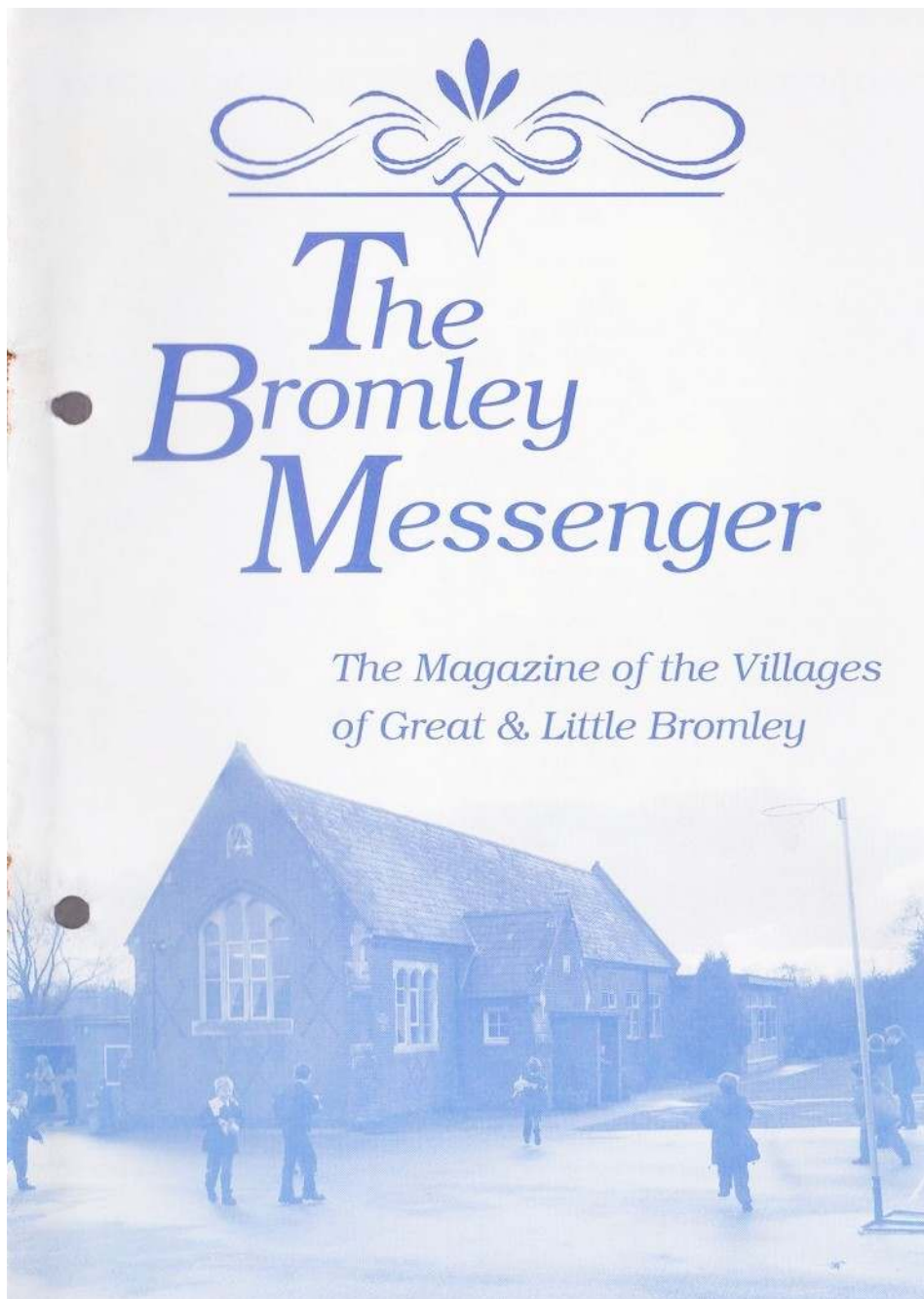


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 1st Ardleigh Cubs Tuesdays (term time only) Village Hall. Ardleigh, 6.15-7.30pm  
 1st Ardleigh Scouts Wednesdays (term time only) Vicars Room, Ardleigh. 7.15-9.00pm  
 Badminton Club Mondays (match nights only) Village Hall  
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 Carpet Bowls Wednesdays (except 1st Wed in Month) Village Hall. 7.30pm  
 Friendship Club 3rd Thursday in month Village Hall Doors open 2.00pm  
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 Ladies Circle 3rd Wednesday in month Ring contact for venue, 7.30pm  
 Touchstone Folk Dance Club, Thursdays Wivenhoe Methodist Church Hall, 8.00pm  
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### THINGS DO NOT ALWAYS GO ACCORDING TO PLAN

Yes - I do have a plan, I also have a system - and it usually works. Upon receiving copy for the Messenger each month I put it in a folder for typing. up which I try to do as I go along. I am always grateful to those of you who give me their pieces in advance as there is often a steady stream of copy arriving through the door with the approach of the Deadline Hour. After that I have two days to put the Messenger together to send to the printers. During that time the typing up is completed before arranging everything in hopefully some sort of order. which is when the fun starts. My husband says that it is the clicking of the mouse which drives him out of the room but sometimes I am not so sure. Occasionally I have to fill a blank page when not enough has come in that month, at other times I have to arrange and rearrange to fit everything into the limit of 16 pages before the proof reader has it to spot the mistakes that in the hurry I have missed. It is during those we days of arranging and rearranging that articles occasionally go astray. If the operator (me) is not careful the computer has a tendency to zap things when they are being moved about or they become hidden in the system and sometimes I just don't notice it has done it until I am told at a later date (after the magazine has come out!) that a particular piece is missing. By then of course it is too late to do anything about it. However all being well the finished version is then posted to be at the printers by the Monday. The magazine is then back in the village printed and ready for delivery on the Friday. This is how it usually works and most months go like clockwork. I enjoy doing the Messenger each month and I enjoy seeing those of you who occasionally stop for a chat when delivering your articles. It is voluntary and it takes up time but as I say I enjoy it. Occasionally I have a busy week in other respects or am ill or away or things just go wrong. If any of your articles have been lost in the past, or may be in the future, please accept my apologies - I am unpaid, am doing my best and I am only human!

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### LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**THE VILLAGE SIGN** As you will all know by now the sum raised for this project was £742.72. Well done. everyone. Mr Atterbury (local historian) has confirmed that the proposed design is correct and that the shields are part of the village's past history. It is hoped that very soon, when we can find a competent artist. we will be able to publicise the format in more detail.

**FINANCING** You may not be aware that there exists a Village Hall Fund currently worth about £ 5,070. The Fund originally began lite as the Welcome Home Fund in 1946 but since about 1950 little or nothing has been added to it except for normal bank interest. Subject to the approval of all you little Bromleyites at the next Public Assembly on 12th April, 2001 we propose to change the title of this fund to the Little Bromley Amenities Fund which will give us more flexibility for use on village projects. To oversee the correct running of this proposed new venture we need two volunteer trustees (preferably under 50) in addition to the two appointed by the Council. The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 18th January at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel.

