Rounds and a Flower Shop which are staffed by Volunteers. We are expanding our services to the new Elmstead Day Unit at Colchester General and need more Volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare, are reliable and like meeting people you will enjoy this rewarding, much appreciated work. Please contact: The Colchester League of Hospital Friends on 01206 579411.

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session

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

Summertime is a busy time for Playgroup. The theme for the second half of term will include 'road safety'. Also on the agenda is a country walk and picnic and our Annual Summer outing. Details to follow.

To arrange a free visit please contact our secretary - Nicky Robinson on 230229 who will also be pleased to answer any queries you may have.

Dates for your diary: Half term week begins Monday, 27th May and playgroup returns Monday, 3rd June. Summer holidays begin Monday, 22nd July.

GARDEN CLUB

Few wild British mammals are better known than the badger and after listening to our speaker, Mr Dungey of the North East Essex Badger Group, we certainly learnt a lot about this animal because they spend most of their daylight hours underground so their lifestyle remains a mystery to us. The slides we were shown gave us a clear picture of the habits of the badger which included the regular changing of the bedding! Its diet is made up of mainly earth worms but will eat fruit of any kind.

Our next meeting on Thursday, 13th June will be a Social evening at the home of Mrs Hurst - usual time 7.30pm *Vicky Griffiths*



LITTLE BROMLEY GARDEN WEEKEND

Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th June

10.00am - 6.00pm .

CAKE STALL TEAS PLANT STALL

Sunday 16th June: A cooked breakfast in aid of Churches Conservation Trust at New House, Little Bromley 9.00am £2.50

For further details telephone:

01206 392886

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The President welcomed Judith Rose, VCO, visitors and our link delegate from Elmstead WI to our May Meeting. A special vote of thanks was given to Jill Frostick for convening the very successful Spring Group Meeting held recently at Gt. Bromley.

Judith Rose led some interesting discussions on the Resolutions to be voted on, by our link delegate, in Cardiff later this year. The couple of games of Bingo which were played after the tea break made a good contrast with the serious business of Resolutions!

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 5th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall is Members' Evening. This is always a good evening so do come along. Entrance 50p. Raffle 50p and the competition is "An Unusual Photograph Frame". *Pippa Hardy*

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 18th April, 1996. In his report, Councillor Rowe said that we now have a speed limit through the village and flashing warning lights and signs are awaited near the school. Changes in the planning procedures will mean that we will have more control over planning applications as members of the public will be able to meet Councillors to discuss their plans and answer any questions arising from them before decisions are made. Mr Rowe reported that there is £100,000 available to Parishes to help fund worthy schemes. This money will be allocated in blocks of £10,000. Details of schemes and application for funds should be made to the District Council.

The Chairman reported that following the resignation of Chris Phillips from the Hare Green Recreation Committee, the playing field is now managed by the Parish Council. The Chairman gave thanks to Chris Phillips and his committee members for all their efforts over the last few years. Several Parishioners have offered help with the general maintenance of the ground which has been gratefully accepted by the council. Both the playing field and the cricket ground have been entered in the Best Kept Field competition. The play equipment has been inspected recently and some possible problems have been highlighted. The Parish Council are taking urgent advice and action to remedy these.

The Treasurer of the 'Bromley Messenger', Mr L Christodoulides, gave his report. Although the accounts have not been completed it is expected that the magazine will break even this year. He reported that the Editor has incorporated more flair into the magazine and introduced a children's page. It was disappointing that there were so few entries for the cover design competition. The Chairman thanked the Editor and Mr Christodoulides for all their efforts during the year.

Members of the public questioned the Council about the planning application for a proposed camping ground on land off Frating Road. They were very concerned that they had not been officially informed about this. The Chairman said that the immediate neighbours had been notified. However their concerns would be brought to the attention of the District Council and a copy of the plans would be obtained for public viewing.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Little Bromley Parish Assembly was held on 25th April, 1996. All members of the Council were in attendance and five members of the Public. In his resume of the year's events the Chairman stated that following the advice of Tendring District Council Planning Officers, the planning application for the proposed playing field, village hall and small housing development in Ardleigh Road, will be deferred until provision has been made for this in the review of the T.D.C. 10 year plan in approximately 12 months' time. The chairman said that the village hall fund currently stands at £5,000.

Traffic calming measures through the village are expected this year. Distribution of funds from the Elizabeth Warren Trust were made by Father Trevor to 26 deserving people in the village. The Trust was originally set up in 1868 to distribute blankets and warm clothing to the needy.

During the year Councillor J Pleass resigned from the Parish Council. His efforts during his years of service to the Parish have been much appreciated. Mrs Eugster has been co-opted onto the Council in his place. Councillor Rowe said that he has had a very interesting first year as District Councillor. In his report he said that the Tendring District Council Gypsy Working committee have been re-instated and they are looking for a suitable gypsy site - possibly in this area. Mr Rowe said that he was pleased to be involved in the meeting with the Planning Officers regarding the proposed playing field and will advise the Parish Council on the availability of funds from the District Council for this scheme.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Alexandra Rose Day collection in the village will be taking place from 9th-22nd June by local volunteers. We hope you will be generous. 80% of the collection is for direct support of HD families in our area. Thank you. *Jean Harding*

KITCHEN CORNER

Traditionally, Whitsunday is the day to eat the first gooseberries of the season. These first thinnings are delicious made into a simple pie, or just stewed, perhaps with a head of elderflowers for extra flavour. Another tasty pudding is made with sponge.

GOOSEBERRY UPSIDE-DOWN PUDDING

Topping:- enough gooseberries to cover bottom of chosen dish

3oz butter or marg 3oz soft brown sugar, a few chopped nuts

Sponge:- 4oz SR flour 4oz butter or marg, pinch salt, 4oz sugar, 2 eggs.

Top and tail gooseberries, melt butter in greased 8" square oven dish. Add sugar and stir till melted. Sprinkle on nuts and add good layer of gooseberries. Make sponge by creaming butter and sugar, beat in eggs and fold in flour. Pour over the fruit and bake 50 mins, 350F. Turn out on to a plate to serve upside-down. *Jill Frostick*

CHILDREN'S CORNER MAKE A MASK

You will need Light cardboard, Scissors, Glue, Paints or crayons Take three pieces of cardboard about the lengths shown. Fold them in half. 1. Draw half of a pair of spectacles on the first folded card. Cut them out. a 2 and 3. Do the same for a nose and moustache.

4. Now glue them all together and colour

5. Surprise everybody with your disguise!

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER Statement of Accounts

<u>THE BROMLEY MESSENGER</u>		
<u>Statement of Accounts</u>	1995/1996	1994/1995
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Carried forward	151.76	94.38
Creditors	390.00	155.00
Donations	95.00	355.00
Advertisements	297.60	150.00
Sponsorship	555.00	655.00
Interest	1.42	1.56
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>
Total	1,491.28	1,500.94
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing	1,257.08	1,210.32
Postage	8.73	6.01
Expenses	21.11	42.85
Debtors	0.00	90.00
(Loss)/Gain	<u>204.36</u>	<u>151.76</u>
Total	1,491.28	1,500.94
Honorary Treasurer	7 May, 1996	L.B. Christodoulides

All previous debts were paid and the Parish Council again gave an extra £300, which gave us a small increase in balance. Both sponsorship and donations are down but the business card

advertisements have made up for this shortfall. We start the new financial year with 10 editions sponsored. Leonie Henderson does a great job as Editor, and the delivery of your Magazine is organised by Ann Fairley, supported by her band of helpers, our sincere thanks go to you all. 1
Honorary Treasurer LE. Christodoulides

ESSEX POLICE BAND Tickets are now available - the seats are limited this year - book early by 'phoning Stan West on 230584 or Frank Griffiths on 230086. The date is Friday, 13th September.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Annual Spring Sale a success. We are most grateful. Thank you! The Harwich Accordion Band will be entertaining us at the June meeting. The competition - A pretty beaker. *Mildred Purkis*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 June 11.00am Balls Green Miss V Carlin

9 June 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr R Firmin 16 June 11.00am Burnt Heath Rev. J Robinson

23 June 11.00am Balls Green Mr J Lunniss 30 June 11.00am Elmstead Market Rev. J Hardwick

VILLAGE BARBECUE

The Barbecue committee regrets that, because the date coincides with the Cricket Club Hog Roast, the Village Barbecue is cancelled for Saturday, 20th July, 1996. We are, naturally, disappointed as many of you will be, as last year it was a most happy gathering of families and friends and this year's preparations were well underway. However, let us look forward, we have fixed a date for your diaries. **Village Barbecue NEXT YEAR - Saturday, 19th JULY, 1997.**

COMPILATION OF A 1997 DIARY OF EVENTS

To try and avoid further disappointments like the above cancellation I am offering to collate and publish in 'The Messenger' at the beginning of each year a pull-out diary of proposed events in the village. Therefore if organisations will let me know their long term dates as soon as they are decided the list can also then be used as a point of referral by anyone not wishing to overlap their events. Please send any entries to Leonie Henderson, Badley Hall, Great Bromley CO7 7UU.

COFFEE MAKING after 9.30am Service

2 June B Welham

9 June J Harding

16 June A Fairley

23 June J Wests

30 June O Sparling

CHURCH CLEANING

H Brown & S Rampling

J Wests

B & J Welham

P Greenfield & M Bush

O Sparling

ST. GEORGE the MARTYR F v PARISH CHURCH of THE BROMLEYS SERVICES IN JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY

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16 June 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

There will be a special celebration of Bell Sunday, with a hand bell demonstration and sermon on the them of Bells.

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WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS ON Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh, Wednesday 12 noon Gt Bromley,

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh, Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers. All are welcome.

PRAM SERVICE Thursday, 13th June 12.15pm in Church followed by tea and squash as the children play

The Bromley Messenger July 1996

My first task this month must be to thank all those who supported our Flower Festival and Gardens Day. The church looked quite exquisite and many, many people expressed their appreciation. Despite the overcast Bank Holiday Monday there was a continuous movement of local people around the gardens, no doubt getting ideas and seeing new possibilities for themselves. Nowadays it is not as easy for people to gel as a "village" as they used to in times past - it has to be worked at. I am sure that events that encourage people to visit each other in their homes and engage in pleasant conversation help this process. There is already talk about how it might happen next year. I hope that people will feel that it is a worthwhile and enjoyable way to spend the Bank Holiday weekend which puts The Bromleys Flower Festival at St. Georges on the calendar and on the map as an event which reveals flower arranging at its best. The fact that during the weekend £2,500 was raised speaks for itself - a magnificent result.

During the summer months there are usually a number of baptisms held in Parish churches. Even if people don't regard themselves as regular church goers there is still, I sense, a deep need to ask God's blessing upon a new member of the family and to give thanks for the miracle of new life. Baptism is a sign and symbol of God accepting and welcoming all those who come to him. It reminds us that before we can make any move to follow Christ more closely or to acknowledge his power and beauty God works in our hearts to make our response possible. Neither is there anything we can do to earn a place in the Kingdom of God - it is there for us to receive as a gift available even to the smallest baby. A gift that we will use by giving God a place in our lives.

"Some ask the world and are diminished in the receiving of it. You gave me this small pool that the more I drink from the more it fills me with sourceless light." *Fr. Trevor*

We thank HOT LINE PRINTERS for sponsoring this month's 'Messenger' and extend to them our grateful thanks for printing our magazine so well and efficiently each month.

MATERIAL for the August edition of The Messenger should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 16th JULY, 1996 please.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7 July 11.00am Burnt Heath Rev. John Robinson

14 July 11.00am Balls Green Rev. Bob Gooch

21 July 11.00am Elmstead Market Rev. John Robinson

28 July 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Austin

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

'Tis better to be thoughtful than open your mouth and prove it. - *F.G.*

DIARY DATES

1 Jul Parachute Jump at Ipswich Airport in aid of HDA

4 Jul Friendship Club outing to Wisbech. Coach leaves E'std Mkt 8.30am

6 Jul Garden Party at Arthesusa, Ardleigh Rd, 2.00pm

11 Jul Garden Club Meeting in Stanway, Colchester, 7.30pm

11 Jul Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

13 Jul Tendring Hundred Show at Lawford The HDA & St. George's Church will have a Stand

18 Jul Great Bromley Parish Council Meeting

20 Jul Cricket Club Hog Roast

17 Aug Boyton's Jazz Band in aid of HDA, Village Hall

13 Sep Essex Police Band, Village Hall

29 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Festival

30 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Supper

19 Oct Silent Auction

THE GREAT BROMLEY GRAND PRIX

The track is located on the B1029 between The Kings Arms and The Old Black Boy. The cars leave the start line at The Kings Arms and accelerate down the first straight to the Pumping Station Bend after which they negotiate the Crossways Chicane; some cars have left the road here and gone through the safety fence. The cars then accelerate down the Snooty Fox Straight to the Post Box Bend where the organisers have removed the slow signs so that the drivers can go faster. Some have been known to run out of road here taking all before them, spectators and

safety fences. Those cars that are left running then accelerate to maximum down the Boulton Cottages Straight to the next bend and then down Little Paddock Straight to the finishing line. Some drivers think it is all over here but there is another race track crossing their path. Lack of concentration here and it is all over permanently. The same track is also used for heavy truck racing. The participants are T.M.C. versus Allcomers.

The Motor Cycle Grand Prix is run over a longer track starting at the Car Auctions. The spectators hear the bikes start half a mile away and the bikes pass in a blur. Any spectators lining the track are warned that motor racing is dangerous and watch at their own risk.

A. Spectator

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GARDEN PARTY & 'BRING & BUY'
6th July at 2.00pm
at Arethusa, Ardleigh Road, Gt. Bromley
In Aid of Burnt Heath Methodist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

TRADITIONAL VILLAGE FETE
20th July, 2.00-4.00pm
by kind permission of
Mr and Mrs Eugster
at The Old Rectory, Little Bromley
ALL WELCOME

HARE GREEN RECREATION FIELD EQUIPMENT

I now hold the recreation field equipment which is available for hire. £5 deposit refundable on return of equipment. We have high jump posts and bar, 4 badminton racquets, 2 tennis racquets, 4 rounders bats, 2 tennis balls and some shuttlecocks. Call at Dairy Farm Cottage, Chase Road West or ring 251691 to arrange. Val Harris

I BEQUEATH Barnard Fame - Part 1

Barnard Payne lived at Little Bromley where still today there is Payne's Lane. Barnard made his Will on 25th July, 1570. He made the following bequests.

To Mother Cartwright, Widow Clover and Mother Stone - 12d each.

To William Steven - 20d.

To little Bernife's wife - 20d.

To William Payne, my uncle - 3s. and, my aunt, his wife - 12d. and to him my blue jerkin and a pair of hose.

To my aunts, Robins, Barker, Damian and Royse - 20d. each.

To Joan and Ralph Widdrell and to my aunt Royse's children - 1 lamb each.

To Susan Brett, Sarah, my fathers maid, Roger and Thomas Candler - 12d. each.

To John Dyer - 6d. Henry Payne - 12d. John Woodgate - 23.

To Barker of Ardleigh - 12d. Hugh Pain - 2s. and Frances, my father's maid - 12d.

To my sister Elye - 40s, John Elye, the younger - 26s. 8d. and my brother Elye "to have the occupying of it till he come to 18" (father Elye had to put it out on interest!)

To John Payne, my brother - £4 at the age of 20, and Joan Payne, my sister, £6 at 20.

To my father Candler, my mother Candler, my cousin Lavendor - 10s. each.