### THANKS:

The Village Hall Committee and the Women's Institute would like to thank everybody who helped in any way at the recent Christmas Sale and also to all those who sent items for sale and raffle prizes. A grand profit £858.46 was made which will be divided between the two organisations. Thank you all once again. *Jean Wright* .

### A MILLENNIAL GIFT

Torrential rain having suddenly given out to sunshine, a timely rainbow appeared at noon on 9th December to grace a happy ceremony at the top of the tower of St. George's Church, when members of the Great Bromley Millennium Committee presented a magnificent £1,100 for the benefit of St. George's Repair Fund. All contributions to the Repair Fund are welcome, but gifts like this one, from local people and organisations, are doubly so. Not only do they help towards ensuring that a great building which has seen so many changes over so many centuries can remain in constant use for as many more. but local goodwill has the very important practical effect of encouraging larger charitable bodies to open their purses.

The first phase of the work, comprising mainly the repair of the two most westerly bays of the roof, has now at last been completed. The decay of the ends of the hammer-beams, where they rest on the main walls of the nave, was found to be worse than had been feared, so special measures had to be devised for the purpose of restoring their structural soundness. It is thought that similar measures will need to be adopted when we come to the second and much more substantial phase of work, and I am afraid it seems unavoidable that the latter will cause much inconvenience - possibly even to the extent of necessitating a temporary break in the use of the church for normal parish worship. The need to collect more money means that there is likely to be a considerable delay before the rest of the work can begin, but in the meantime we are in discussion with the architects about ensuring that the period of any disruption is reduced to a minimum. Anyone who would like to have more detailed information should please get in touch with me on 230790.

Thanks again to the Millennium Committee and to all who have supported them. I take this opportunity of mentioning that on the evening of Thursday. 15th march. the ever-popular Eastern Angles will be coming to the Village Hall once again to present a play called "Crossroad Blues" by James Vollmar. More information later, but please make a note in your diaries.

*John Clapham (Chairman, St. Georges Repair Fund)*

### GREAT BROMLEY and NAYLAND, SUFFOLK Part 3

Because of a tragic shock. John Mannock also became a Benedictine monk on 7th March, 1700, and was known as Anselm. He had resided at Giffords Hall and was supposed to have caused the death of his young brother. One story says that the boy was dropped from a window. Another story says he was killed by a cannon ball fired in a battle for Douai. John was a chaplain in Warwickshire for fifty years followed by fifteen years spent at Kelvedon. He was a prolific writer and included among his works is A Poor man's Catechism. He died in 1764 aged 84. The Mannock family's connection with Great Bromley ended in the late 18th Century .

*John Appleby*

### GT. BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Management Committee met on 21st November under the Chairmanship of Peter Wenden with all members except one present. Most of the meeting, after the initial introductions, was spent discussing aspects of the Millennium Lounge. We received some guidance and good advice from Rob Cary on floor covering suitable for the room which will be followed up with carpet samples and costing. Next we turned our attention to chairs and tables. Martin Frostick had researched the subject well and came up with several possibilities which gave the Committee a feel for the range available. This was narrowed to upholstered stackable chairs and small folding tables. Martin said that a local company had some on display and he would check them for their comfort: also he would contact a company representative for samples to try. For the windows, most people were in favour of vertical strip blinds and samples together with costing are to be obtained. It was decided that the lounge would be available as part of a whole hall hiring, with just the main hall, or as a separate area depending on the requirements of the hirer. An official opening of the facility is being planned for early in 2001 but meanwhile fund raising for the hall must continue. A Line Dance initially earmarked for February will now take place on Friday 9th March 2001 starting at 8.15pm. May I on behalf of the Committee wish everyone a very happy and prosperous year 2001. *Bevan Willgress. Secretary*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We all had a thoroughly "Christmassy" time at our December meeting when we were joined by guests from other institutes around the area from Dovercourt to Friars Grove, Colchester. The evening started with a very witty and funny monologue by Grace Gould which should have been her report to members of the National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual General Meeting in the "Alibert" Hall, but somehow ended up as an account of her hazardous journey to get there. After supper, which we all enjoyed, our President and her Committee staged a comedy about the residents of a health farm who thought they were in for some lovely farmhouse cooking and ended up with glasses of carrot, parsnip and rhubarb juice to name just a few delights. We finished off our enjoyable evening singing songs and carols with Rene Roberts accompanying us on the piano. I am sure that I speak for all present when I take this opportunity to thank our President, Committee and Grace for a real festive evening. Father Nicolas is coming along to our first meeting in 2001 to tell us of his experiences as a priest. If you are interested in coming along, we will be very pleased to see you. It is in the Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd January at 7.30pm. A very happy and prosperous New Year to everyone from Great Bromley Women's Institute. *June Willgress*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Welcome to 2001 - A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members. our helpers who make sure we have our cuppa each month and all the people who read the Messenger, with the hope that the year 2001 will bring you happiness in whatever you do. 18th January is the date for our next meeting, when we will have Mr GOOCH from Warners Butchers as the Speaker. The competition is an ornament of an animal normally seen on a farm. *Vicky Griffiths*

## GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB 100 CLUB

November 1st Mrs M West 2nd Mrs H Brakley 3rd Mr P Petchey

The Cricket Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Copley Dene at 8.00pm on 21st February.

## KITCHEN CORNER

### **TURKEY POPOVERS**

This is a nice way to use up leftover cold meat - you could use chicken or other meats equally well. Makes 12 - 18

2 eggs 4 oz flour ½ pt milk 2 Oz dripping or butter 8 oz diced cooked turkey meat  
4oz diced stuffing; (cooked) Cranberry sauce (optional)

Make a batter with flour eggs and milk. Grease deep bun tins with turkey dripping, or butter and put a little knob in each hollow. Put in hot oven 200C/400F for five minutes. Stir the diced meat and stuffing into the batter, and when the tins are hot spoon in the batter about two thirds full. Bake 15-20 minutes till puffed and golden brown. Serve them with a little cranberry sauce in the centre of each if liked. Good as a snack. or serve with salad as a first course. *Jill Frostick*



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## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish council was held on 23rd November.

**Highway Matters** the chevron sign outside the school is to be moved as a child recently bumped his head on the corner of the Sign.

A new "Great Bromley" Sign has been ordered to replace one missing from the A604 near Mary Lane South.

**Website** The feasibility of setting up a website is being looked into.

**Open Space Land near Springhill Close** Efforts are continuing to get this site tidied by the owners of this plot of land.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**Proposed residential plot for one dwelling. Land west of former Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane** The Parish Council objected to this application as it is outside the village envelope.

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**Vehicular access. The Thatched Cottage, Brook Street** No objection to this application.

**Formation of additional classroom on First floor and new external fire escape. Oak House Farm arm. Harwich Road** No objections to this application.