The residue of my goods to William Payne, my brother and executor.

Witnesses to the Will were - John Sallos, Thomas Cowper and William Basse.

Barnard Payne was buried at Little Bromley, 1st August, 1570. His Will was proved 6th November, 1570. He was 22 years old when he died. *John Appleby*

CARPET BOWLS

We are pleased to see Joe back on form after his recent spell in hospital and hope he stays fit and well. Numbers have been down slightly on Wednesday evenings, but perhaps now the weeds are out and the bedding plants in, we can hope for a better attendance on a regular basis. The Club's Pairs Competition was concluded in May when in the final Bevan Willgress and Richard Bates beat Pauline Keeble and Nancy Kempster 8-6. The trophy was presented by Jayne Bates. We will be entertaining Wix in a friendly match on 19th June, and entering a few tournaments during the summer months which are run for various charities. *Nancy Kempster*

OUT AND ABOUT

Bill and I felt we would like to tell you about two very interesting talks we have both been to recently which focus on trends in the Church of England in general, and in this Diocese in

particular. Bill's talk was given by Canon Robin Greenwood, who has just come to Chelmsford, at Deanery Synod in April. The importance of the involvement of the laity in the building up of a living community of believers, was the theme of the address, with co-operation with the laity essential, and sharing at almost every level between clergy and congregation. The Laity must be encouraged to develop their individual gifts, and grow in fellowship into a strong congregation. In this Canon Greenwood followed very much the theme of the talk given by the Bishop of Colchester in November to the Harwich Deanery, in these times of crisis in the church of England when too few suitable men and women are coming forward for Ordination.

I was at a most interesting two day conference in London at Holy Trinity, Brompton on 16-17 May (which was also attended by the new Bishop of Chelmsford, The Rt. Rev. John Perry) which took further this theme of the involvement of the laity in the church, and in this context the need to take seriously both in New Testament Theology and Parish Ministry the role of the Holy Spirit. The main speakers were Professor Gordon Fee from Vancouver, and The Rev. Mark Stibbe, lecturer in Theology at Sheffield University. The theme was the Theological basis for the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, for so long sidelined in our Theological Colleges, that few Ministers know how to cope with the current wave of "renewal" in their Parishes, or which aspects were helpful, and which distinctly harmful. A direct result of the neglect of this teaching about the Holy Spirit as a living reality in the Church was the abject condition of the Church as an irrelevance in Western Europe. Instead, the gospel needed to be presented as liberating and empowering, and in such a way that the modern world could not be understood without it.

The Early Church in the first few centuries, was little more than a persecuted Jewish offshoot, with many of its earliest members itinerant missionaries. Yet their witness as martyrs, continually empowered by the Holy Spirit first promised in John 14 v25 and given at Pentecost, helped to spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. It was this experience of the living God, that made St. Paul change his life on the road to Damascus. This power, so long absent from our Church life, is a reality still today.

The power structures of the Western Church at Rome as we know it did not come into being until nearly the fourth century, when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine. The Church by this time had so much money it needed new outlets for its new found wealth, enormous sums of money were spent on buildings, cemeteries and works of Art. The cult of the pilgrims, saints, and martyrs, ceremony and formalism, had begun. Vestments also date from this era. Western Christianity eventually settled into the pattern that lasted for a, thousand years until the Reformation. At its best the Church still remembered its calling as the body of Christ, and at its worst, became little more than an effective force for social control, by which time unfortunately the Holy Spirit had been largely forgotten, and God eventually declared dead by the philosophers of the Enlightenment. Yet it is to the The Church, conceived as the whole body of Christ, and made up from all its members, that Jesus entrusted his message of universal reconciliation, to be passed down each generation of Christian believers who believe in being filled by the Holy Spirit. This is made quite clear in 1 Corinthians 12-14 when St. Paul writes of Spiritual Gifts, given in different measure to diverse people, but which are for the benefit of the Church Community as a whole, and for the building up of that community, and not just for the individual. For it is only in our relationships with one another in a Community that we can live out our calling as Members of the Body of Christ.

How does this work out in practice? As Canon Charles Gore, CR, DD writing in 1898 put it so well "We are sons and heirs, intelligent helpers, not submissive slaves, subject to ordnance's, for passive obedience to an authority which does not explain itself St. Paul would have dreaded as bondage". Our Lord didn't give his disciples much direction, Canon Gore goes on to point out, but if our lives are ordered by a submission to the spirit and a sense of personal responsibility, and if the Church, the body of Christ is pervaded by this sense of Christ's life and Spirit, then this spiritual dimension will be the hallmark of the congregation. The "fruits of the Spirit" of this community show itself by reaching out to everyone with whom it comes in contact. For it is in the context of our relationship with our neighbours that the fruits of the Spirit are apparent. "For God is not a God of confusion but of peace" 1 Corinthians 14 v33.

Cynthia Walker

KITCHEN CORNER

By special request of a reader, a recipe for spiced lamb. This is equally good as a hot or cold dish. If serving cold, leave in casserole to cool and omit cornflour.

1 leg of lamb (about 4-5lbs)

½ level teasp ground nutmeg, pinch ground cloves, 1 crushed garlic clove
½ level teasp ground cinnamon, 1 large onion peeled and sliced, 4 oz soft brown sugar
¼ pt. wine vinegar, ¼ pt. water salt and pepper, 1 tablesp corn-flour.
8 oz can apricot halves & 8 oz can prunes (or you can use dried soaked fruit instead)
Parsley or watercress to garnish

Place lamb in large casserole or roasting tin. Combine spices and rub into the skin of the lamb. Arrange onion and garlic around and on the meat. Combine sugar, water, vinegar and seasonings, pour over lamb and cover tightly. Leave 24 hours turning the meat several times. Strain juices and add half to the tin, keeping the rest. Cover with foil and cook 2 hours mod. oven 275F / 190C basting twice. Drain apricots and keep juice. Drain prunes. Add these to the casserole, return to the oven uncovered and bake 30-45 minutes till browned and cooked. Strain of juices into a pan, mix with reserved marinade made up to ¾ pt. with apricot juice. Add flaked cornflour and boil 2 mins. Serve with the lamb, garnished with watercress. Good with jacket potatoes and green vegetable / carrots.

Jill Frostick

GARDEN CLUB

Our Social Evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Hurst was a great success and we offer our sincere thanks to them for their hospitality. On 11th July we visit Mr and Mrs Burton at 11 WARREN LANE, STANWAY at 7.30pm to see a demonstration of stone polishing. Directions to get there are: past M.F.I. at Lexden carry straight on down the London Road to the SECOND mini roundabout, turn left into VILLA ROAD which brings you in to Warren Lane - No. 11 is on the left. There will NOT be a raffle. *Vicky Griffiths*

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

This is the final list, please send in your "vote" for the best three suggestions you feel are worthy. It may be easier if you belong to a Club or an Organisation in the village to make this a discussion at your meeting, and to get your representative to bring along the "votes" for our next meeting in July. It must be remembered that in some cases there are grants that may be available to help with the costs - these have been marked "+", and also that land would have to be purchased, if the owners were willing, on some of the ideas, these have been marked "*".

1. Build a Nursery School - at the School or the Village Hall (£50,000) +
2. Build new classrooms at the School (£250,000) +
3. New heating system at the Village Hall (£10,000)
4. Larger car park at Village Hall (£10,000)
5. Better outside lighting at Village Hall (£5,000) .
6. A Fun Day for all ages (£1,000)
7. A commemorative plaque in the Village Hall (£500)
8. Turn the Church field into a proper car park (£10,000) *
9. and put a play area in it £6,000 *
10. Build a 2-storey room under the bells in Church, so that you can see the bell ringers and to have a room for children/teas etc. (£150,000) +
11. Village parties, fete in the summer (£5,000)
12. More play equipment for playing field (£5,000)
13. Create a new open space (£10,000) *
14. Site some memorial seats (£1,000)
15. Make accessible the pond (£10,000)
16. Re-position the Village sign (£2,000)
17. Give everyone in the village a commemorative token (£3,000)
18. Erect a commemorative sign (£3,000)
19. Plant a wood (£50,000) +*
20. Build some village stocks (£2,000)
21. Bury a time capsule (£1,000)

THANK YOU

ANDY would like to express his thanks and appreciation to his wife, Mary, for the help and encouragement she has been while he has been suffering from ME. and depression. People who have such a condition are not easy to live with and Mary has stood by through thick and thin. Thank you.

THE SOOTHING CUPPA

It's known that people in the main
When suffering from stress and strain
Are very often found to be
Seeking solace from a cup of tea.
Now, folk with little cash to spare
Are worried as to how or where
They'll find the money for the tax
Imposed on fuel, so to relax
They switch on the electric kettle
To brew the tea their nerves to settle
For, hooked on cuppas every day
This habit they can't break away
A vicious circle then appears,
- Pay Tax upon the cup that cheers!
AHC.

PARACHUTE JUMP

A very courageous young lady with two small children, who has recently had a positive result from the predictive test for Huntington's Disease is making a solo jump on 1st August at Ipswich Airport on behalf of others with HD. We hope to have media coverage, but she needs YOUR encouragement. If you want to support her, please contact Jean Harding.

PLAYGROUP

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session
Toddler Group - Wednesdays 9.45-11.40am £1.00 per session
We would like to wish 'good luck' to Chloe, Emily, Stacey, Harry, Nicholas, Ryan, Sean, Shaun J and Toby who will be leaving playgroup to start school in September. At present playgroup is full but with these children leaving there will be places available both days from September. The Toddler Group' also welcomes new Mums. Why not come along for a chat and a coffee in a friendly atmosphere, meet other Mums and the children can play too! (children under 8 months free).

Last day Of Summer term -Wed, 17th July
Autumn term begins - Mon, 9th September

Jane Calderbank



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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Revd. John Robinson has been booked for our July meeting. His music and humour as always will provide an entertainment we all enjoy. The Competition - An unusual pair of salt and pepper pots. The coach for the outing to Wisbech will leave Elmstead Market at 8.30am, Thursday, 4th July. *Mildred Purkis*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Little Bromley Parish Council was held on 9th May. Mr Peter Ollivant was elected as Chairman for the coming year and Mr Poulter was appointed Vice-Chairman. Mr R Poulter will be the Parish Council representative at the Tendring District Association of Local Council meetings. Mr G Kent will be the Footpatr/rights of Way Officer and Mr P Ollivant will be the Transport Officer and Tree Warden. Mrs Eugster has suggested that a fund-raising fete be held to raise funds to build a bus shelter for the school children. This was given the full support of the Parish Council and a date has now been agreed.

A Parish Council notice-board is currently being made. This will be situated opposite the Post Office and Mr Ollivant will be the key holder. A planning application has been submitted by Mr Bambridge for a 2-storey dwelling on land adjacent to Green Hedges, Shop Road, Little Bromley. Although the Parish Council did not object to this application they did specify the preference for a low profile dwelling. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 11th July.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 16th May in the Village Hall. Mr G Kempster has been elected Chairman for the coming year and Mrs V Harris has been appointed Vice-Chairlady. The following Councillors have been appointed to the following committees:-

Mrs S Rampling - Tendring District Association of Local Councils

Mrs A Prior - Footpath/rights of Way Officer

Mr L Christodoulides - Low Cost Housing (Main Contact Point)

Mrs V Harris - Low Cost Housing

Major J Heaney - Low Cost Housing

Ms K Hayward - Tree Warden

Three planning applications have recently been considered by the Parish Council and their comments have been passed to the District Council.

1. Erection of a pig fattening house at Lilleys Farm. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

2. Extension to dwelling at Morants, Colchester Road, Gt. Bromley. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

3. New bungalow on land to the rear of 1 Springhill Close, Gt Bromley. The Parish Council objected strongly to this application as this was a two storey chalet type dwelling which would be intrusive on the neighbouring properties. The Parish Council would prefer a low profile bungalow which is in keeping with the other properties on this site.

Due to complaints received by the Essex County Council Highways Department, the Parish Council have been asked to comment on the feasibility of moving the flashing School sign. A site visit will be arranged.

The fence surrounding the village pond will be painted. This is the responsibility of the Highways Department and the Chairman agreed to speak to them regarding a completion date for this work.

The dog fouling problem on the cricket ground has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council who will now investigate the legislation regarding dog byelaws. In his report, Mr Rowe said that he is now a member of the T.D.C. Gypsy Working Party Committee which will be looking for suitable sites in the district. The Planning Application for the proposed camping ground has now been amended. The rear of the site will now be woodland. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to comment in due course.

Mr Rowe said that some emergency doors at the Village Hall need replacing and the oil tank is leaking. A new tank will cost approximately £500-£600. A contribution from the Parish Council towards these expenses was requested.

Future Parish Council meeting dates were arranged as follows:- 18 July, 22 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November and 12 December. All members of the public are welcome.
[Omitted - 10 business card Ads as before]

ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club has become so popular with approximately 46 children that unfortunately we cannot take any more and now have a waiting list for new members. With such an increase in children we really need more adult helpers so if any of you are free on a Wednesday evening 5-6.30pm we would be very pleased to see you.

We would like to thank the Pantomime Group for their generous cheque with which we purchased a volleyball net and posts set and a stunt kite. Thanks also to Dave Skinner for the match quality football.

Mark and some of the children have been busy making bat and bird nesting boxes out of timber kindly donated by Keyline builders merchants. Once again we are off to East Mersea for our summer camping weekend. *Chris Taylor*

TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW SATURDAY 13TH JULY 1996

[Advert as last month]

This year's President is our local Mr Henry Fairley who contributes so much to village and community life. He has very kindly nominated St. George's Church as "The President's Charity", and you will see the Stand on Row M, the line extending from the Poultry tent, so DO search it out and visit us. We are preparing a display to encourage and inform the public of the need to support our efforts to raise funds for the repair of the magnificent roof. There will be a Cake Stall if YOU do your part in helping to stock it. Freezer space will be needed to store goods in advance. So PLEASE let the Rector or Royce know of your intended contributions on 230344.

HUNTINGTON 'S DISEASE AND THE BICYCLING GRANNY

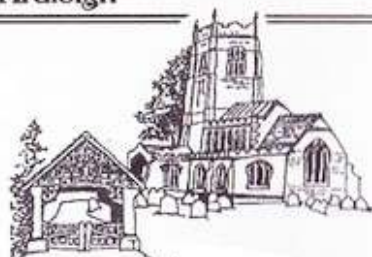
HDA will also be at the Tendring Show on Row M with their striking Stand. This year we are very honoured that the Bicycling Granny, Jean Smith, a very well known local personality especially in farming, sporting and health circles, is going to cycle from Land's End to John O' Groats on behalf of our local Branch. There will be a display at the HDA Stand of her travels, and of the now famous bicycle, and we shall be looking for sponsorship to support this remarkable lady's efforts for our local family welfare. This is the 25th anniversary of the formation of the national HDA, so it is a very special year and we are hoping to get HDA ON THE MAP! So please give us a look and support her effort with your sponsorship.

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Services in July

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21 July 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist & Baptism of Jack Steed Gt Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30am Evensong Gt Bromley
28 July 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS on Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh, Wednesday 12 noon Gt Bromley, Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh, Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers. All are welcome.

I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptised, or who would like to be confirmed or baptised as adults, or who are thinking about getting married in the Church.

	<u>COFFEE MAKING</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>
7 July	B Welham	A Wild & J Harding
14 July	J Harding	H Brown & S Rampling
21 July	A Fairley	J Wests
28 July	J Wests	B & J Welham

The Bromley Messenger August 1996

Continuing my series of articles on the church and its vocabulary I thought I would explain this month the way the ordained ministry has grown up.

The Church of England rightly believes itself to be both catholic and reformed. This means that it can trace its origins back to the apostolic ministry which first brought Christianity to our land through people like Augustine and Alban. It also means that it was influenced by the reformation and was able to move away from the worst excesses medieval superstition that had crept into the churches life at that time. The Church of England shares with the great churches of the East and the West a parallel order of ministry - that of bishop, priest and deacon.

In the 1st Epistle of Peter we read these words "Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house. to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." We can see from this passage that priesthood is something shared by the whole church which comes from Jesus Christ himself "that great high priest who has passed through the heavens". As the church developed it came to see that if this priestly function was to be exercised efficiently, it needed to be ordered and structured. It was from this that what we call "the orders of ministry" grew up. Let me comment a little on these orders.

Bishop The word bishop derives from the Greek "episkopos" which means "overseer". Early in the church's history (Acts 20.28) we find particular people entrusted with overseeing the Christian church in a particular area. These areas are now called dioceses. Acts 6.6 records the original apostles commissioning new ones by laying hands upon them. It has continued to this day in the practise of ordination (or consecration). This means that the bishop's stand in a continuous line of hands being laid on which goes back to the apostles. Because it is the bishop's role to keep the church in the succession of the apostles, he is also responsible for maintaining orthodox Christian teaching in the Diocese.

Priest This word is derived from the Greek "prosbuteros" meaning "elder". In the very early church, the orders of Bishop and Priest were not sharply distinguished from one another - this came in the 2nd and 3rd Centuries because of the need to place care and charge of a particular community in the hands of men who would have specific pastoral and liturgical functions. In the earliest church, the bishop always presided at the celebration of the Eucharist of his diocese but as the faith spread smaller communities now called parishes grew up in each diocese. It was therefore important that the Bishop could delegate a number of his functions to priests including the celebration of the Eucharist. Ordained priests are called to build up and order the spiritual and pastoral life of the church. Some functions of bishops have remained their prerogative alone, such as confirming or ordaining others.

Deacon This derives from the Greek "diakonos" which means "servant" (Phillippians 1.1). These people are described in the New Testament as those who assisted the bishops and presbyters. The functions of the deacon to this day are those of serving and assisting. Thus the deacon has the role of reading the Gospel and of helping in the distribution of the sacrament. The deacon also often had the role of helping the sick and the poor. Of course all Christians are called to serve other people and here again we see that this order of ministry makes plain to the whole church an important aspect of its vocation. Some clergy remain deacons while others are ordained subsequently to the order of priests. By being ordained first to the diaconate and then to the priesthood all clergymen are reminded that servanthood is at the heart of all ministry individually and corporately. The Church exists not in order to be an exclusive religious club but to reach out into the neighbourhood and through the kindness and concern of its members meet the needs of the wider community. *Fr. Trevor*

GARDEN CLUB

Even gardeners feel the need to get away from the problems with growing flowers, vegetables etc. so we ventured into the world of LAPIDARY. If, like me, you don't quite know what that is, or didn't until we visited the home of Mr and Mrs Burton on Thursday, 11th July, "Lapidary" is in plain language - stone cutting and polishing, which has to be seen to be believed when Mr Burton explained the formations of fossils some of which can even be found on beaches. Stones from all over the world, including South America, Scotland and as near as Bradwell are collected, cut and polished after various processes, which brings out the natural beauty and colour, the smaller stones being used in jewellery. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th August when a visit to Frinton Nurseries is being arranged. *Vicky Griffiths*

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Diary Dates

- 1 Aug Parachute Jump at Ipswich Airport in aid of HDA
- 4 Aug WI Garden Party, Broadlands, 7.30pm
- 8 Aug Garden Club meeting at Frinton Nurseries
- 17 Aug Boyton's Jazz Band in aid of HDA, Village Hall
- 22 Aug Meeting of Gt Bromley Parish Council
- 2 Sep Badminton Club Open Evening, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Sep Playgroup starts
- 13 Sep Essex Police Band, Village Hall
- 18 Sep Photographer at Playgroup
- 19 Sep Playgroup A.G.M., Badley Hall Farm, 8.00pm
- 29 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Festival
- 30 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Supper
- 12 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall
- 19 Oct Silent Auction, Village Hall

ADVANCE NOTICE

9 Nov Playgroup Craft & Table Top Sale, Village Hall

30 Nov Christmas Sale, Village Hall

9 Dec Lt Bromley Methodist Church outing to Thursford Carol Concert

VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS

House to House collection for VSO week. Very many thanks to all in Frating Road who kindly made a donation to this charity. A total of £107.50 was collected. Jill Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council and their comments have been passed to the District Council.

1. Proposed camping ground (amended description) - Land off Frating Road. The Parish Council have restated their objections to this application.
2. Oak House Farm. Change of use from garage block to educational dwelling. No objections to this application.
3. Oak House farm. Construction of replacement garage. No objections to this application.
4. Detached garage and workshop at 7 St. George's Close, Great Bromley. The Parish Council objected to this application as this building will extend beyond the building line and will have an adverse effect on the neighbouring property with regards to light and general appearance.
5. The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley. Change of use from public house to private dwelling. No objections to this application.

At the meeting held on 20th June it was reported that the problems with the play equipment at Hare Green have now been rectified. Councillor Val Harris will now arrange to have the equipment and seats repainted. Maintenance work on the village sign will commence shortly and Leonie Henderson will refurbish the art work.

CHILDREN'S CORNER *[omitted]*

I BEQUEATH

Part 2 - Barnard Payne's Will, Family and relatives

What can we discover from the Little Bromley Registers and elsewhere about Barnard Payne, his family and relatives?

1. Barnard Payne (1), son of John and Johan (Joan) Payne was baptised, 29th March, 1546. He must have died shortly after this; there appears to be no record of burial.
2. Barnard (2), (maker of the will), son of John and Johan Payne was baptised, 13th January, 1548. He died and was buried at Little Bromley, 1st August, 1570.
3. Barnard's grandfather was also called John and married Margaret Storne (alias Stone), 16th April, 1548. Margaret died, 8th October, 1570.
4. Barnard had an uncle, Richard, who married Joan Bayinge, 5th February, 1546; an aunt, Joan, who married George Stone, 16th May, 1551; and another uncle, Thomas, who married Agnes Sallow, 19th January, 1553.
5. After Barnard's father John was buried, 21st June, 1560, his widow, Joan, married "in haste" to Thomas Candler, 1st August, 1560. This explains why in the Will we see "father and mother Candler" mentioned. Joan Payne/Candler was buried at Little Bromley, 10th March, 1572.

By her previous marriage to John Payne, Joan gave birth to John, baptised 22nd July, 1539, William, baptised also on 22nd July, 1539, Barnard (1), baptised 24th March, 1546; our will maker, Barnard (2), baptised 13th January, 1548; Johan (1), baptised 6th January, 1553 - and buried 20th January, 1553; Johan (2), baptised 25th February, 1554 - married William Candler 20th October, 1589. There may have been other unrecorded births.

The Barker family were from Ardleigh. Barker baptisms, marriages and burials are recorded at Ardleigh from 1555.

Alyce Cartwright, widow, was buried at Little Bromley, 15th June, 1573. She was already recorded as "Widow" Nott when she married Mychaell Cartwright at Little Bromley in 1545. John Elly, widower, married Mary Payne, spinster, 3rd May, 1568, at Little Bromley, "My sister, Elye", and others of the Elye, Elly or Ely family are mentioned in the Will. What an interesting family and what a mix up of close relations and families as well as in-breeding.

John Appleby

CARPET BOWLS

This month congratulations are in order to a team of four ladies who brought home the Runners-Up Shield in the Ida French Memorial competition. They are Jayne Bates, Linda Francis, Nan Percival and Pauline Keeble, who finished up only two shots behind the winning team. Well done! to all of them. On 14th July Linda and Brian Francis, Pauline Keeble and Nan Percival played at High Woods. Not quite such a successful day as before but they enjoyed a good days bowling. If there are any readers who feel they would like to see how carpet bowls is played, they will be made very welcome on a Wednesday evening, there is always someone on hand to explain the game.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a very jolly meeting in July. It was our Birthday Celebration so were treated to one of Jean Wright's excellent chocolate cakes and well entertained by Mrs Freeman's rendition of her own delightful "Ode to Car Booting" followed by her playing the piano for a hearty singalong. Arrangements were made for the August Outing - this is fish 'n chips in Clacton followed by a theatre visit in Frinton. Rita Baxter also set a fiendish Brain Teaser which proved that nearly all of us should practice some lateral thinking.

A long time ahead (the WI is well known as a forward looking organisation), but the usual day for the January Meeting falls on New Year's Day so we will defer it until 8th January and hold it at Seven Rivers (subject to permission). The Christmas Sale is booked for Saturday, 30th November, we are one of the beneficiaries this year.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 4th September. Garden Party at Broadlands (by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs D Wright), St George's Close. 7.30pm start and there is to be a Plant Stall. *Pippa Hardy*

WELL DONE

Congratulations to M. West, J. Frostick, J. Malcolm, J. Willgress and I. Warboys for winning the Challenge Cup for Great Bromley Women's Institute at the Tendring Show.

Rita Baxter, Vice President

CHASE ROAD WEST, HARE GREEN

Thank you all for supporting the collection for the Granny envelopes. I have sent the £27 that I collected on 11-12 July to Help the Aged. . *Val Harris*

PARACHUTE JUMP

A very courageous young lady with two small children, who has recently had a positive result from the predictive test for Huntington's Disease is making a solo jump on 1st August at Ipswich Airport on behalf of others with HD. We hope to have media coverage, but she needs YOUR encouragement. If you want to support her, please contact Jean Harding.

BOYTON'S NEW ORLEANS JAZZ BAND

Saturday, 17th August at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets on sale at Great Bromley Stores and from Jean Harding at £5. Join us all and make up a party for this gig in aid of HD. This Trad Jazz Band is sponsored by Boyton's Financial services, so all profit will go to the Colchester Branch. There will be dancing for those who wish and a licensed bar likewise. It is great music.

BADMINTON CLUB REPORT - SEASON 95-96

We have had quite a successful season, with 10 full members, plus one new player. The Men's team managed to finish mid-table by winning 5 games and losing 7. In the mixed league we did very well and so we will collect a trophy at the fixture meeting later in the year. In the Clacton League KO. we had to forfeit the game against Wivenhoe in the third round as we could not field a team, but in the Federation K.O. we got through to the semi-final narrowly losing to Connaught by just a few points.

Next season the Club will be entering teams in three leagues: Colchester Federation, Men's and Mixed, (we haven't played in this mixed league for several seasons but have decided to rejoin), and the Clacton League, which consists of Mixed, Men's and Ladies games, all in one match.

Open club nights will begin on 2nd September at 7.30pm, and every following Monday evening in September. Any new members wishing to join us will be more than welcome to come along.

Joy Golding

BARN DANCE

Saturday, 12th October at the Village Hall In aid of Village Hall Funds
Telephone Mr Pat Petchey on 01206 250617 for further information encouragement.

ALEXANDRA ROSE COLLECTION

Very many thanks to the collectors and the donors of Great Bromley and the Nicholls Corner area who raised £288.21 in this effort. Thanks to ALL for an even better result than last year. This, apart from the 20% we are required to send to the organisation for supply of boxes, roses admin. etc. will go towards supporting the family needs of the physically handicapped with severe disabilities in this area, specifically Huntington's Disease families. It is greatly appreciated.

SAINT GEORGE'S HAMMERBEAM ROOF APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who visited the Appeal Fund's stand at last month's Tendring Show and made further donations towards the repair of the hammerbeam roof. We are most grateful to Henry Fairley for making the Appeal Fund his chosen charity for the year of his Presidency of the Tendring Hundred Farmers Club and so making it possible for the needs of the Fund to be more widely promoted in the district. Grateful thanks are also due to all the many people who worked so hard, in so many different ways, to make the whole thing a success.

The Architect has now prepared a detailed specification of the necessary work, but even with expected assistance from English Heritage we still have a long way to go. Our next fund-raising event is to be the 'Silent Auction' to be held in the Village Hall on 19th October, as already mentioned in an earlier edition of "The Messenger". In order to make it a success we need plenty of kind gifts of suitable lots. Do please let me or Jean Harding know if you have any things of good quality which you feel you can part with and which others may be willing to buy. We need plenty of interesting lots, so as to make it a really entertaining evening. In the meantime I would only add that further contributions of money would be more than welcome and that I will be very glad to supply information about donations by Deed of Covenant or by Gift Aid to anyone who is interested. John Clapham (01206 230790)

KITCHEN CORNER

Farmed trout are readily available and quite reasonably priced. This recipe would make quite a tasty main course for a special meal.

Trout with Pinenuts and Cucumber

4 cleaned trout 4 fresh bay leaves 4 slices lemon 5 tablesp. lemon juice
2 oz pine kernels, salt and pepper 6 in. pieces cucumber cut into thin sticks
1 lb carrots cut into sticks 1 lb calabrese or broccoli

Wipe fish and put a bay leaf and lemon slice in each one, lay in foil-lined grill pan and sprinkle with 3 tablesp. lemon juice. Cook under moderate grill 5 minutes. Turn carefully and cook 5-10 minutes or till cooked. Transfer to serving dish and keep warm.

Put remaining lemon juice with cucumber and pinenuts in a small pan and simmer 4-5 minutes stirring frequently. Season, then spoon over the trout.

Lightly cook or steam the vegetables and add to the dish, or serve separately. Also serve new potatoes in their skins dressed with butter and parsley, or yoghurt mixed with herbs.

Jill Frostick

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs Gurney will be our Speaker for our August meeting. A retired Social Worker she will talk to us and answer any questions you may wish to ask. The Competition - a posy of weeds in an egg-cup. *Mildred Purkis*

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PLAYGROUP

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session

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

Playgroup enjoyed two outings last month. A country walk and picnic, which although cloudy did not dampen the enthusiasm of the children and for our annual summer outing we visited 'Dedham Rare Breeds Centre'. The weather was warm and sunny and the children all had a lovely time. The parents were not forgotten either and enjoyed a pleasant 'Social Evening' at the 'Old Black Boy'. Just a reminder that 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. Toddler Group also welcomes children under three and parents.

Dates to remember

Monday 9 September - Autumn term begins

Wednesday 18 September - The photographer will be at playgroup - all welcome.

Thursday 19 September - A.G.M. 8.00pm at Badley Hall Farm, Gt Bromley. Everyone welcome, especially new parents.

Monday 28 October - Half term week Saturday 9 November - We will be holding a Craft and Table Top Sale. If anyone is interested in booking a table please telephone Jane Calderbank

ST. MARY'S LITTLE BROMLEY

The Little Bromley Garden Weekend on 14-16 June made a total of £70.00 which has been contributed to the Churches Conservation Trust. Many thanks to all those who helped.