**Demolition of part of existing dwelling and erection of extension. Bottle House, Carrington Road** The Parish Council objects to this application as the building is too big and out of character with the area/

**Proposed garage. Croyland, Parsons Hill** No objections to this application.

The next meeting of Gt. Bromley Parish Council will be held on 11th January, 2001 at 7.30pm.

### Forthcoming Events

#### JANUARY

1 Celebrations for the New Year, 5 Mary's, Ardleigh, 11am

3 Quiz Night, 5 George's School

Women's Institute meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

6 The Epiphany of Our Lord at S George's, 12 noon followed by drinks in the Rectory

10-13 "Pantomonium", Village Hall

11 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm

18 Friendship club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30

31 Church Council Meeting. 7.00pm

#### FEBRUARY

3 PTA Quiz Night, School Hall

15 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

21 Cricket Club Annual General Meeting, Copley Dene, 8.00pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

24 Church Council Meeting, 9.30am

28 Ash Wednesday. S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm

#### MARCH

9 Line Dance evening, Village Hall, 8.15pm

15 Eastern Angles "Crossroad Blues", Village Hall

Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel. 7.30pm

24 Day trip to Walsingham

#### APRIL

8 Palm Sunday

12 Maundy Thursday, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm

Little Bromley Parish Public Assembly, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

13 Good Friday, S George's, 2.00pm .

15 Easter Day

19 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 S George's Day celebration, 6.30pm

tba PTA Fashion Show

## MAY

9 Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm  
12 Plant Sale, 10.00am  
17 Great Bromley Annual Parish Assembly /A.G.M., Village Hall  
19 Hamilton Lodge Fete, 2.00 - 4.00 pm  
20 Rogation Sunday Picnic  
24 Ascension Day, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm  
26-28 Flower Festival

## JUNE

3 Pentecost  
14 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm  
30 PTA Barn Dance .

## JULY

11 Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm  
26 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm  
tba Cheshire Home Fete

## AUGUST

15 Assumption of Our Lady, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm

## SEPTEMBER

12 Church Council Meeting. 7.00pm  
27 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm  
28 Harvest Barn Dance

## OCTOBER

7 The Bromleys Harvest Festival

## NOVEMBER

1 All Saints Day, S Mary's Ardleigh. 7.00pm  
2 All Souls Day, S George's, 7.00pm  
7 Church Council meeting, 7.00pm .  
8 Cheshire Home Coffee Morning  
11 Remembrance Sunday  
29 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting. Methodist Chapel: 7.30pm

## DECEMBER

2 Advent Sunday Vigil, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 6.30pm  
21 Carol Service. S Mary's, Little Bromley, 7.00pm  
24 Christmass Eve Children's Christingle Service. 5.00pm  
Midnight Mass. S George's, 11.30pm  
25 Christmass Day

### 1st GREAT BROMLEY BROWNIES

I am sorry I missed the last meeting of term which was the party but I am now well again and look forward to seeing everybody on Tuesday, 16th January, 2001 in the Village Hall at 5.30pm. There are vacancies in the Pack and any girl aged 7 or over is welcome to come along and join us. Wishing you all a happy New Year. *Brown Owl*

### Notes from a Village School St. George's, Gt. Bromley

December was a busy but enjoyable month at the school. Firstly the Christmas Fayre was a great success. We managed to raise approximately £730. Many thanks to all the helpers for their hard work. The children rehearsed and then performed three excellent performances of their school play "Christmas 2000"/ Parents and friends were thoroughly entertained. The following week the children were treated to a theatre trip to the Mercury to see "Babes in the Wood".

PTA future events include:

3rd February QUIZ NIGHT - to be held at the School - always good fun.

During the month of April we are hoping to hold a FASHION ROADSHOW with High Street fashions from leading retail outlets. O

30 June. our annual BARN DANCE. More information closer to the time.

Mrs Fitzgerald, her staff and the PTA would like to thank everyone for their help and support and wish you all a prosperous New Year.



**P L A Y G R O U P**

Our Christmas party, held on 13th December, was as usual lots of fun. Entertainment was provided by a bouncy castle and ball pit. We played games and had a lovely buffet. Festivities ended with a visit from Santa, amidst much excitement, with a present for all the children. This term our topics are Nursery Rhymes and Growth. Due to children leaving us to start school we have a few spaces available in playgroup. If you would like to register your child or would like any further information please contact our secretary, Helen Fairley, who will be pleased to help. Our Toddler Group, held on Wednesdays in the smaller hall is informal and friendly and always pleased to see new faces. Just come along - your first visit is free.  
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## QUICK QUIZ

*No prizes -just something to help the brain cells to limber up after the New Year celebrations!*  
Answers next month.

- 1- Which bald detective was played by Telly Savalas?
2. In cricket, what does lbw stand for?
3. What sort of creature is a wisent?
4. Which former chancellor to Henry VIII was canonised in 1935?
5. On which date is St. George's Day?
6. What was the comic strip Peanuts originally called?
7. Which number Ivan was the Terrible'?
8. In geometry what do 60 minutes make?
9. Which perennial plant is also called Lady's Smock? 10. What is a leucocyte?
11. With what is philology concerned?
12. Who received £4m to play Fred's mother-in-law in The Flintstones?
13. Which Hindu festival's name means 'garland of lamps'?
14. What does the legal term 'subjudice' mean?
15. What was Doctor Who's time travelling vehicle called?
16. Who are The Three Tenors?
17. Which German Formula 1 driver won his first Motor Racing World Championship in 1994?
18. Who wrote Swallows and Amazons?
19. For whom did the KGB use the codename Boar?
20. What day is Twelfth Night otherwise known as?
21. On the coast of which English county is the Naze?

From The Rectory

Dear Parishioner,

I've been asked to write about the practical arrangements in the churchyard. Churchyards, like churches, do not come under local planning authority. Instead a separate system is operated under a person called a chancellor. Regulations (full copies of which are available) are given for this area which myself and the church council have to keep to. This can be very different to other non church burial grounds such as in Ardleigh or Colchester. It is important that when making a decision about where you or a loved one are to be buried, you know that you have a choice and that you are aware of any regulations concerning the place.

Anyone who lives in the church parish of the Bromleys can be buried in the churchyard at Great Bromley. Little Bromley is now only for residents there. The Chancellor permits a range of memorials and head stones to be placed on graves. Permission has to be granted to erect any stone and I simply see that the memorial fits in with the regulations. I have no choice in these things! If you wish to have something that falls outside of the regulations there is a process of application and appeal.

Flower container to be built into the headstone. Flowers are an important part of how we grieve and respect our loved ones. For this reason artificial flowers should not be used. Sadly they are often stolen or simply blown and damaged by the weather and to arrive at a grave and find expensive flowers damaged or missing can be distressing. Ordinary flowers have a natural time span and so I seem to be part of the whole healing process.