Cynthia Walker

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH Correction (July)

'Tis better to be thought a FOOL, than to open your mouth and prove it.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Colchester Circuit)

Sunday 4 Aug 11.00am Balls Green Mr P Bingham

11 Aug 11.00am Elmstead Market Mrs A Austin

18 Aug 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr D Green

25 Aug 11.00am Balls Green Mr M Humm

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Little Bromley Methodist Church in Chequers Road is now open for regular worship. Link Line Christian Ministries seek to establish and re-invigorate Christian witness in rural and urban areas and hold fortnightly Sunday afternoon services at 3.00pm to which everyone is warmly invited. The response from the village and surrounding area has already proved to be most encouraging, the services being well attended. Transport can be provided. Link Line also have a number of seats available on one of their coach visits to Thursford Christmas Carol Concert on Monday, 9th December (afternoon concert) which will travel via the Bromleys, Lawford and Manningtree. Cost is :£19.50 (fully inclusive) and bookings should be made by 31st August. Enquiries concerning the services or any other relevant information should be made to Pastor F King 53 Keelers Way, Gt Horkesley (01206 272064)

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Chequers Road)

Sunday 4th August 3.00pm Sunday 18th August 3.00pm

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after 9.30am Service

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P Greenfield and M Bush

11 August B Welham

O Sparling

18 August J Harding

A Wild and J Harding

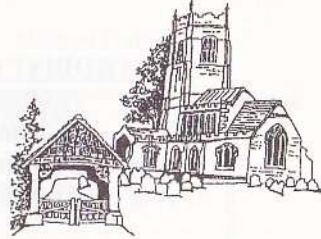
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SERVICES IN AUGUST

4th August	8:00	BCP Holy Communion	<i>Ardleigh</i>
	9:30	Family Eucharist	<i>Gt Bromley</i>
	11:00	Parish Eucharist	<i>Ardleigh</i>
	6:30	Sung Evensong	<i>Gt Bromley</i>
11th August	8:00	BCP Holy Communion	<i>Gt Bromley</i>
	9:30	Parish Eucharist	<i>Gt Bromley</i>
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	6:30	Sung Evensong	<i>Ardleigh</i>
18th August	8:00	<u>No BCP Holy Communion this week.</u>	
	9:30	Parish Eucharist	<i>Gt Bromley</i>
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NO PRAM SERVICES OR WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS DURING AUGUST.

I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptized, or who would like to be confirmed or baptized as adults, or who are thinking about getting married in the Parish Church

The Rector and Rector's wife, on behalf of the PCC, thank all who made cakes for the St Georges stand at the Tendring Show which raised £235.... a very encouraging result. Thanks also to those who came and supported or helped at the Ardleigh Fete on 6th July.

The Bromley Messenger September 1996

The theme of harvest has great appeal both in rural and urban areas. This is because it touches upon a number of basic themes that are about life and survival. For instance, in our harvest stories in church we firstly remind ourselves that the elemental forces of nature are under the control of a God who created all things. The combination of human labour - through planting, tilling and tending - with the sunlight, water and warmth encourages that mysterious process of growth. As Matthias Claudius has written in his hymn:

"We plough the fields and scatter, The good seed on the land.

But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.

He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to grow the grain

The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. "

Harvest is also the time when the efforts of the year are rewarded. There have been the anxious moments and the times of hard graft, bearing the burden of the day when toil seems dreary.

Now, however, we can enter with the farmer into that deep satisfaction of a job begun and completed. The farmers perseverance and determination has brought its reward.

At Harvest time we are reminded of the richness and variety of natural things that we can easily miss or take for granted - wheat; barley; sugar beet; apples. These are indeed 'all things bright and beautiful'. Western Christianity has sometimes been guilty of over stressing that sense of the numinous and holy beyond and behind the world of natural things. Harvest can be the opportunity to celebrate with rejoicing and thankfulness in our hearts the world and the life that God has given to each one of us.

The Celtic church, which fell victim to the Synod of Whitby, seemed to have captured this sense or joyfulness in its prayer and worship. So one Celtic prayer states:

"There is no plant in the ground

But full of his virtue

There is no form in the strand

But it is full of His blessing.

There is no life in the sea,

There is no creature in the river,

There is naught in the firmament

But proclaims his goodness... "

Yet the Celtic church was not suggesting that God is simply a vague life force and nothing more. He always remains the Creator and distinct from what he has made. Moreover He calls us to try and achieve a proper relationship between ourselves, the physical world and God himself. We are to enjoy the world and use it in the right way, realising that we are enslaved if we care for and use the natural world in ways that exclude God the giver.

To quote a modern hymn writer in conclusion:

"In thy laws thyself displaying

Teach our minds thyself to know." *Fr.*

Trevor

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FROM THE REGISTERS

We wish Kate Victoria ROWDEN and Ralph William SWALLOW and, Penelope Sara MATTHEWS and Darron WILSHER every blessing in their married life together.

We pray God's blessing upon Charlotte VOLF and Henry FAIRLEY recently baptised.

We give thanks for the life of Frederick Hugh ROBERTS who died recently and was buried in St. George's Churchyard.

SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, 19th October. This will be a fun occasion, with supper and the entertainment of entering your bids small and large on a piece of paper, probably to be overbid by someone else wanting the item! Please do look in your cupboards and produce something saleable. Contact John Clapham (230790) or Jean Harding (230425) for details, and see if you can make up a table of friends to join you.

We thank THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE BROMLEYS for sponsoring this month's 'Messenger' and extend our grateful thanks for supporting our magazine.

REMEMBER! REMEMBER! the 14th September!

JOIN us FOR THE ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Dust off your bike and see how many local churches and chapels you can visit in one day, and at the same time raise money for your church.

This is a fun day when everyone can travel at their own pace. Bring the children and make a day out.

For further details contact, Yvonne Cobbold on 230360 or James Wild on 230679.



PLAYGROUP

Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session

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

Playgroup still have some places available for 3 year olds, we also accept children aged 2 years 9 months if they are 'dry' and ready to be left by their parents. Please phone Nicky Robinson on (01206) 230229 for further details. There is always a warm welcome for under 3's in our Parent and Toddler Group - just come along - first visit is free. Autumn terms begins Monday 9th September.

Dates to remember:

Wed. 18 Sept. The Photographer will be at Playgroup - Everyone welcome

Thurs 19 Sept. A.G.M. 8.00pm at Badley hall Farm, Gt. Bromley. Everyone welcome, especially new parents.

Mon 28 Oct Half term week

Sat 9 Nov Craft and Table Top Sale. If anyone is interested in booking a table please telephone Jane Calderbank on (01206) 251812.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

30th November at the Village Hall & Doors open at 2.00pm

Raffle and all Usual Stalls plus free visit to see Father Christmas for the children The money raised is to be shared by Gt Bromley Village Hall Association and Gt. Bromley W.I. Anyone who has any items suitable for this function ring 230663. Same number also if items need collecting. I hope to see you there, trust you will give us your usual support. *Jean Wright*

Impressions of a first visit to York University for General Synod. 12-16 July 1996

We had to be at York for dinner at 7.00pm on the Friday, and I went by train from London in 2 hours to York, and I was very glad I did as people going by car, and there were quite a few, took anything from 4-7 hours from London. We were put up in three of the Halls of Residence at the University. The Campus is a very attractive place with lakes made from swamps and plenty of ducks and wildlife wandering about. Friday evening started from 8.00-10.00pm with a debate on the Agenda and then answers to written questions (about 80 in all) which had been sent in on all aspects of Church life, and answered by the Chairman of the relevant Board.

The Synod meets in the Central Hall and the normal hours were 9.30am-1.00pm, 2.30-6.00pm and 8.00-10.00pm, so it is quite a long day, with masses to read and digest. We were fed extremely well with a full cooked breakfast, and waitress-served dinner which was difficult to finish before the evening session if you were having an interesting conversation.

On Saturday morning we had a further debate on the Turnbull Report. I got the impression that the Church Commissioners were prevaricating over the small points, but it is all going ahead. After that there was a debate on the use of C of E premises by other faiths. In the afternoon there was a debate on the relations with the Moravian Church, and this was followed by a debate on the report 'Youth a Part', and this was followed by a Private Member's Motion on World Mission. Sunday morning was given over to a full Eucharist in York Minster, with a sermon by Dr Hope and coffee afterwards. The Minster is about three miles from the Campus, so I was lucky to get a lift in and out. After that Pat Nappin (Diocesan lay-Chairman) had arranged a private lunch for all the Chelmsford Members to meet our new Bishop, The Rt. Rev. John Perry. Everybody I spoke to said we were very lucky to have got him.

Sunday afternoon was taken up with a debate on the "Mystery of Salvation" a report for which we had earlier been split into study groups. The rest of the day was spent on Liturgical business and a motion on Rights of Presentation which was withdrawn.

Monday was taken up with financial business: the reports of the Central Board of Finance and the Church Commissioners report, and the report of the Pensions Board for clergy pensions. In the evening there was a well attended debate on the National Lottery, and a motion was passed overwhelmingly urging the Government to look into ways of improving it. The most divisive issue at this session seemed to be whether Churchwardens should be restricted to six years in office, with a two year break before being eligible again for re-election. In the end this was passed by a narrow majority.

The last debate was on the Council for the Care of Churches This was of particular interest to me as St. Marys, Little Bromley is a Conservation Trust Church, and I feel strongly that it should be used more often than it is. It was felt that Churches should be preserved as living Churches, and not just preserved in aspic for the sake of preservation.

I greatly enjoyed my long weekend in York, and if anybody would like to find out anything, or ask any questions about the Church, do let me know about three weeks before the next General Synod Meeting which is at the end of November, and I will send them in. (Questions are restricted to three per member) *Bill Walker*

DIARY DATES

- 9 Sep Mobile Youth Unit, The Shop, Little Bromley, 7.30pm
- 9 Sep Playgroup starts
- 12 Sep Gt. Bromley Parish Council Meeting
- 12 Sep Garden Club Meeting, Seven Rivers
- 13 Sep Essex Police Band, Village Hall
- 14 Sep Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride
- 15 Sep Balls Green Methodist Church Harvest Festival, 11.00am
- 18 Sep Photographer at Playgroup
- 19 Sep Brownies term starts
- 19 Sep Playgroup A.G.M., Badley Hall Farm, 8.00pm
- 25 Sep 'Wimpey Homes' Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Sep Evensong & Harvest Memories, St. George's Church, 7.00pm
- 26 Sep Pantomime Group Casting Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Sep Friendship Club meeting
- 29 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Festival
- 29 Sep Village Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 29 Sep Harvest Evensong, Little Bromley Church, 6.30pm
- 30 Sep Burnt Heath Methodist Church Harvest Supper
- 1 Oct Pantomime Group Auditions, Village hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Oct Silent Auction, Village Hall
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JUMPING FOR HUNTINGTON'S

Wendy did it! After a day's delay due to weather conditions; we are very proud of her and grateful for the support of the village, including the customers of the Old Black Boy, who contributed £200. The total is still not final but will be up to £500, thanks to her and to everyone who contributed

JAZZ EVENING

The New Orleans Jazz Band played wonderfully, but to too few people, with lots being on holiday. However it was much enjoyed by all, and the HD family members too were thrilled to be able to dance. Thanks for the generous sponsorship of the Band and the staunch support of the Colchester Young Farmers, and to all who came.

WIMPEY HOMES PUBLIC MEETING

A presentation of the Proposed development for the Gt. BromleyIF rating Parishes, will be, made by "Wimpey Homes" followed by a Question and Answer session on Wednesday, 25th September, 1996 at 7.30pm in the Great Bromley Village Hall.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 12th September, 1996 All members of the public are welcome to Parish Council meetings.

WHEN I DROVE down from London in June 1969 for an interview I never dreamed it would be the start of so many happy years at Great Bromley School. I am very grateful for the support of pupils, parents, governors and colleagues in all that time, especially during my treatment for leukaemia. I'd also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sent their good wishes and/or came to the barbecue and/or contributed to the wonderful presents given to me on my retirement from St. George's School. It was very kind of you all. Our balloon ride was postponed because of the weather but we look forward to another attempt in a few weeks' time. Many thanks from *Jenny Stokes*

KITCHEN CORNER

At this season of the year, there are normally plenty of beans around, so here are two recipes including beans.

Ham Mousse Serves 5-6

1oz caster sugar
1 level tablesp dry mustard
½ teasp salt & pepper to taste
3 beaten eggs
6 tablesp vinegar
Packet powdered gelatine (½ oz)
3 tablesp water
¼ pt. single cream
½ lb cooked ham, minced or finely chopped
½ lb cooked french beans (or asparagus)
Mustard and cress to garnish

Mix together sugar, mustard, seasoning and eggs. Bring vinegar to the boil and whisk into egg mixture. Return to pan and cook gently till thick. DO NOT BOIL or it will curdle. Dissolve gelatine in water in a basin over hot water then add to sauce and mix well. Allow to cool then stir in cream and ham. Add half the beans roughly chopped, turn into greased mould or dish and chill till set. Turn out and serve garnished with rest of beans and the mustard and cress.

Creamy beans with carrots for 4

½ lb carrots scraped and sliced; 1 lb prepared runner beans, sliced
2 tablesp oil; 1 tablesp chopped mint; 2-3 tablesp fresh or soured cream
Put carrots in a pan with a little water to cover, salt and pepper. Bring to boil, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Drain off a little of the water, add beans and oil. Mix well, bring back to the boil, cover and cook gently 10-12 minutes. Stir occasionally. When tender, drain off liquid, add mint and cream and turn into hot dish to serve.

Jill Frostick

BARN DANCE

Saturday, 12th October at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Licensed Bar In aid of Village Hall Fund

Tickets £6 including supper from Mr Pat Petchey (01206 250617)

THANKS

Daphne TAYLOR (now Midwood) - wishes to thank members of St. George's Choir, also members of the Pantomime Group and other friends from Great Bromley for their kind thoughts during her recent illness.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 11 July. Glenis London (Essex County Council Youth Co-ordinator) attended the meeting to promote the new mobile youth club facilities (see separate Essex Youth Services information).

Village Hall Playing Field

Following objections by some members of the Parish regarding the siting of the proposed playing field in Ardleigh Road, the Parish Council explained that all local landowners were approached to see if they would sell a plot of land. The only plot offered to the Council was the one in Ardleigh Road. Following a majority vote of all those present at the meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would request inclusion of the playing field and village hall in the Tendring District Council 10 year plan at the next review. The next meeting of the Council will be held on 19th September, 1996.

Essex Youth Service. Tendring North Locality

Are you 13-19 years old? Do you want something in your village for young people?

Come and let us know your views on: Monday, 9th September, 7.30pm By the Shop, Little Bromley (look for the ECC minibus)

A new and exciting project for young people aged between 15-19 years old is being discussed between the Parish Council and Essex County Council Youth Service. It has at last been recognised that many Rural areas lack provisions for this age group. Essex Youth services, in the North Tendring Locality, have bought a Mobile Youth Unit with the support of The Rural Development Commission and Tendring District Council. This will be used in villages that at present have little or nothing for young people. The 'Unit' will be able to come into the village equipped for the evening. And at the end of the evening... Leave!

Also a programme can be built up with the young people in the village to tailor make it to suit their interests.

This is a brand new unit that has a coffee bar area, computers, T.V. plus a variety of other equipment. What an Opportunity!!! So all you 13-19 year olds we need to know...

ARE YOU INTERESTED? COME AND TELL US

If you can not make the evening advertised make sure you get someone else to let your views be known. This opportunity could change the future and see the last of those boring evenings when you've said: "There's Nothing to Do".

THE VICTORY SHOW, 22nd July 1920

Elmstead and Great Bromley Horticultural Society's Ninth Annual Show was held in the grounds of Elmstead Lodge, by kind permission of RS. Harvey-Cant, on Thursday, 22nd July, 1920. It was entitled "VICTORY SHOW, Sports and Fair". A Band was in attendance. Dancing began at 7 pm.

F. S. Harvey-Cant, Elmstead, was President. F. Jones, (Elmstead), Hon. Treasurer; H. L. Johnson, (Elmstead), Hon. Secretary and C. Wenden, (Great Bromley), General Hon. Secretary. Elmstead's Committee Members were - A. E. Burbage; W. H. Fieldgate, T. J. W. Brown; P. P. Johnson; C. Chapman; H. L. Johnson; A. E. Carter; W. G. Newman; R. Everitt; The Revd. Lukyn-Williams, (Vicar); W. Everitt and G. Smith. Many of these I can remember. Perhaps you can. Great Bromley's Committee was comprised of - Messrs F. Bruce; F. Halls; G. Bruce; W. A. Roberts; A. Cole; F. Sparrow, P. Crossman; F. C. Stephenson; A. Doe; R. Nicholl; P. Everitt and G. Jaggard. Again you may be a member of the families named. What memories have you of this important event held as a celebration at the end of World War I by the joint parishes of Elmstead and Great Bromley? Of course the local newspapers were only too pleased to record the event and especially the names of the organisers.

John Appleby

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs Edwards and her singers will be entertaining us on 26th September. The Competition - A small pretty Cream Jug. Please note that the date of the September meeting has been changed from 19th to 26th September due to members on holiday. *Mildred Purkis*

THE DOOR TO DOOR collection for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in Little Bromley raised £287.62. Many thanks to all who contributed. *Bill Walker*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Respect cannot be learned, purchased, or acquired - it can only be EARNED. – FG

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME

Casting Meeting Thursday, 26th September at 7.30pm Auditions Tuesday, 1st October at 7.30pm for "ALI BABA" (All Welcome)

Performances 8th-11th January, 1997 all in Gt. Bromley Village Hall

GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday, 26th October at 7.30pm in Gt. Bromley Village Hall. Teams of up to 8 people. Tickets £2 per person. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. A prize for the winning team. Please contact Lynda Allam for tickets.

GARDEN CLUB

Mr Sallows of Alresford gave us a slides tour round Alresford, Wivenhoe, Brightlingsea, Clacton and briefly on the Norfolk Broads with some beautiful country scenes on Thursday, 8th August. Our next meeting will be on 12th September at Seven Rivers when the subject will be the arranging of dried flowers with Jean Maleary.

I am sure all gardeners will have been very sad to hear of the death of Geoff Hamilton - his talks on the television always gave us "not very expensive" information whether it be something to make or buy.

DID YOU KNOW... There are more than 100,000 hybrids of orchids in existence.

NETTLES growing among raspberries will improve their fruiting.

LAVENDER was brought to Britain from the Mediterranean by the Romans.

Vicky Griffiths

BROWNIES

The summer term sped by quickly enjoying a disco organised by Lisa and Sophie, arranging flowers for the Flower Festival at the church, passing our First Aid badge under the tuition and guidance of Kevin and Keith, marbling paper to subsequently make into baskets, making papier mache bird bowls as well as playing games outside in the sunshine.

Thank you also to Mrs Landon for taking a meeting when I was unable to do so. During the holidays some of the older brownies went with Ardleigh Guides to Hadleigh on our first camping pack holiday which was great fun and much enjoyed. Natasha has left us to join the Guides and we all wish her well.

The new term starts on Thursday, 19th September at 5.30pm. Should anyone girl over 7 wish to join Brownies do please let me know as there is a waiting list. *Brown Owl*

HOLBECKS CAMP

We (Lisa, Sophie, Sharlene and Natasha) set off on Monday, 29th July to go to the campsite. The first night there was a thunderstorm. At first we weren't very sure of the Guides but when Sophie and Lisa asked the Guides if they wanted a boiled egg it all started. The Guides asked us some questions and we became friends. On Tuesday we went to the chocolate factory and bought some chocolates. On Wednesday we went swimming and we had a picnic at the playground. On Wednesday Emily came for the day. *Lisa*

YOUR MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

New Schedules from Monday 29th April, 1996

Great Bromley: Back Lane Lay By 09.15-09.30

Little Bromley: Village Shop 10.00-10.10

Chase Road West 09.35-09.55

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Colchester Circuit)
Sunday 1 Sep 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr W Evans
8 Sep 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd. S Coleman
15 Sep 11.00am Balls Green Revd. S Coleman
22 Sep 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr R Banyard
29 Sep 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd. J Wilkinson

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Chequers Road)

Sunday, 1st September 3.00pm
Sunday, 15th September 3.00pm
Sunday, 29th September 3.00pm

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday, 15th September at 11.00am conducted by Revd. S. Coleman. The produce will be for sale at the close of the service. Proceeds for Church Funds. ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH GT. BROMLEY

	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
1 September	J Wests	J Wests
8 September	O Sparling	B & J Welham
15 September	B Welham	P Greenfield and M Bush
22 September	J Harding	O Sparling
29 September	A Fairley	A Wild and J Harding

MATERIAL for the October edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 17th September, 1996 please.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR

THE BROMLEYS united with St Mary the Virgin Ardleigh
Parish Priest The Revd. Fr. Trevor Diaper

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

1st September 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Family Eucharist Gt Bromley
11:00 Family Eucharist and Baptisms Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Gt Bromley
8th September 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley
11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh
15th September 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley
11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Gt Bromley
22nd September 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley
11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh
Thursday 26th September 7:00 Evensong and Sharing of Harvest memories at Gt Bromley followed by glass of wine and nibbles.
29th September 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley
11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Harvest Evensong Lt Bromley (church open 3-6pm)

Weekday Eucharists:

Tuesday 9:30 Ardleigh, Wednesday 12 noon Gt Bromley Thursday 7:30 Ardleigh

TODDLERS SERVICE Thursday 12th July 2:15 a lively and informal time with a bible story, prayer and songs in Church or Rectory followed by tea and squash as the children play. All Welcome. I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptized, or who would like to be confirmed or baptized as adults. or who are thinking about getting married in the Parish Church

Your Help Needed

The old Church of St Mary's in Lt Bromley will be cleaned on Wednesday 11th at 10:30 am and decorated with flowers and produce on Saturday 28th 10:00am ready for a Service on Sunday 29th. Do come and support this work of the Churches Conservation Trust who now care for this charming piece of village heritage. Come along and make your contribution, small or great. (Notice available for signing in village shop)

The Bromley Messenger October 1996

Towards the end of October we will be holding the annual All Souls Requiem at Ardleigh and the Evensong of Remembrance at Gt. Bromley. This is an important occasion in the life of our parishes, for we all need a time when we can pause to remember those whom we have loved but see no longer. Few Christians need encouraging to pray for our dead. The relationship that has bound them together with us is so deep and the place that they still occupy in our hearts so real and vital that we naturally want to commend them to the care of Almighty God.

While there is no example recorded in the Gospels of Jesus actually praying for the departed we can be certain that as a devout Jew he would have done so. We are told that Jesus prayed in the synagogue often, where, according to Jewish practice the faithful departed would be remembered. Judaism has even today some especially beautiful prayers for the dead in its sources. In the Daily Prayer book we read "O Lord and king, who art full of compassion, God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose hand are the souls of the living and the dead, receive we beseech thee, in thy great loving kindness the soul of..... who hath been gathered unto his/her people. Have mercy upon him(her) transgressions. Oh shelter his(her) soul in the shadow of thy wings" Moreover on the inscriptions of Christian catacombs we find simple prayers for the dead, clear evidence that the earliest Christians prayed for their departed relations and an encouragement for us to follow their example. I record two such inscriptions:

"O Father of all, take unto your being. Irene. Zoe and Marcellus whom you created to you be glory in Christ." (Catacomb of Priscilla dated c. AD75)

"Blessed Jozon gave back his soul aged nine years. May the true Christ receive your spirit in peace, and pray for us" (AD80)

Can I then encourage you to let me know of any relative that you would like to be remembered and prayed for in our services. There is a form in the magazine for you to complete and return or alternatively you can add the name to the list in church. The services that we held last year were very poignant and moving. I do hope that you will wish to use this opportunity to express your continued prayerful concern for your loved ones in this way.

The Rector, Fr. Trevor Diaper

I would like (please print name/s) to be remembered at the All Souls service to be held at St Georges Gt Bromley\ St Mary's Ardleigh (delete as appropriate).

signed _____ Please return to the Rector by 27th October.

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Please bring this edition of 'The Bromley Messenger' to the office and we will prepare a Will for you at a special fee of £30.00 plus VAT



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup: Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-12 noon £2.25 per session

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

If you would like to register your child for Playgroup or have any queries please telephone Nicky Robinson on (01206) 230229.

Saturday, 9th November - 2.00pm - Gt. Bromley Village Hall

Following previous successes we are holding another 'Craft and Table Top Sale' to raise funds for playgroup. Do you know anyone with unusual crafts who might like to have a table? Would you like a table yourself? To book please telephone Jane Calderbank. Pre-paid tables £6.00 Pay on Day £7.00 **BOOK EARLY**

Dates for your diary: Mon. 28th October - Sun. 3rd November Half term

Sat. 9th November Craft and Table Top Sale

THE GARDEN CLUB

Mrs Maleary, our speaker and demonstrator on the art of arranging dried flowers and fresh flowers, certainly kept our attention all the evening with her humorous dialogue whilst making the most beautiful arrangements, which were then given towards the raffle. A tip Mrs Maleary gave us for prolonging the life of freshly picked flowers is to plunge the stalks into boiling water and in the vase put a teaspoon of bleach in the water. This will keep them much longer especially if you are going on holiday. Don't forget it is plants and cuttings evening on 10th October at Seven Rivers - usual time 7.30pm.

Geoffrey Smith of Gardener's Question Time was bemoaning the fact that he never seems to have time to properly enjoy the results of all the digging, hoeing and pruning; until one day his elderly postman came along and gave him the following piece of advice: "There's always time for the best things in life, and remember, happily the best of them are free." So make time for walking around your garden, work never spoils with keeping. *Vicky Griffiths*

Here CAME the Band

The Essex Police Band at the Village Hall is really SOMETHING to be heard. A "Full House" on their THIRD visit shows how popular they are and already we have enquiries "when are they coming again?". Graham, the Conductor, was, as always, in sparkling form, the soloists were brilliant, and the lady members of the band with the help of young Andrew soon had us doing the hand movements and singing to "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho". Sincere thanks to the audience for their support, Mrs West, Mrs Baxter and Mr and Mrs Jones for their catering for the Band (comment from the Band - "can we come again, the food is delicious") also Mrs Biddis and Mrs Hurst who did so well with the raffle, not forgetting the donators of raffle prizes. Nigel Rowe did us proud with his work on the stage setting and the lighting. *Stan West and Frank Griffiths*

KITCHEN CORNER

Homemade chutneys are an excellent way to use surplus fruits - plums, green tomatoes, . windfall apples and pears can all be ingredients for this.

One of my favourites is:-

MARROW AND RED TOMATO CHUTNEY

4 lb ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped

1 lb prepared marrow (or pumpkin)

½ lb onions, peeled

½ oz salt & pinch cayenne pepper

12 oz sugar

¾ level teasp each: paprika, ground cinnamon, allspice and cloves, ground mace

½ pint malt vinegar

Mince marrow and onions (or chop very fine) and put in the pan with tomatoes, ground spices and salt and pepper. Cook slowly, simmering uncovered for 1½ hours. Dissolve the sugar in the vinegar and add. Simmer until thick (about 20 mins.). Pot and cover. This makes about 3 ½ lb of chutney. Leave at least three months before eating. *Jill Frostick*

HARE GREEN

Many thanks for making the Friends of the Earth collection a very successful one. I collected £47 to send to them. *V Harris*

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Wimpey Homes Development

The public meeting held on 6th September was very well supported. Approximately 150 people attended from the Parishes of Great Bromley, Frating, Little Bromley, Great Bentley, Little Bentley, Elmstead Market and Colchester Borough. The members of the meeting were unanimous in their opinions that the proposed "Wimpey Homes" development is inappropriate for this area. The reason for objecting to the "Wimpey Homes" proposals, which were discussed at the meeting, are as follows:

1. There is no local need for this development. The population of the Tendring District is in fact declining.
2. Current road and rail networks insufficient (Essex County Council are supporting initiatives to reduce home to work travel.)
3. The development will be of no benefit to the local community.
4. There is already high unemployment in the Clacton and Harwich areas.
5. Much of the land in this area is high grade agricultural land.

These objections have been forwarded to the Chief Executive of Tendring District Council and a request has been made that the views of the local community are given consideration by the Planning Committee.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 10th October in the Village Hall.

WIMPEY HOMES DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A joint letter re. Wimpey's proposals for Essex Structure Plan has been sent with our objections to T.D.C. and ECG. (Frating/Bromley)

Open Village meeting held, Wimpey's proposal meeting held, 4 Parishes meeting held (Gt & Lt Bentley, Bromley, Frating) to set up an Action Group. At the moment T.D.C. are for, while E.C.C. are against the proposal. If you feel strongly about the proposal please write to T.D.C. Attention: Mr Mitchell Gears, Chief Executive, T.D.C., Town Hall, Clacton, CO15 1SE.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council and their comments have been forwarded to the Tendring District Council Planning Department.

New bungalow to the rear of No. 1 Springhill Close The Parish Council have objected to this application as the design is not in keeping with the other properties on this site and it will be intrusive on the neighbouring property.

Two dwelling on land adjacent to the former "Spread Eagle" Public House The Parish Council have objected to this application as this is over development of the site.

The Laurels, Chase Road East. Change of use from agricultural land to residential for incorporation into the garden. The Parish Council had no objections to this application providing permitted development rights for outbuildings are removed.

HARE GREEN RECREATION FIELD

The seats and play equipment are being painted, the work should be completed by the end of October. Please watch out for WET PAINT signs. *Val Harris*

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Applications are invited from young people in, or moving into, secondary or tertiary education, and living in Great or Little Bromley and Ardleigh (amongst others) for grants towards expenses and/or maintenance. Apply to the Clerk of the Trustees of the Dedham Educational Trust, CM. Barton, 47 Butt Road, Colchester CO3 3BZ. Initial enquiries can be made to Jean Harding, Trustee.