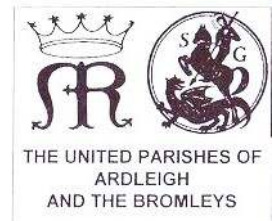
The church council has a responsibility to keep the churchyard tidy and the grass cut. Graves with plants on or where the grass had died because something has been placed on them are difficult to maintain which again can be distressing. Here in the Bromleys we are blessed with two beautiful areas for our loved ones to be buried and for us to use as places of peace and quiet. The wardens and I are happy to talk more about how we can continue to keep this so. On another practical matter the congregation is growing! More people in church on a Sunday morning and in and around during the week is a wonderful sign of the growing confidence in our churches - yes it's happening up at Ardleigh as well! Growth brings different needs and problems with it and the time has come for us to be looking at the way forward. My primary role in this, and indeed my primary role full stop, is to ensure that God is worshipped on a daily basis here in the Church of England that means public morning and evening prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Choices have to be made about our Sunday worship which are a natural progression from the uniting of Ardleigh and the Bromleys a number of years ago. There seems to be three alternatives being voiced. All involve keeping the 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM celebrations as they are: though they in turn will become more important as growth continues. All involve keeping both churches open and alive for generations and generations to come. Staying as we are is option one. Bringing the 9:30 AM forward and moving the 11:00 AM back, option two. Having one celebration of the Eucharist at 10:30 AM, alternating between Saint Mary's Ardleigh and Saint George's is option 3. You may be able to tell me more! I can see positives and negatives in all three. So we are having a time of consultation about the way forward.

On January 20th there will be a meeting in Saint Mary's hall Ardleigh to discuss this further then the parish councils will meet. On February 21st there will be there will be an opportunity to talk about it at the annual parochial church meeting. These occasions are open to anyone though you have to be on the church electoral roll to speak or vote at the APCM. After all this the wardens and I will have to decide where we think God is leading us and move into an experimental period of change.

Forgive me if this is already in house and beyond you. All of you reading this can have a say because these are your churches and like the graveyards they are yours as much as anyone else's. The whole exercise is coming as a result of strength and growth which is exciting if not a little daunting too. Lots of talking and listening between the congregations is already going on which is a way forward in itself. All I ask is that you join in. Those of you who worship in other places, please remember us in your prayers. Thank you.

*Father Nicholas*



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*united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh*



## Services for January

1<sup>st</sup> **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

11.00am for the New Year St. Mary the Virgin

3<sup>rd</sup> 6.00pm The Eucharist at and for Hamilton Lodge

4<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for our youngsters St. Mary the Virgin

5<sup>th</sup> 11.00am The Eucharist at and for Seven Rivers

6<sup>th</sup> **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

12 noon for the Benefice St. George the Martyr

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr

8.00am The Eucharist St. George the Martyr

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00 am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

8<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon The Eucharist for new school term St. George's School

10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the Housechurches St. George the Martyr

11<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the Priests St. Mary the Virgin

12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am The Eucharist for HDA Seven Rivers

13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am The Eucharist for Peace in the Holy Land St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> **EPIPHANY 2**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

8.00am The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

15<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon The Eucharist for Elm Park St. George the Martyr

17<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the Diocese St. George the Martyr

18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the Christian Unity St. Mary the Virgin

19<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion Seven Rivers

20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am The Eucharist for Walsingham St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> **EPIPHANY 3**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr

8.00am The Eucharist St. George the Martyr

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

22<sup>nd</sup> 12 Noon The Eucharist for the Free Churches St. George the Martyr

24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the Orthodox Churches St. George the Martyr

**THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

7.00pm The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

26<sup>th</sup> **SS TIMOTHY & TITUS**

11.00am The Eucharist for Bishops Seven Rivers

27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am The Eucharist for Roman Catholics St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> **EPIPHANY 4**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

8.00am The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

## **The Bromley Messenger February 2001**

### **SUZANNE and JAMIE ABBOTT TAKE ON THE ECUADOR CYCLING CHALLENGE ON BEHALF OF MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF**

A good friend commented that I must be either mad or very fit to take up a challenge to cycle 350 miles across Ecuador, and at the moment I think it's the former. When my son, Jamie, first suggested that I join him on this extraordinary trip, it didn't even cross my mind to entertain the idea. But the seed of thought was planted and the idea just would not go away. Although it will be one of the most physically and mentally demanding things I have ever done, the statistic that four in ten people are now likely to be affected by cancer at some stage in their lives prompted my decision to take part. I wanted to contribute by doing something perhaps a little insane, but that will hopefully get noticed, and will definitely increase the awareness of Macmillan's ongoing, invaluable and excellent work.

Between 13 and 25 October, 2001, Jamie and I will be joining around 70 people journeying across Ecuador, the centre of the earth, for a gruelling ride through one of the world's most breathtaking landscapes. Over the course of 13 days we will travel through every type of terrain and discover why Ecuador is known as the land that has four seasons in one day. From the hot and humid jungle we'll climb through the Andes to a height of 327m before descending through the spectacular banana plantations to the welcome shores of the Pacific coast. It promises to be a tough, adventurous challenge, and one that we are tremendously excited about.

Jamie and I have to raise a minimum of £2,500 each, of which nearly 70% benefits Macmillan Cancer Relief directly, the remainder funding experienced guides, a medical team and taxis up the steep bits! If you would consider sponsoring us, it would be very much appreciated, and will go towards raising Macmillan's group target of £195,000. If you would like to support us, please fill in the form enclosed in this month's Messenger and return it with your payment to: Suzanne Abbott, Fir Tree Cottage, Stone Road, Great Bromley, Colchester, Essex CO7 7TX (cheques should be made payable to Macmillan Cancer Relief). Thank you very much and we will let you know how the trip went when we get back. *Suzanne and Jamie*

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### **DIARY 2001**

#### **FEBRUARY**

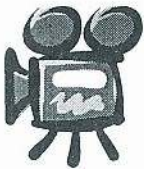

- 3 PTA Quiz Night, School Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Cricket Club Annual General Meeting, Copley Dene, 8.00pm
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.00pm
- 22 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Marys, Ardleigh, 7.30pm
- 24 Church Council Meeting, 9.30am
- 28 Ash Wednesday, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm

#### **MARCH**

- 9 Line Dance evening, Village Hall, 8.15pm
- 5 Eastern Angles 'Crossroad Blues', Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm
- 24 Day trip to Walsingham
- 31 Bromley Memories, Village Hall, 7.30pm

#### **APRIL**

- 5 PTA Fashion Show, School Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Palm Sunday
- 12 Maundy Thursday, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm
- Little Bromley Parish Public Assembly, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm
- 13 Good Friday, S George's, 2.00pm 15 Easter Day
- 19 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22 S George's Day celebration, 6.30pm

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BROMLEY MEMORIES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slide show and talk by Mr John Appleby in Gt Bromley Village Hall on 31st March at 7.30 pm Tickets £3.50 (including glass of wine and nibbles) In aid of Village Hall Funds Ring for tickets on 01206 230578, 230506, 230150 or any committee members</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Come</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LINE DANCING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">at The Village Hall on Friday, 9th March 8.15 pm to 11.30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music by Kathy &amp; Sharon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raffle Bring your own Drinks and Nibbles In aid of Village Hall Funds Tickets £3 from 230150, 230578 and Gt Bromley Post Office</p> 
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### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 3rd February at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start in the School Hall. £5 a ticket includes supper. Tickets available from Sue Skinner or School office.