COFFEE MORNING at Stacies Farm, Little Bromley in aid of Church funds on Saturday, 12th October, 10.00am-12 noon Bring and Buy. Everyone welcome

FRIENDSHIP CLUB Our own Friendship Players will be entertaining us this month which is our 35th birthday. The Competition - a Key-Ring. *Mildred Purkis*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH The surest way to be late, is to have plenty of time.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Advertisements were placed in the Schedule of classes and Prizes for the Elmstead and Great Bromley Horticultural Society's Flower Show, Sports and Fair, held in the Lodge Grounds, by kind permission of Sir Frederick Rice, MP, on Thursday, 23rd July, 1925. This was the fourteenth show. This 1925 advertisement may bring back memories among the older parishioners

W. BERGMAN

==== Cabinet Maker ====

==== :: Carpenter :: ====

==== :: Undertaker :: ==== Great Bromley

Mr Bergman advertised again in the 1928 Schedule. The show was held that year in the Vicarage Meadow, (Church Road), Elmstead by kind permissions of the Rev. J .J . Butler and Elmstead Cricket Club. This was the seventeenth annual show. Have you any photographs of Mr Bergman, his shop or these shows? Did you win the silver cream jug presented by Lady Rice in 1925 or the silver flower vase presented by Mrs C.J. Mangles in 1928? Have you still got one or both of these prizes? Do let me know, please

John Appleby

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE Please note I have booked the Meeting Room at the Village Hall to discuss the way forward at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th October. Individual and Club representatives are welcome. *Len Christodoulides*

DIARY DATES

- 1 Oct Pantomime Group Auditions, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Oct Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
- 10 Oct Garden Club, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
- 12 Oct Coffee Morning, Stacies Farm, Lt Bromley, 10.00am
- 12 Oct Big Pumpkins Coffee Morning, Pirie Hut, 10.00am
- 12 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Oct Lt Bromley Methodist Church Harvest Thanksgiving, 3.00pm
- 15 Oct Millennium Committee, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Oct Copy deadline for 'The Messenger'
- 19 Oct Silent Auction, Village Hall
- 26 Oct Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Nov WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Nov Playgroup Craft & Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 30 Nov Christmas Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 9 Dec Lt Bromley Methodist Church outing to Thursford Carol Concert



HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

When you read this hopefully Jean Smith will have completed her 1,000 mile cycle ride from Land's End to John o'Groats for our Branch. There is still time to add your support by sponsoring her at the Post Office Stores where there is a sponsor form. Many thanks to those from our village who helped at the one day Sainsbury Toll gate collection. The provisional total is almost £500

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

30th November at the Village Hall Doors open at 2.00pm
Raffle and all Usual Stalls plus free visit to see Father Christmas for the children
The money raised is to be shared by Gt Bromley Village Hall Association and Gt. Bromley WI.
Anyone who has any items suitable for this function ring 230663. Same number also if items need collecting. I hope to see you there, trust you will give us your usual support. *Jean Wright*

SILENT AUCTION Saturday, 19th October in aid of St. George's Roof Repair Fund

Desirable and saleable goods are needed for this Bring and Buy with a DIFFERENCE. Make up a party if you can for this entertaining evening with licenced bar. Tickets at £5 to include a simple supper and a drink are now available from Great and Little Bromley Village Post Office Stores or Jean Harding (230425) and James Wild (230679). Gifts or enquiries to Jean or James.

The tale of the trousers

A relation who I called to see
Quite recently has given me
Two pairs discarded pants,
Because it seemed those trousers pinched
Their previous owner till he flinched,
For him those pants were scants.
Size umpteen inches round the waist
Those natty slacks the figure graced
A man of great respect,
To nothing low this chap would stoop
In case those pants would split and droop,
A frightening prospect!

Sadly then he cast them off,
Relieved to know that should he cough
He would not split the seam;
Although quite saddened by the loss
He quickly brightened up because
of the comfort so supreme.
Now, when I've had my good fair share
Of wear and tear from both these pair
Of quality superior
Gents natty pants in grey and brown
They'll be bestowed when handed down
Through ages to posterior!

A.H.C.

CALOR BEST KEPT VILLAGE in ESSEX COMPETITION 1996 Village: Great Bromley

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Village: Great Bromley

Marking: In order to standardise marking the following scale should be used:

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent
1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	put +1 in Remarks Column

Remarks:

St. George's Close - land in front could make a green feature - not just be left fallow and untidy.

Village Facilities

No.	Category	Mark	Remarks
1	Noticeboards	9	All in good repair + Best Kept Village Notice
2	Playing Field	8	Reasonable - near Village Hall Pavillions, seats etc. No litter provision
3	Childrens Playground	6	Small, unfenced; seats and litterbin
4	Village Hall	4	Unkempt. Needs upkeep i.e. tidying of surround and weeding
5	Churchyard & Chapels	10	Simple, beautiful & obviously well cared for (+1) Chapel - fine
6	Parish Council Cemetaries	9	Mown, simple, tidy
7	War Memorial	9	Good order, plain
8	Village Greens	5	Area near Church clean - wasteland in centre and Commons unkept; very weedy near village sign 1 St George's Close
9	Village Shops	7	Small but adequate. Noticeboard
10	Public Houses	6	Both reasonable but a little scruffy
11	Village School	5	Fence and front hedge uncared for
12	Telephone Kiosks	8	Two - clean and working
13	Bus Shelters	7	Some litter near seat. Grass mowings left rather untidily
14	Seats & Benches	6	Few but clean and in good order
15	Public Car Parks	-	-
16	Public Conveniences	-	-
General Appearance			
17	Litter Control & provision of litter bins	5	Reasonable. Not many bins. Same recycling facilities. No dog bins
18	Streams & Ponds	8	Natural style. No rubbish. Probably a good nature reserve
19	Footpaths & Verges	6	Not as well cared for as they could have been
20	Commercial Premises (Workshops, garages, offices etc)	6	Slightly scruffy at rear. Average. Stables, bare paddock unattractive

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It turned out to be rather a chilly evening for our Garden Meeting, held in September at the home of our President. Not having had a meeting for two months there was quite a lot of "business" to catch up on. Congratulations were given to the members who achieved First Prize in the Co-operative Class at the Tendring Show and thanks were also given for arranging the August outing which was thoroughly enjoyed; anyone who hasn't had the opportunity of going to the Frinton Summer Theatre ought to give it a try - it is even better now that some of the seating has been raised making vision of the stage clearer.

It was agreed to take part in Seven Rivers 40th Birthday Celebrations next year and we showed the Certificate from Hamilton Lodge for our Sponsored Flowering Cherry Tree. Our annual contribution of "cakes for the week" for the Hospice are needed for 6th October please.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - Adrian Keeble on China. Visitors most welcome *Pippa Hardy*

P.S. books, Books, Books - Have you any to spare for the Christmas Sale on 30th November? I am happy to collect them, please 'phone on 230341. thank you!

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Tel: 01206 251065

COURSES

The Parish Council has a copy of the autumn programme of the W.E.A. courses for the area, a ten week course costs around £23 and about £15 for concessions for example

"Sutton Hoo and the Anglo Saxons in the Eastern Counties" is being held in Ardleigh Village Hall. Contact our parish clerk or Catherine Voysey of W .E.A. (Tel. 01245 380454) for details.

V. Harris

BARN DANCE

Saturday, 12th October at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Dancing with Caller to the Lantern Band In aid of Village Hall Funds. Licenced Bar.

Tickets £6 including supper from Mr Pat Petchey, Beryl Hurst & Vera Biddis.

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Chequers Road)

Sunday, 13th October (Harvest Thanksgiving) 3.00pm

Sunday, 27th October 3.00pm

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Colchester Circuit)

Sunday 6 Oct 11.00am Balls Green Mr J Ekins

13 Oct 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd. S Coleman

20 Oct 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr V Humm

27 Oct 11.00am Balls Green Revd. S Coleman

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

COFFEE MAKING

after 9.30am Service

6 October A Fairley

13 October J Wests

20 October B Welham

27 October J Harding

CLEANING

O Sparling

A Wild and J Harding

H Brown & S Rampling

J Wests

Thank you to every one for your faithful care of our beautiful church over the months. It has made a difference. If there is anyone else who would enjoy the peace of half an hour in the quiet of God's house with a duster please telephone 230436 and we will slot you a space. (I do understand that men are particularly good at polishing the fine old wood!) Thanks also to the coffee makers. It gives us the opportunity for a chat after the morning service.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT from the sermon given by the new Bishop of Chelmsford, The Rt. Rev. John Perry on 15th September at his Installation in the Cathedral. Taking as his text I Cor.2 v.2, the Bishop preached the message of the Cross that is our hope in the world of the late twentieth century, in which there is little to hope for. Our country faces immense problems. Our society is increasingly fragmented by the breakdown of the family unit, violence, the alienation of the young, and the new God of upward mobility and self.

A firm supporter of the decade of Evangelism, the Bishop called for a priesthood of all believers that could use the gifts of the laity to serve our local communities and country. Our churches must be open, and oases of rest and welcome. A locked church gives the message that God, like the local corner shop, has gone out of business. God is very much in business. People are living in a moral vacuum, and are hungry for a spiritual dimension to their lives, and we must be ready to provide it. Christian communities must be beautiful places where people can receive healing and strength and the weak are cherished. Our Church must seek to evangelise or die, for Prayer and Mission go hand in hand. The Community of God's people must seek to restore vision to our country and play their part in the life of our nation. The gospel demands that every part of a nation's life be governed by righteousness, and rooted in the cross. This confidence can only be in the power of the Cross that gives life in death, strength in weakness, and through the poured out Spirit of the risen Christ.

Anyone interested in the full text of Bishop Perry's sermon please contact Bill Walker.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR
THE BROMLEYS united with St Mary the Virgin Ardleigh
Parish Priest The Revd. Fr. Trevor Diaper

6th October 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Family Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Harvest Family Eucharist Ardleigh.(with the Ardleigh Beavers)

6:30 Sung Evensong with the St Cecilia's Singers under the direction of Harrison Oxley.

An opportunity to experience the finest Choral singing in Ardleigh Parish Church beautifully decorated for Harvest Flower Festival. The church and Tower will be open with the Bell ringers present during the weekend. Sat 10-5pm. Sun 2:30-6pm. Teas etc...

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Thursday 31st October 8:00pm ALL SOULS REQUIEM Ardleigh

Sunday 3rd November 6:30pm Evensong of Remembrance Gt Bromley

This is a moment during the year when in each parish we pause with affection and sadness as we recall those of our families who have departed this life. All are welcome at these services which have a specially printed service that is easy to follow. Names of loved ones are read out and a small candle is placed in the chancel by each relative as a sign of remembrance. Use the form, or tell Fr Trevor whose name you would like to be included.

I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptized. or who would like to be confirmed or baptized as adults, or who are thinking about getting married in the Parish Church.

TODDLERS SERVICE Wednesday 16th Ardleigh 2:00 Thursday 10th Gt Bromley 2:15

Weekday Eucharists Tuesday 9:30am and Thursday 7:30pm at Ardleigh Wed 12:00 noon Gt Bromley Fri 11:00 Gt Bromley (Seven Rivers)

The Bromley Messenger November 1996

This year we will be having a joint Remembrance Service at Gt. Bromley on 10th November at 10.35am. It will involve parishioners and servicemen from Alresford, Elmstead, Ardleigh as well as The Bromleys. As there become fewer and fewer that have experienced warfare and small parishes are able only to mark the occasion in a fairly intimate way it is good to be able to gather together with others so that our services can have that sense of something deeply significant happening and being remembered. The custom of marking Remembrance Day dates from the cessation of hostilities in World War I which took place at 11.00 am on 11th November, 1918. This came to be observed by participating countries on the same day and at the same time, and was known as Armistice Day. Commemoration was marked at War memorials with the laying of wreaths and two minutes' silence. Naturally in 1946 after the Second World War it seemed the right and proper thing to commemorate the dead in both wars. In church circles, and indeed outside, the whole subject of Remembrance Day services can be the focus of heated debate. There are those who believe that such services do not in fact promote peace but rather fuel the nationalism and jingoism that can cause war and discord in the first place.

Others will say that the time that has elapsed since the Second World War means that the moment has now come to let the service and all the memories that it brings lapse and fade in the interests of peace and reconciliation and the desire to stress the positive relationships between nations since the last war.

On the other hand the bringing to peoples' minds of the horrors of warfare and the sad taking of young life on battlefields of air and sea may shock people into an awareness of what happens when discord and disharmony grow. It ought to have the effect of making people realise how vitally important the work of all those who work for peace is.

I came across this very moving prayer recently. It was written by an unknown prisoner in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp and left by the body of a dead child. It shows how even in the midst of the worst horrors and cruelties of war, (which men and women should always strive to avert with every fibre of their being), something extraordinary spiritually positive and life enhancing can be wrought. It directs us to that inner attitude of forgiveness and love which speaks of true inner liberation and freedom. "O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us: remember the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering - our comradeship, our loyalty, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgement let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.

The Rector, Fr. Trevor Diaper

COFFEE MORNING at the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, Gt Bromley on Thursday, 14th November 10.30am - noon Coffee £1

GT. BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14th November, 1996.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 19th September, 1996. The Parish Council have made enquiries regarding affordable housing in the village. Chris Moor from the Rural Housing Trust attended the meeting to explain the procedures which need to be followed to identify whether or not there is a need for affordable housing in Little Bromley. The aim of the Housing Trust along with the District Council is to provide affordable housing for local people. Housing for rent or part purchase. In Little Bromley a housing survey will shortly be carried out by the Parish Council to identify whether or not there is a need for this type of housing. If a need is identified, then a plot of land will be sought and the normal planning procedures will take place. The District Council, however, will allow building on agricultural land outside the village envelope for the purpose of affordable housing only. (Six houses have been given approval in Great Bromley and construction will commence shortly.) Public consultation will take place if a housing need is identified. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21st November, 1996.

CARPET BOWLS

The A.G.M. was held in September with Pat Petchey in the chair. He thanked the .committee for their hard work and support during the past year. A year in which we sadly lost our Vice-Captain, Cyril, and whose place has been taken by Bevan Willgress. The other members were all willing to carry on for a further term of office. Two charity competitions were entered in September, Triples at Gt Bentley and Fours at Clacton. I am afraid we got no further than the Quarter Finals. This season's league programme is underway and we won our match over Beaumont but lost heavily to Gt. Bentley. We did manage to bring one or two raffle prizes home, which proves we can win something sometimes. Joking apart, everyone enjoyed their games and two very pleasant evenings. *Nancy Kempster*

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS, 1925

Elmstead and Gt. Bromley Horticultural Society held Sports at the Annual Flower Show at the Lodge. The Sports Committee was - Messrs P Crossman, H.L. Johnson, F.S. Harvey-Cant, R Nicholl, H.C. Hayward, A Cole, C.A. Wenden, W.A. Roberts, C Gosling, W.L. Mitchell, R.C. Richardson, W Austin, E Wayland, A Wayland, A Marshall, J Seaden, G Cole.

The Starter - C.A. Wenden

Hon. Secretary - H.C. Hayward

Judges - Messrs P Crossman, W .A. Roberts, H Girling, H.L. Johnson, The Revd. J.J. Butler (Vicar of Elmstead) and The Revd. J .W. Wardle (Rector of Gt. Bromley).

At 2.00pm The Quoit Tournament - Open to The Tendring Hundred - began. Entry fee 1/- (5p).

Prizes .£1 15/- (75p) and 10/- (50p)

Races started at 3pm and included Flat races, The Committee Race - "Non Starters were fined 1/- (5p)", Three-legged Race, Egg and Spoon for Ladies, an Obstacle Race, A Pillar (so the programme reads - didn't they mean Pillow?) Fight on a Pole, Wheelbarrow, Driving Competition - Ladies drive Gents blindfolded. Prizes ranged from 2/-, 1/- and 6d (10p, 5p or 2½ p) to 7/-, 5/- and 2/6d, (35p, 25p and 12½ p). At 7pm there was Dancing in a Special Enclosure at the Lodge. Were you there? Did you save any photographs? Were you involved on the Committee or in the events? Let me know, please. We must record these things. *John Appleby*

DIARY DATES

6 Nov P.T.A. Coffee Morning , Griffins, Shop Rd, Lt Bromley, 10.00 am

6 Nov WI Annual Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

9 Nov Playgroup Craft & Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm

10 Nov Remembrance Day Service (joined by Elmstead, Arlesford & Ardleigh) , service 10.35 starting at Gt. Bromley Village Hall

14 Nov Cheshire Home Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Seven Rivers

14 Nov Toddlers Service, St George's Church, 2.15pm

14 Nov Great Bromley Parish Council meeting

19 Nov Deadline for COPY for 'The Messenger' to Editor

19 Nov Coffee Morning, New House, Shop Rd, Lt. Bromley, 10.30am .

21 Nov Little Bromley Parish Council meeting

29 Nov P.T.A. Disco & Barn Dance, Village Hall, 6.30pm

30 Nov Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm

7 Dec P.T.A. Christmas Bazaar, St. George's School Hall, 2. 00pm

7 Dec Archive Films of East Anglia, Village Hall, 7.30pm

9 Dec Lt Bromley Methodist Church outing to Thursford Carol Concert

12 Dec Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting

16 & 17 Dec Carol Singing around village

22 Dec Burnt Heath Methodist Church Carol Service, 6.30pm

1997

8,9, 10,11 Jan Ali Baba, Gt Bromley Pantomime Group, Village Hall

PLAYGROUP

Our A.G.M. was held on 19th September when Nicky Robinson and Nicki Halsey were re-elected in their positions of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Kaye Mitchell was elected as our new Chairperson. It was lovely to welcome Kaye and also three new committee members - Carolyn, Melanie and Sally. There are a few places still available in the playgroup, if anyone is interested in registering their child. Please 'phone Nicky on (01206) 230229.

Our Mother and Toddler group on Wednesdays always welcomes new mums. Just come along - first visit free. Dates for your diary: 28 Oct-3 Nov - Half term 9 Nov - Craft Fair & Table Top Sale
J. Calderbank

Christmas Fayre

30th November at the Village Hall Doors open at 2.00pm
Raffle and all Usual Stalls plus the visit to see Father Christmas for the children
The money raised is to be shared by Gt Bromley Village Hall Association and Gt. Bromley W.I.
Anyone who has any items suitable for this function ring 230663. Same number also if items need collecting. I hope to see you there, trust you will give us your usual support. *Jean Wright*

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT TRADITIONAL FARM FRESH Chickens and Turkeys for Christmas. Most weights available. Philip Allam, Bluegates Farm. Telephone 01206 230375.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The summer has been fairly quiet on the crime front for The Bromleys. Two offences of theft occurred in Gt. Bromley during August, both in the Harwich Road area. A trailer was stolen from a driveway and a camera was removed from a secure motor vehicle. This is not the first trailer to be stolen in this area over the past few years. Please try and keep them out of sight or secured in some way. At the end of August a large fire at Park Farm destroyed a large quantity of straw and some expensive farm machinery This fire was started deliberately and to date no-one has been dealt with for this offence. On the same night a second straw fire in Hall Road was also started deliberately. Any information on these will be treated in confidence.

A bit of a moan now. I can appreciate that nobody in the village wants the proposed Wimpey development to go ahead. But fly-posting on the road signs is dangerous and illegal. Section 22A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 makes interfering with any road Sign an offence. Any person found doing so could be landing themselves in serious trouble. Thank you for your co-operation.

C.J. Phillips PC 106

St. George's School, Great Bromley P. T.A. Forthcoming Social Events

JOIN US at 2pm on 7th December in the School Hall for our GIANT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR . All your present problems solved! Something for all the Family Games, Toys, Craft Stalls and Raffles
Have tea with SANTA Everyone WELCOME

NEARLY CHRISTMAS FAMILY DISCO AND BARN DANCE

On Friday, 29th November in the Village Hall, Great Bromley 6.30pm Till 9pm
Tickets Children £1.50 Adults £2 . Tuck Shop Goodies. For Tickets Telephone Amanda on 230398 Any Donations of Prizes Gratefully Received at the School

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday, 6th November 10 am - 12 noon at GRIFFINS, Shop Road, Lt Bromley
Telephone Sue on 396673

THANK YOU

The Rector and Parochial Church Council would like publicly to record their gratitude to the Pirie family for generously allowing "Church Meadow" to be used for car parking.

GT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

Present '**ALI BABA**'

8th, 9th, 10th, 11th January, 1997 at 7.30pm

(Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm)

Tickets Adults £3.50, Children £1.50

Please Book NOW!

Telephone 230398

CHILDRENS CORNER

DANCING RAISINS

YOU WILL NEED:

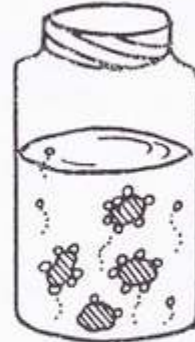
A large jam jar.

A few raisins (Not too large)

A bottle of lemonade or carbonated water.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Three quarters fill a jam jar with lemonade.
2. Drop a few raisins into the lemonade. They will sink to the bottom of the jar.
3. WAIT a while and soon they will start to rise and fall. The raisins have started to 'dance'.



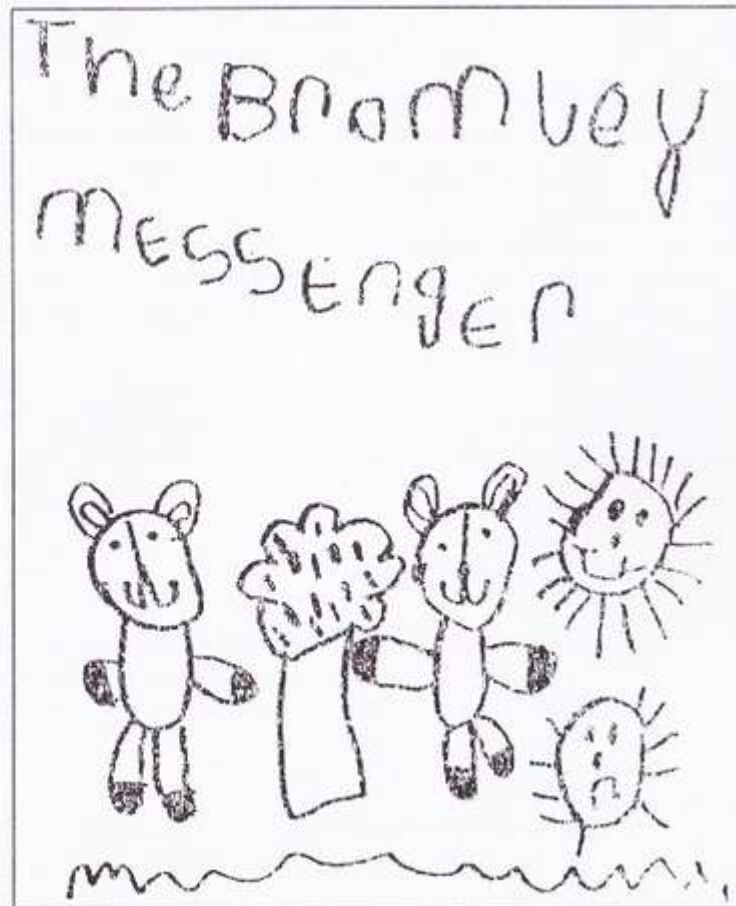
HOW IT WORKS:

The carbon dioxide in the lemonade forms bubbles of gas on the surface of the raisin. This affects the raisin by reducing its total weight. It will then rise to the surface where the bubbles burst with the result that the weight will increase again. The rising and sinking will continue until the amount of carbon dioxide left in the lemonade is no longer enough to affect the raisins sufficiently.

ALTERNATIVES TO LEMONADE ARE:

Carbonated water OR Bicarbonated Soda in Clear Vinegar

THIS MONTH I AM DELIGHTED TO PUBLISH Daisy Osborne's entry for our Cover Competition earlier this year. Daisy, of Little Bromley, is 4 years old.



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KITCHEN CORNER

MEAT BALLS These are a little fiddly to make but really worth the effort!

Sophie Grigson's Tender Pork balls with tomato and goat's cheese. Serves 4-6

For the meatballs: 25g breadcrumbs, milk to soak, 340g minced pork, 1tbsp chopped oregano, 1tbsp chopped parsley, salt & pepper, 2teasp kecap marins or Soy sauce (optional) oil for frying

For the sauce: 1 chopped onion, 2 chopped cloves garlic, 2tbsp olive oil, 2tins chopped tomatoes, 1tbsp tomato paste, 1-2teasp sugar, 8-10 shredded basil leaves, 100g diced goat cheese, salt & pepper

Soak breadcrumbs in milk 10 mins. then squeeze dry. Mix with other ingredients and roll into little balls the size of hazelnuts. Fry in oil (enough to cover base of pan) over medium heat till browned and cooked. Drain on kitchen paper.

Make sauce - fry onion and garlic gently in the olive oil, add other ingredients except basil and cheese. Reduce to a thick sauce, then stir in basil. Put meat balls in a shallow dish, spoon over the sauce and scatter cheese over the top. Bake 200C 30 mins till bubbling. Serve hot with bread and salad.

I have also made this very successfully using beef mince and cheddar cheese. Children might prefer the meatballs minus the sauce and cheese. *Jill Frostick*

We thank R. G. GWINNELL - Funeral Directors for Sponsoring the November issue of 'The Messenger' and extend to them our grateful thanks for supporting our magazine.

COPY for the December edition of The Messenger should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER please.

In JANUARY 1 will be publishing a list of ANNUAL EVENTS happening in the villages during 1997. If you have any dates you would like included in this list please send them to the Editor by Tuesday, 10th December please. Occasionally I receive comments regarding the size of print used in some articles. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly there is the constraint of space - at present the magazine is limited to 12 pages. The next size up would be 16 pages and much as I would like to have that space the financial considerations are such that there is no prospect of this. Unless some longer articles are reduced in size I would have to leave out other items which I am loathe to do particularly as I wish to encourage articles from as many people as possible. Secondly where possible I like to keep the same article on the same page as an aid to the readability to the article and the magazine as a whole. I hope both readers and contributors will bear with me on this and keep these points in mind. *Leonie Henderson, Editor*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Several money matters came up at our October meeting - WI subscription has risen 50p to £13 (still very good value), tea money risen to 25p (extremely good value) and the overall monthly Competition Winner will now receive a princely £5 prize. £10.50 was made on last month's Plant Stall.

A delegate is needed for the National Meeting in Birmingham on 3rd-4th June next year and our team at a recent Quiz Night had a most enjoyable time coming joint 5th.

The garden round the Village Hall is in need of its Autumn tidy up - 10am Saturday, 2nd November and 10am Monday, 4th November are the times to lend a helping hand.

The Spring Group Meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 21st April, 1997, this year it is our turn to do the door and flowers. Members were reminded that "items" are needed for the Christmas Sale on 30th November.

The Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and The Great Wall, just a few of the gems of China which Mr Keeble spoke about when describing his journey there and which the members took pleasure from.

Next Meeting - Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 6th November, 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Pippa Hardy (with thanks to Jill Frostick for taking notes for me)

Little Bromley Coffee Morning

to be held at New House, Shop Road, Little Bromley on Tuesday, 19th November, 10.30am-12.30pm Admission £1

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS RAFFLE PLANTS BRING & BUY CAKES

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GT. BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our meeting on 10th October was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs Field to whom we extend our thanks for their hospitality. The "Plants and Cuttings" was very successful, thanks to everyone who took the time to bring something from their garden.
DID YOU KNOW? --- The largest bunch of grapes was picked in Santiago, Chile in 1984 weighing 9.4 kilograms. The Californian climate has brought forth a number of records, for instance, a Chinese Wisteria planted in 1892 grew into the largest flowering plant in the world. The branches now have a length of 150 metres, the plant weighs approximately 230 tons and covers 0.4 hectares. In full bloom It has 1.5 million flowers. WOW! *Vicky Griffiths*

Thought for the month

KIND words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless *F.G.*

BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd, December at 6.30pm Conducted by Revd. Simon Coleman
followed by mince pies - All Welcome

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

(Chequers Road)

Sunday, 10th November 3.00pm Sunday, 24th November 3.00pm

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Colchester Circuit)

Sunday 3 Nov 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr W Evans
10 Nov 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs A Austin
17 Nov 11.00am Balls Green Miss M Holford
24 Nov 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd. S Coleman

ST GEORGE'S ROOF REPAIR FUND

On Saturday, 7th December there will be an evening of Archive Films of Old East Anglia at the Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets at £3 to include interval coffee will be on sale from John Clapham,(230790) or at Great Bromley Village Stores.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE EVENTS FOR THE ROOF FUND

Look out for details of a tour round the lesser known historic churches of East Anglia conducted by knowledgeable guides. This will be in the Spring weather. Plans are already in hand for the 1997 Flower Festival, proceeds for the Roof Fund. Also a Farm Open Day is to be arranged probably on 28th June at Park Farm. SO WATCH THIS SPACE.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

The churchwardens wish to thank all who contributed, helped, attended or were involved in any way in the very successful Harvest Lunch.

CAROL SINGING See the December issue for plans to circuit the village with carols. Everyone is more than welcome to join us in singing well loved carols, and to meet with the new and the older parishioners. This will probably take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday, 17th December.

COFFEE MAKING

after 9.30am Service

3 November

A Fairley ;

10 November

J Wests

17 November

B Welham

24 November

J Harding

CLEANING

B & J Welham

P Greenfield & M Bush

O Sparling

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR. THE BROMLEYS
SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

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11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Evensong Gt Bromley

10th November REMEMBRANCE DAY 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh

10:35 Joint Remembrance Day Service Gt Bromley

We will be joined by those from Elmstead, Arlesford, and Ardleigh, including a silver band. The service will begin at the Village Hall and will be followed by the laying of wreaths at the memorial cross. After the service a wreath will be laid at Lt Bromley 's memorial.

3:00 Remembrance Service with wreath laying at Ardleigh

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Weekday Eucharists

Tuesday 9:30 Ardleigh, Wednesday 12 noon Gt Bromley Thursday 7:30 Ardleigh

Friday 11:00 Seven Rivers

TODDLERS SERVICE

Thursday 14th November 2:15 a lively and informal time with a bible story prayer and songs in Church followed by tea and squash as the children play.

I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptized, or who would like to be confirmed or baptized as adults, or who are thinking about getting married in the Parish Church.

The Bromley Messenger December 1996

The message of Christmas has been heard so often that we can easily forget what an extraordinary message it contains and the significance of this message for the world. I suppose it is inevitable that when we all find ourselves rushing around present buying, party going and making sure all the cards have been sent, we find little time or energy to reflect on the deep things of God upon which many traditions of this time of year are founded. When you think of that first Christmas, then as now, many people were far too busy with their own concerns to pay much attention to the birth of a child to a couple who could not get proper accommodation and who were forced to spend the night in an outhouse or stable. It was only those who allowed themselves time to be made aware of things spiritual that realised that God was doing something remarkable. As they pondered further they found that they should respond and share the love that God had shown them. Churches of all persuasions are usually full for the main celebrations of the Christmas season. It is the one time in the year when people visit their Parish Church. As a Rector I am of course delighted that the churches in the parishes are well attended at this time, but hope above all that the music, the readings, the celebration of the sacrament and unique atmosphere will take people out of themselves so that for a moment they begin to realise a perspective they might otherwise be unaware of. For in the story of God becoming man in the life of a little baby in Bethlehem we are minded of God the Creator of the universe and of time itself who wants to identify with each one of us. A God who wants to share our joys and sorrows and who can give the deepest meaning to being human. Moreover it shows us the importance of the family as a place of spiritual nurture and development, when we consider the way in which Jesus shared in the life of his family and came to maturity within it. May I take this Opportunity of wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas. *Fr. Trevor, The Rector*

In the crib, Jesus radiates what the world so much needs today - gentleness, tenderness, light and hope.

- Gentleness - as the answer to all violence.
- Tenderness - as the answer to the lack of goodness, benevolence and love of our brothers and sisters (even among those who call themselves Christians).
- Light - as the answer to the shadows that darken the present time.
- Hope - as the answer to those who feel abandoned or who find no meaning in their lives.