### EASTERN ANGLES DRAMA

The Eastern Angles Theatre Company has agreed to bring its current production to the Village Hall on the evening of Thursday, 15th March, beginning at 7.30pm. "CROSSROAD BLUES", by James Vollmar. has been specially commissioned by Eastern Angles for their Spring community tour. The Fens meet the Deep South in this tale of a New Orleans singer who winds up in an American-style diner at a crossroads near an old USAF base. She is visiting the haunts of her father, who served here years ago, but what she finds starts her off on an even bigger journey. This is an atmospheric and intriguing play, both sad and funny. Those who came to "In the Bleak Midwinter" last March, will remember the excellence of the production, with its talented players and its imaginative stage set. Because the Company presents its plays in the round, seating will be more limited than usual. Last year we were very sad to have to turn away a lot of people. To ensure what promises to be a very good evening's entertainment, please book your tickets as soon as possible. They cost £6.50 and are available from Great Bromley Post Office or from Anne Clapham. Most of the ticket money will go to pay the fees of the professional theatre company and other expenses, but any surplus will go to the St George's Church Repair Fund. *Anne Clapham*

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 14th December, 2000.

**Basketball Court** To date only 17 households have responded to the questionnaire about the basketball court.

**Springhill Close** The Open space land to the front of Springhill Close has recently been sold by Guardian Properties. The Parish Council is endeavouring to find out who now owns the land.

**Community Re-cycling** The Parish Council has arranged for a bottle bank to be installed on Church Meadow next to the paper bank. This should be in position early in the New Year.

**Village Hall Refurbishment** As requested by the Village Hall Management Committee, the Parish council is investigating the feasibility of raising the village community tax to raise funds to assist with the refurbishment of the hall.

**Millennium Mugs** There are still a few millennium mugs remaining for sale at £2 each. Contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 396767 for details.

**Tendring District - Ward Boundaries** The Local government Commission for England is reviewing the ward boundaries for District Council elections. Not because of dissatisfaction with the existing arrangements, but to ensure compliance with the requirement that as near as possible the number of electors represented by each Councillor is the same in every ward. The proposal submitted to the Commission by Tendring District is to group the parishes of Great Bromley, Frating, Elmstead Market and Thorrington. Great Bromley Parish Council has objected

to this proposal. Whilst Great Bromley could be grouped with Frating and Elmstead Market, it does not believe that Thorrington should be included within this group as there are no commonality of interests with this parish.

**Planning Applications** The following planning applications have been considered by the Council and their comments forwarded to the District Council.

**Hallbrook House, Church Corner, Hall Road** Detached double garage and internal alterations. No objections to this application.

**Greshams Farm, Harwich Road** Continued use of mobile home. No objections at this time. The Parish Council would, however, like this application reviewed annually.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15th February

#### GT. BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

The Management Committee met on 2nd January under the chairmanship of Peter Wenden with all members except three present and an extensive agenda. Following the theft of the coin box telephone from the Hall last September, together with the fact that many people are now equipped with a mobile phone, the Committee has decided to provide a replacement telephone at the Hall for emergency use (999) only outgoing but still capable of receiving ordinary calls incoming. The number remains as it was 01206 230009.

The Millennium Lounge is progressing well. The building work is completed with a huge thank you to Mr J A Malt and his staff for promptly executing this project. A very nice carpet has been supplied and laid by Rob Carey to whom we are most grateful for his help and guidance. We (led by Martin Frostick) are currently looking into blinds, chairs and tables to decide which the Committee feel are suitable. All this costs money, so fund raising has to be done to provide and run these facilities.

We enjoyed the concert by the Occasional Singers, thank you all for the £500 for the Hall (and similar for the Church). This was followed closely by the Christmas sale organised by Jean Wright, thank you to Jean and staff for £429 for the Hall (and similar to the W.I.) Forthcoming events to note in your diaries are a Line Dance on Friday 9th March starting at 8.15 pm and a talk by John Appleby on Great Bromley on Saturday, 31st March, both at the Hall. Later on, we believe the Chairman is planning to have us all back to match fitness again with a sponsored walk along the county boundary - watch this space! *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm on 22nd March

#### KITCHEN CORNER

A nice warming winter dish for the cold weather

##### **SHROPSHIRE FIDGET PIE**

Pastry: 5 oz SR flour, 4 oz butter, 3 oz. mashed potato, salt

Rub the butter into the flour, add salt to taste, then mashed potato. Blend with a fork, leave an hour till cold.

Filling: 1 lb potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly, ½ lb apples, peeled and sliced thinly

½ lb Streaky bacon, 1 tabbsp soft brown sugar, ¼ pt stock or water, seasoning.

Place the potatoes, apples and bacon in a greased pie dish. Sprinkle with sugar and seasoning and add the stock. Roll out the pastry and place over the pie dish (use a pie funnel). Bake in a hot oven 400F/200C for 1¼ - 1½ hours.

*Jill Frostick*

#### QUICK QUIZ answers from last month

1. Kojak 2. Leg before wicket 3 A bison 4. Sir Thomas More 5. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6. Li'l Folks  
7. IV 8. A degree 9. Cuckoo Flower 10. White blood cell or corpuscle 11. Language and literature  
12. Elizabeth Taylor 13. Diwali 14. Under a judge 15. The Tardis 16. Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti 17. Michael

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Who cares about the weather? Our Christmas Dinner at the Village Hall on 21st December was excellent - delicious meal, brilliant entertainment by the "Sapphires" and it was good to see all our members enjoying themselves. The Speaker at our next meeting will be the Police Dog Handler. Competition: an Ash Tray

## Notes from a Village School St. Georges, Gt. Bromley

Although now long past I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jaqui O'Brian for her fantastic contribution to the Christmas Fayre. With the help from Jaqui and many others we managed to raise a grand total of £775. The school disco also raised £92.20. Well done. The "Decorate a Christmas Plate" competition held by the church was won by Oliver Wright (Class 1), Lorna Carey (Class 2), Bronwyn Phillips (Class 4). Congratulations to those children.

PTA Future Events include:

**QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday 3rd February at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start in the School Hall. £5 a ticket includes supper. Tickets available from Sue Skinner or School Office.

**FASHION SHOW** Thursday 5th April in the School Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Sue Skinner. Adults £3.50 includes glass of wine. Children (year 6 and above) £1. Clothes from famous High Street stores will be available and are offered up to 50% off normal retail price.