Little Sister Magdeleine of Jesus (Founder of the Little Sisters of Jesus, 1898-1989)

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP present



Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th January 7.30pm ●
Saturday 11th January 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm
at Great Bromley Village Hall

Tickets now available (01206) 230398

CAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS BAKE

INGREDIENTS

1 cup sugar	1 cup butter	4 large eggs
1 cup water	1 tspn baking soda	1 tspn salt
1 cup brown sugar	2 cups dried fruit	juice of 1 lemon
nuts	1 bottle whisky	

METHOD

Sample the whisky to check the quality. Take a large bowl. Test the whisky again. To be sure it is of the best quality, pour one level cupful and drink it. REPEAT.

Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Ensure whisky is still O.K. Cry another tup!

Turn of the mixerer. Break 2 leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewscraver. .Sample the whisky to check for tonsisicity. Next, shift 2 cups of salt or something! Who cares? Try the whisky.

Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon of sugar or something.

Whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, sample the whisky again and go to bed. When sober, go out and buy a fruit cake. It's cheaper, but not so much fun!

PLAYGROUP

A big thank you to everyone who helped with and supported our 'Craft and Table Top Sale' last month. We raised approximately £200 for playgroup funds, which is brilliant. Father Christmas is coming to the Village Hall on 18th December to see the children at their Christmas party. They will also have a bouncy castle and a ball pond to keep them entertained. This is also the last day of term.

We would like to wish 'good luck' to Emily Martin and Coral Taylor who will be leaving playgroup to start school in January. Playgroup returns from its Christmas holidays on Monday, 13th January and Toddler Group returns on Wednesday, 15th January. Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas. *Jane Calderbank*

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

will again be treading the boards for their annual pantomime in January. This year our production of Ali Baba and the Faulty Thieves promises to delight and enthrall with the colour, music and magic of the Far East. Written by Nigel and Amanda Rowe and directed by Catherine Hart we will perform on Wednesday 8th - Saturday 11th January, 1997. Our Charity this year is St. Helena Hospice. Tickets are already selling fast so avoid disappointment and book your seat now! Adults £3.50 Children £1.50 Call Amanda Rowe 230398

KITCHEN CORNER

I recently went to a W.I. demonstration of how to make good homemade sweets. Here is the way to make your own easy mint crisps. The children can have fun doing these! First find a tray that will fit in your fridge. Line it with polythene, or waxed paper from a cereal packet. Use good quality chocolate (Bournville or similar). Melt this slowly over hot water (not boiling) making sure the basin fits tightly over the pan and the bottom does not touch the water. If you have real peppermint oil use this, 4 drops only. Otherwise make do with essence but the flavour is less good. Make sure the chocolate is not hot, only warm, then stir in 2 tablesp of granulated or demerara sugar. Drop teaspoonfuls on to the tray smoothing them out into neat discs. Put the tray immediately into the fridge for 10 minutes only. This makes about 20-25 sweets. They will keep well and stay crisp!

Jill Frostick

We thank GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP for sponsoring the December issue of 'The Messenger' and extend to them our grateful thanks for supporting our magazine.

THE MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE Nobody turned up to the meeting in October. i There will be a meeting in January so WATCH THIS SPACE.

AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIA

from THE EAST ANGLIAN FILM ARCHIVES on SATURDAY, 7TH DECEMBER from 7.30-9.45pm at THE VILLAGE HALL, GT BROMLEY Doors Open 7.00pm. In aid of St George's Hammerbeam Roof Fund. TICKETS £3 including Coffee or Soft Drink in the Interval Available from Gt Bromley PO Stores (230243) or John Clapham (230790)

HUNTINGTON 'S DISEASE FAMILY DAY

Many thanks are due to volunteer helpers and the guides for helping to make our Regional Annual get together so memorable. The Pirie Hut was loaned for helpers to entertain and care for children in HD families to allow their parents to attend this very important and joyful meeting. Floral and table arrangements were prepared, help in the kitchen was freely given. 60 people from Norwich, Lowestoft, Chelmsford and Cambridge joined the local family Branch members. For families with the same problems to meet and share them with others, to hear speakers on issues very relevant to them is a lifeline to many. The day ended with tea at Seven Rivers and the opportunity to look around the Home, followed by a short Evensong in the Church.

CARPET BOWLS

The Club Singles Competition was concluded at the end of October and after a very good final the winner was Pat Petchey. Runner-up Linda Francis started off very well and was 6-0 up after 3 rounds, but Pat played very consistently and took the match 1-8. The trophy was presented to him by Jill, captain of the Wix Club, when they visited us for a League match on 13th November. Well done, Pat! We are holding our own so far in the League, having won 4, drawn 1 and lost 2. A Happy Christmas to all our members and friends. *Nancy Kempster*

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are having our Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall on 19th December. The coach will leave Elmstead Market at 12 noon. We send our Christmas Greetings to Everyone. *Mildred Purkis*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Annual Meeting 6th November: Jill Frostick gave a report on the recent half yearly Council Meeting held in Clacton recently. The increase in subscriptions is to stay with Institutes and also we have been asked to give multi-vitamin tablets for the Children of Chernobyl (remember last year we gave tea and coffee which was a great success).

1997 is the WI's 80th Anniversary: there will be lots of special events taking place over the County. A letter of thanks had been sent to Doreen Petchey from the Hospice thanking us for our cakes and this year a new idea of selecting Resolutions will be tried - Monday, 7th December in the Village Hall, tickets £2, 10 short-listed Resolutions will be considered. The Treasurer presented the annual accounts, followed by the Secretary's report. The Competition cup was won by Jean Wright with Jill Frostick and Rita Baxter coming joint second. Anne O'Riordan, our VCO for the evening, read out the Committee nominations and after a ballot Mrs Rita Baxter was declared the new President. The committee is: Margery West and Vera Biddis, Vice-Presidents; Mary Clarke, Secretary with Jill Frostick Minute Secretary; Anne Jones, Treasurer, Trisha Mothersall, Heather Brown, Sylvia Mandon and Gwen Barrell. Jean Wright and June Willgress were presented with a plant and thanked for all their hard work. Christmas Meeting - Wednesday, 4th December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please bring with you 2 plates, wineglass, 1 knife, fork and spoon. Members 50p and Guests £1. *Pippa Hardy*

DIARY DATES

4 Dec WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
7 Dec P.T.A. Christmas Bazaar, St. George's School Hall, 2.00pm
7 Dec Archive Films of East Anglia, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Dec Lt Bromley Methodist Church outing to Thursford Carol Concert
10 Dec Deadline for 'Copy' for the Messenger to Editor, please
12 Dec Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, St. George's Primary School, 7.30pm
16 & 17 Dec Carol Singing around village
18 Dec Playgroup Christmas Party, Village Hall
19 Dec Friendship Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall
22 Dec Burnt Heath Methodist Church Carol Service, 6.30pm

1997 Dates

8,9,10,11 Jan Ali Baba, Gt Bromley Pantomime Group, Village Hall

25 Jan P.T.A. Annual Quiz, St. George's Primary School, 8.00pm

ANOTHER BEERHOUSE

How many inns, public houses or beerhouses can you name in Great Bromley?

THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON is one which needs location. Where was it? The clue was in a Return of Public Houses for 1811 and 1812 which said:

1811 The Shoulder of Mutton, Great Bromley. Licensee - William Edwards; Guarantor - John Hazell

1812 The Shoulder of Mutton, Great Bromley. Licensee - William Edwards; Guarantor - William Kiddell

There appear to be no more references to this house but at least we know three things from the above evidence - 1. The Shoulder of Mutton was open in 1811 and maybe closed in 1812-13

2. The name of the landlord 3. The names of guarantors that the house would not be a rowdy one. Add this pub to the list you have already made or did you know there was a SHOULDER OF MUTTON in the parish? Was it at Burnt Heath? I'd be pleased to have more information.

John Appleby

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Members spent a happy evening at the Waverley Hotel, Clacton where we held our Annual Dimer on Thursday, 14th November. Our next meeting at Village Hall on 13th December - please note this is FRIDAY - when we hold our Christmas Social , usual time 7.30pm. *Vicky Griffiths*

'THE MESSENGER' WISHES ALL ITS READERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS. COPY for the December edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER please. In JANUARY I will be publishing a list of ANNUAL EVENTS happening in the villages during 1997. If you have any dates you would like included in this list please send them to the Editor by Tuesday, 10th December please. *Leonie Henderson, Editor*

SEASONAL SHIVERS

With Winter time well on the way, the shortest day looms near,
The evenings dark are here to stay till long in the New Year
And nature seems in deep suspense with little sign of life,
Temperatures low and so intense through day and night are rife.
It's little wonder that we long for brighter days in Spring,
To hear once more the birds in song despite the winds cold sting,
When grim grey days give way at last to glorious Summer heat,
Remember Winter's vicious blast and enjoy short Summer's treat.
How nice 'twould be if I could flee to some warm tropic isle
Where Winter time just cannot be and sun shines all the while,
But now, alas, that's all ruled out with nuclear tests ongoing,
So here I'll stay there's little doubt when it's blowing cold and snowing.

A.H.C.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 14th November, 1996. The proposed Wimpey Homes development has been rejected by Tendring District Council, however, the District Council are exploring the feasibility of an industrial site in West Tendring. Both the Parish Council and C.A.R.D. will closely monitor the situation. The Parish Council are currently obtaining quotations to have the hedge between the Hare Green Playing Field and Ash Grove cut to approx. 1 metre high. This will encourage thicker, healthier growth. The work will be carried out as soon as is practicable. A dog hygiene bin has now been erected at the entrance of the cricket field. Dog owners are requested to clean up behind their pets. Parish Council meeting - 12th December, 1996. Change of venue. The Parish Council meeting will be held at the St. George's Primary School at 7.30pm. Public participation is welcome.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who came to the Coffee Morning held at New House, Little Bromley on 19th November which raised £250. This will go towards the Church's Conservation Trust. Part of this will be set aside to finance a Flower Festival at St. Mary's, Little Bromley in 1997.

C.A.R.D. Campaign Against Rural Destruction

UPDATE

- * Tendring District Council voted on 15th October, 1996 to reject the current Wimpey proposal.
- * Tendring District Council in throwing out housing have NOT rejected FACTORIES! The majority of the councillors are keen to develop 'The Oasis' site at Great Bromley. The Development and Planning Committee meeting held on 11th November, 1996 at Weeley requested a feasibility study for this site.
- * Wimpey Homes have stated that they will not give up.
- * NOR WILL C.A.R.D.
- * Would you like to see Great Bromley, Littler Bromley, Great Bentley, F rating, Ravens Green and Little Bentley joined in one HUGE TOWN??!!
- * County Council are currently opposed to this scheme but you must write to Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford to ensure they are not persuaded by TDC to change their View.
- * C.A.R.D. on your behalf have already taken the fight to the County Council and The House of Commons and will continue to monitor all council meetings both at District and County level.
- * C.A.R.D. need your continued support in this fight. Please watch for our future fund raising events and any donations would be gratefully received.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GREAT BROMLEY

At 2pm on 7th December in the School Hall join us for our GIANT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR All your present problems solved! - Something for all the Family Games, Toys, Craft Stalls and Rattles Have tea with SANTA.

Saturday, 25th January in the School Hall, Great Bromley The Annual Quiz 8.00 pm.

Tickets Childres £4

Licensed Bar Includes Supper For Tickets telephone Amanda on 230398

Any Donations of Prizes Gratefully Received at the School

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Colchester Circuit)

Sunday 1 Dec 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr J Lunniss

8 Dec 11.00am Balls Green Mr D Carter

15 Dec 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd. S Coleman

22 Dec 6.30pm Burnt Heath Revd. S Coleman/Members

29 Dec 11.00am Balls Green Mr M Humm

LITTLE BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES (Chequers Road)

Sunday, 8th December 3.00pm Sunday, 22nd December (Christmas Carol Service 3.00pm)

BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd, December at 6.30pm Conducted by Revd. Simon Coleman followed by mince pies All Welcome

THANKS We thank the relatives and friends of DORIS MARVEN for their generous donation of £120 that was collected at her funeral service.

ST. GEORGE' S FLOWER ROTA It has been suggested it might be a good idea to make this a "fortnightly" commitment rather than for one week - any comments on this please ring (01206) 231067. Thank you for your help during the past year. *Betty Rowe*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY COFFEE MAKING & CLEANING

1 December A Fairley H Brown & S Rampling

8 December J Wests J Wests

15 December B Welham B & J Welham

22 December J Harding P Greenfield & M Bush

29 December A Fairley O Sparling

CAROL SINGING


Come and swell the crowd - you don't have to have perfect pitch - just enthusiasm. We had such fun last year and everyone made us so welcome. Wrap up warmly, bring a torch to help avoid going through the puddles and meet up in Church Meadow at 7.00pm on Monday 16th December to sing round the Balls Green, Hare Green area of Great Bromley and meet same time, same place on 17th December to sing up to the Burnt Heath end of Great Bromley. Everyone welcome. Any queries ring the Churchwardens.



St George the Martyr, Parish Church of the Bromleys

united with St Mary the Virgin Ardleigh
Parish Priest: Revd. Fr. Trevor Diaper Tel: 01206:230344

DECEMBER SERVICES

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| Dec 1st | 8:00 BCP Holy Communion | Gt Bromley |
| | 9:30 Family Eucharist | Gt Bromley |
| | 11:00 Parish Eucharist | Ardleigh |
| | 7:00 Advent Carol Service with the Camerata Singers. | |
| | <i>The lighting of the Advent Candles with the familiar seasonal readings and the opportunity to sing some well known Advent carols and hymns.</i> | Ardleigh |
| Dec 5th | Thursday at 7:30pm <i>A Preparation for Christmas in music and word with students from the Colchester Institute and the Cantelina Ladies Choir.</i> | Ardleigh |
| Dec 8th | 8:00 BCP Holy Communion | Ardleigh |
| | 9:30 Parish Eucharist | Gt Bromley |
| | 11:00 Parish Eucharist | Ardleigh |
| | 6:30 Evensong | Ardleigh |
| Dec 15th | 8:00 BCP Holy Communion | Gt Bromley |
| | 9:30 Parish Eucharist | Gt Bromley |
| | 11:00 Parish Eucharist and Baptisms | Ardleigh |
| | 6:30 Evensong | Gt Bromley |
| Dec 17th | 11-12noon Nativity Tableaux at <i>Ardleigh Village Hall with the Playgroup. All welcome</i> | |
| Dec 20th | 7:00 Carols and Lessons Conservation Trust Church at <i>Lt Bromley</i> | |
| Dec 21st | 5:30 Christingle Service | Gt Bromley |
| Dec 22nd | 8:00 BCP Holy Communion | Ardleigh |
| | 9:30 Parish Eucharist | Gt Bromley |
| | 11:00 Parish Eucharist | Ardleigh |
| | 6:30 Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight | |
| | <i>at both Ardleigh and Gt Bromley</i> | |
| Dec 24th | 5:30 Christingle Service | Ardleigh |
| | 11:30 Midnight Mass at <i>Ardleigh and Gt Bromley</i> | |
| Dec 25th | 8:00 BCP Holy Communion | Ardleigh |
| | 9:30 Christmas Family Eucharist | Gt Bromley |
| | 11:00 Christmas Family Eucharist | Ardleigh |

Dec 29th as a
1st Sunday of
the Month