**BARN DANCE** Saturday 30th June at 8.00pm at Park Farm, Gt. Bromley. Tickets available from Sue Skinner £5 includes Ploughman's supper. Music supplied by Icen Folk with Ron Coxall as Caller. Licensed Bar. A fantastic evening guaranteed.

**Live Music "THE FABs"** Back by popular demand Saturday 13th October at 8.00pm in Great Bromley Village Hall. Licensed bar and nibbles available. Due to the popularity of this event in the past we strongly recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £5 available from Sue Skinner

If you have any suggestions for future fund raising PTA events please let a member of the committee know.

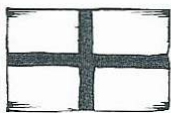
## PLAYGROUP

As we prepare for the start of a new term we look forward to welcoming some new faces. Included in the playgroup sessions we have a Rising Fives group which starts the term during which a child is four years old. This is to encourage the children in concentration skills, pencil control, letter and number formation, recognition of colours, shapes and their own name. The aim is to assist in preparing them for the more formal approach found in the classroom. If you would like to register your child or would like any further information please contact our secretary, Helen Fairley, who will be pleased to help. We accept children from the age of 2 years 6

months. For the younger ones the Toddler Group is held every Wednesday morning in the Small Hall. It is informal and Friendly, just come along. Dates for your diary 19 Feb Half term week 26 Feb Return to Playgroup 28 Feb Return to Toddler Group

## GREAT BROMLEY'S ROAD REPAIRS in the 16th Century

Margery Hardinge's will of 14th October, 1585, shows that the Elizabethan Surveyors of the Highways were doing their job. She left 20 shillings "To the making and amending of the highway between Scode Cross and my gate in Great Bromley". That was not all. "To the poor people there, 13s 4d" Joan's family also benefitted. "To Joan, my daughter, 40s 0d, 1 featherbed, 1 brass pot, 1 kettle, and 6 pieces of pewter. To Gregory, my son, my tenement called Horsepittes with 8 acres of land belonging in Stanway. The residue of my goods to him. I make him my executor." Witnesses were William Church and Joan Holland. The will was proved 17 January, 1569. *John Appleby*



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- ⊕ **BEER FESTIVALS with ENTERTAINMENT** -  
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- ⊕ Other special events held, watch for details

Please note that the kitchen will be closed for refurbishment on 12th February and  
will re-open on Monday 12th March.

Telephone 01206 230282



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fr Nicolas Spicer was our first Speaker of the New Year, who came to tell us about his career and experience as a priest. As a young person, he was encouraged always with his parents' support to join in church activities and became a member of the choir- After obtaining a degree at Lampeter University he lived in Coventry Cathedral for a year running courses for youngsters amongst other duties. Incidentally, there were links with Dresden and America together with ten major religions within a square mile of the Cathedral. Next he went to Chester to have his suitability assessed and upon passing went on to Murfield, Yorkshire for two years to learn pastoral work elocution, speech training together with an interview with the Principal at the start of the 2nd year.

Fr Nicolas then moved to Westbury-on-Trym. Bristol where he was ordained as Curate and stayed for three years. His next move was to Willesden Green, North London as part of a team of one Vicar and four Curates, an area with children and patients from very different backgrounds and religions, many of which learnt much from each other.

After four years, Fr Nicolas moved to Hammersmith Hospital as a full time Chaplain to work alongside a part time Rabbi, a Muslim Teacher and a Polish Minister. His role was to treat each patient equally, to make sure traditionally produced meals were supplied (Kosher food came each day from Wrexham) and to attend the premature baby unit. There is even a Hospital School for children who need a long stay for treatment. He worked there for a further four years before finding himself looking after Ardleigh and the Bromleys. When asked, at the end of his talk, if he found coming amongst us a very different experience, he answered by saying "people are people wherever you are"

In February our speaker is Mrs B Green who will be entertaining us with Folk songs and Poetry. Do come along you will be made most welcome. We will be meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2001 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. *June Willgress*

## **OH YES WE DID!**

The good, the bad and the ugly having caused Pantomonium have been duly entertained and despatched from the village hall in a mood of mirth and enlightenment given the comments received as you have left us after watching the production. We thank you for your continued support which meant we were able to have a Show from Wednesday to Saturday, which is quite an achievement as audiences continue to dwindle across the country, even many professional shows have cancelled shows. Thanks to your kindness and empty pockets we will be able to present a sizeable cheque to our charity Hearing Dogs for the Deaf at our AGM later in the year which is always a pleasure. So as we start on 2002, the script already being written, staging planned we look forward to seeing you again as Bromley continues a tradition not many villages can boast of. THANK YOU Prod. *Nigel Rowe, Pantomime Group*

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION - AND FUND RAISING

A potential fund raiser for the church roof is to offer parts of Great Bromley as a location for film and television. The village will be most attractive to film makers if they can use more than one location in the vicinity. The grounds and facades of the two churches, the school (out of term time), Hamilton Lodge and the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home would offer a wide choice.

Obviously, various restrictions would have to apply, and from my own experience of film making I would not suggest encouraging any interior filming! There is a specialist company that provides location details to production companies. I could send them some photographs of willing participants, listing any restrictions. It is something of a long shot, but they do pay well for the upheaval. If there is any interest, please drop me a note at Colne Bank, Brook Street (next door to the Thatched Cottage near St Georges). *Vaughan Savidge*

## GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NOTICE OF AGM

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs J Clapham Great Bromley & District Cricket Club will hold their Annual General Meeting at Copley Dene on 21st February at 8.00pm.

Spring is sprung and summer will soon be here and already the cricketers of Bromley are playing in the indoor league, doing rather well. As summer approaches we are in need of a person to oversee the preparation of the square which over the years has gained a good reputation. We have 16 home games this season weather permitting so the task will not be too onerous so if any one thinks they can help please phone Nigel on 01206 230398. Of course with the square being looked after we need a team to play and would welcome willing bodies for a friendly and keen bunch who enjoy their cricket especially after the game. If you fit the bill then

please come to the AGM on 21st February at Copley Dene by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Clapham or phone Nigel on 230398.

100 CLUB December 1st Mr J Boulton 2nd Mr J Clapham 3rd Mr B Jones

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Shrove Tuesday falls on 27th February. The usual batter to make pancakes is: 125g plain flour, pinch of salt, 1 egg, 225ml milk or milk and water.

Instead of lemon juice and sugar, try out some different ideas for fillings such as Chocolate sauce or ice cream or Banana and chocolate buttons. However why not try

**GINGER AND BANANA PANCAKES** - Add 1 level teasp powdered ginger with flour and cook pancakes in the usual way. To make filling mash 1 banana per person with cream and add some small pieces of preserved ginger.

**LAYERED PANCAKES** - Instead of rolling the pancakes, use a filling (for instance whipped cream and jam) to layer the pancakes one on top of the other. The layered pancakes are served cut in wedges, like a cake. A mixture of drained canned fruit (such as peaches, apricots, strawberries and raspberries) and whipped cream, makes another delicious filling.

### THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS

Rector: Fr Nicolas Spicer 01206 230344

The Rectory, Hall Road, Great Bromley. CO7 7TS

Reader: Mr Appleby 271458

Churchwardens S Marys Mrs Scargill 395417 Mr Warr 231128

S George's Mrs Fairley 250229 Mr Wild 230679

Dear Parishioner,

As I write this I am witnessing on the television incredible pictures from India of the Kumb Mela, the Hindu festival. With an estimated attendance over the month of maybe 70 million people it has been nick named the greatest show on earth. There are obviously some people taking part who catch the camera's eye, and are fanatics in a way that our Western minds find disturbing, and difficult to understand. That said, the vast majority are ordinary folk like you and me, taking part to celebrate their lives and pray for blessings. It is a great gathering of humanity and so worthy of note.

All this as Christians are beginning to embark again on the season of Lent. Taking from the Bible the account of Jesus spending time on his own in the wilderness and being tempted to use his divine powers for his own ends, so Christians use the six weeks before Easter as a time of self-examination and spiritual growth. Underpinning the whole experience is the command to love God and love neighbour as oneself. All that a Christian does should be measured against this, and Lent is a particular time for each individual to take stock and seek to grow in knowledge of God and self, and so be more able to love neighbour. Jesus was able to resist temptation and do what he believed to be the will of God, even offering himself up to death. because he was confident that he was loved by God. That gave him a self love which in turn developed into inner and outer strength.

For the Christian there is an equal three fold call to love, and times such as Lent enable one to look at how life is lived and try to get the balance right. If I am a great worker for others and yet are not at ease with my own company, then I am lacking. Even love and service of God can be diminished if I'm not a very pleasant person to spend time with. From this stems the idea of giving things up - always a popular image, but less so remembering the second part is that any money saved should be passed onto a charity so that others gain from my abstinence. Denying or stretching or challenging oneself enables one to deepen in self knowledge, but it is hollow if it doesn't have a positive effect on others as well. Lent is nothing without Easter, "dust to dust 0 man" is empty without the faith and hope of the Resurrection. Mere works will fade away, it is our lives and expressions of love that will last. This is the greatest show on earth, may it be one of blessings for us all. *Fr Nicolas.*

## Services for February

### 2nd **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

11.00am Holy Communion, Seven Rivers

7.00pm The Eucharist for the Benefice St. George the Martyr

### Sunday 4th **4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.00am The Eucharist St. George the Martyr

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00 am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

7<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for our local MPs St. George the Martyr

8<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion Seven Rivers

### Sunday 11th **3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.00am The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for our Relationships St. George the Martyr

15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for St John's Hospital. Jerusalem St. Mary the Virgin

16<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion Seven Rivers

### Sunday 18th **2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.00am The Eucharist St. George the Martyr

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am The Eucharist St. George the Martyr

21<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the APCM Seven Rivers

22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the APCM St. Mary the Virgin

23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for the PCC Members Seven Rivers

24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm The Eucharist for Sides People St. Mary the Virgin

### Sunday 25th **SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

8.00am The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr

11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

26<sup>th</sup> 9.00am The Eucharist for our Keeping of Lent St. George the Martyr

### 28<sup>th</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.00pm The Eucharist for the Benefice St. Mary the Virgin

Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh

## **The Bromley Messenger March 2001**

### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND STOUR VALLEY BRANCH - THE END OF THE FOIL ROAD

Guide Dogs for the Blind started collecting foil in 1964 in conjunction with Blue Peter and over the years the re-cycling of foil has become a tradition that has raised enormous sums for the charity. However over the past few years the prices offered has fallen dramatically making it an unviable way of fund raising, so the local collecting point at 184 Long Road, Lawford has ceased to operate. The Association greatly appreciates the tremendous commitment of so many people who have collected aluminium foil in the past. A big "Thank You" to the local people who have been so supportive.

As an alternative to foil Guide dogs for the blind are now stepping up the collection of used postage stamps. Stour Valley branch which covers the areas of Lawford, Manningtree, Mistley, Ardleigh, Dedham, Stratford St Mary, Gt and Lt Bromley, Bradfield and the villages along the estuary to Dovercourt and Harwich will be pleased to receive postage stamps (trimmed off the envelopes leaving 1 cm of paper around the stamp) from individuals, companies, or organisations. Some schools and companies have Guide dog free standing collecting boxes for stamps and if your company, organisation or school would like to help in this way please phone Marjorie Culham for delivery of a box or more information.

Would you like to join the local Stour Valley branch? Membership is just £3 a year; members receive a quarterly newsletter and update of activities. 2001 promises to be another busy, challenging year with a varied programme of events hopefully to include a quiz evening, dog walk, coffee morning, attending shows and events, table top sales, a visit to the training centre at Redbridge for a guided tour, whist drive and more!!! We look forward to having more members to help us help others, putting FUN in fund raising.

Our next event will be a Quiz Evening on 28th April at the Ogilvie Hall, Lawford, 7.30pm. £3 per person to include supper. Bring your own drink. Please book in advance (individuals or teams up to six members) Phone Colin Horlock

### DIARY 2001

MARCH 9 Line Dance evening, Village Hall, 8.15pm

15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

Eastern Angles "Crossroad Blues", Village Hall, 7.30pm

Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

24 Day trip to Walsingham

26 Beetle Drive, School Hall, 5.30pm

31 Bromley Memories, Village Hall, 7.30pm

APRIL 4 Easter Fayre, School Hall, 7.30pm

5 PTA Fashion Show, School Hall, 7.30pm

8 Palm Sunday

12 Maundy Thursday, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm

Little Bromley Parish Public Assembly, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

13 Good Friday, S George's, 2.00pm

15 Easter Day

19 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 S George's Day celebration, 6.30pm

28 Quiz Evening, Ogilvie Hall, Lawford, 7.30pm

MAY 9 Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm

12 St. Georges Garage 81 Plant Sale, Ilex Farm, 10.30am

16 Coach trip to the London Eye

17 Great Bromley Annual Parish Assembly & A.G.M., Village Hall

19 Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall,

11.00am Hamilton Lodge Fete, 2.00pm

20 Rogation Sunday Picnic

24 Ascension Day, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7,00pm

26-28 Flower Festival. St Georges Church

JUNE 14 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

30 PTA Barn Dance, Park Farm, 8.00pm

JULY 11 Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm 26 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm tba Cheshire Home Fete

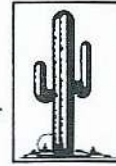
**A DRAMATIC REMINDER!**  
**The Eastern Angles Theatre**  
**Company**  
 will be  
 in the Village Hall  
 on Thursday, 15th March at 7.30pm  
 with their current production  
**CROSSROAD BLUES**  
 described as "A funny sort of love  
 story".

**Don't miss this chance to enjoy**  
 yourself and at the same time help  
 the Church Roof  
 Repair Fund.  
 Tickets: £6.50  
 available at Great  
 Bromley Post Office  
 or ring 01206 230790.



**ST GEORGE'S GARAGE &  
 PLANT SALE**

will be held on 12th May  
 from 10.30am  
 at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane,  
 Ardleigh.  
 Proceeds towards Flower  
 Festival Flowers.  
 If you have anything to  
 donate for the Garage Sale or  
 Plants please contact Ann  
 Wild on 01206 230679



Come

**LINE DANCING**

at  
 The Village Hall  
 on  
 Friday, 9th March  
 8.15 pm to 11.30 pm

**Music by Kathy & Sharon**

Raffle Bring your own Drinks and  
 Nibbles  
 In aid of Village Hall  
 Funds  
 Tickets £3 from  
 230150, 230578 and  
 Gt Bromley Post  
 Office

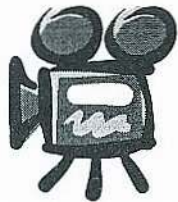


**BROMLEY  
 MEMORIES**

Slide show and talk by  
 Mr John Appleby  
 in Gt Bromley Village Hall  
 on 31st March at 7.30 pm  
 Tickets £3.50  
 (including glass of  
 wine and nibbles)

In aid of Village Hall  
 Funds

Ring for tickets on  
 01206 230578, 230506, 230150 or  
 any committee members



**ST GEORGE'S FLOWER  
 FESTIVAL 2001**

will take place from  
 26th - 28th May  
 Many helpers are needed for various  
 duties, please try and keep some free time  
 to help. Further details in next month's  
 Messenger.

COACH TRIP TO LONDON to include a flight on The Eye Saturday, 16th June, 2001

How do you fancy a flight on London's Eye? This is Britain's highest observation wheel; giving you the opportunity to see lots of London's landmarks followed by the afternoon to visit somewhere interesting, possibly Westminster Abbey? Approximate departure from Ardleigh & the Bromleys 0800 hours Approximate return to Ardleigh and the Bromleys 1900 hours Approximate coach cost £7.00 Flight costs: Adults - £8.60; over 60s - £6.80; children under 15 - £5.00; Under 5s - free. If anybody is interested in coming along please give me a call on 01206 230078 ASAP in order that I may book up. *Sarah Harris*

The Magazine

It was good to read the details regarding the production of our village magazine. It arrives in the box near our gate regularly at the beginning of each month. Only seldom has there been an unavoidable delay in its delivery. The village news, cookery hints and articles about various organisations are keenly awaited. Perhaps we do not always consider the work that goes into the production, editing and physical putting together and delivery of our magazine. Our grateful thanks are long overdue so thank you especially to the Editor, Leonie, and Ann Fairley's wonderful team of helpers for its distribution round the villages and Len the Treasurer. O.S.

THE BROMLEYS EASTER LILIES

Anyone who would like to contribute towards the Lily fund for Easter in memory of a loved one, please contact me before 2nd April. Thank you. Ann Wild (01206 230679)

#### GREAT BROMLEY CAROL SINGING

Christmas! Gosh, yes; that was ages ago. Well, unfortunately, I missed the deadline for the February Magazine so, somewhat belatedly, I would like to say a couple of thank yous. Firstly, thank you to all those stout hearted people who braved the cold (and wet) to come carol singing on 18th and 20th December. We had a very good turn out on the Monday and, apart from attempts at disruption by a few bored youngsters in the Chase Road area (we did invite them to join us!) we had a very successful evening. On the Wednesday numbers were down a little as we roamed Waterhouse Lane and surrounding area, ending up in memorable fashion with a warm welcome and some hearty singing at the Cross Inn. People gave very generously and my second thank you goes to all who helped make up the donation of £180 that I was able to send to Crisis at Christmas; a charity involved in providing food and shelter to the homeless in London.

*Dennis Simons*

#### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 11 January 2001.

**Basketball Court** As there was such a poor response to the questionnaire placed in the Messenger; Council agreed that the expenditure on this project could not be justified. The project has therefore been cancelled.

**Open Space land in front of Springhill Close** The Parish Council is continuing to make enquiries to find out who owns this land.

**Community Rc-cycling** Glass re-cycling banks have now been installed on Church Meadow.

**Village Hall Refurbishment** The Parish Council has agreed to give financial support to the Village Hall in the coming financial year towards the refurbishment work.

**Flooding** Essex Council Council, Highways Department, has carried out a site visit to the Carrington Road area of the village to look at the flooding problems here. A further site meeting with the Environment Agency will take place in the near future to take a more detailed look at drainage.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** The following planning application has been considered by the Council and their comments forwarded to the District Council.

**Barn adjacent to Portlands, Harwich Road** Conversion of barn to dwelling house including rear addition, replacement of outbuildings and erection of a cart lodge. Amended plans As there have been no significant changes to the plans submitted in June, the Parish Council restated their original objections. No objections to the barn conversion or cart lodge. The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed games room and storage areas as it is too large and out of character with the other buildings on the site.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15 March.

#### LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm on 22nd March

#### CARPET BOWLS

At the time of writing we have two more league matches to play in the current season and even with maximum points (if only) it would just bring us somewhere near the halfway mark in the table. Since the start of 2001 we have won 8-0 at home against Beaumont, lost to Wix away by the same score which did nothing for morale on a cold, wet, muddy night, but managed to beat Lawford away by 6 points to 2. A close match but Lawford's Maisie Woodley denied us the whitewash with a beautiful conversion shot with her last wood of the game. So far to date we have 41 points out of a possible 80.

On a lighter note celebrations were in order on 17th January when our leading lady (Evelyn is lead bowl in one of the fours match teams) reached her 80th birthday. We all shared her cream sponges instead of the usual Rich Tea or Hob Nobs, dutifully sang "Happy Birthday" and the Chairman, Pat Petchey, presented Evelyn with a card and basket of small flowering plants. We hope she enjoys many more years of carpet bowling.

Saturday, 10th March is our annual fund raising day which we all look forward to, even the hard working organisers if truth be told. This year the proceeds will go to the Essex Air Ambulance funds. The semi-finals and final should be reached by about 5.30- 6.00pm so if any

readers are interested in coming along to watch - several of the visiting teams will have left by then seating will be no problem - they will be very welcome. Hope to see you. *Nancy Kempster*

#### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Ted Barker - a regular member of the Club died during the week.

**SPRING SALE:** Can you donate anything to our various stalls - cakes, tombola, nearly new, jewellery, or our DRAW RAFFLE please??

The next meeting on 15th March when the entertainers will be Mary and Katie Variety Show. The competition - a PILL BOX. *Vicky Griffiths*

#### KITCHEN CORNER

##### **CHOCOLATE STEAMED PUDDING**

This one is really rich and light!

5 oz SR flour, 4 oz plain chocolate, 4 oz margarine, 4 oz caster sugar, 2 eggs

Melt the grated chocolate in 1 tblsp hot water. Cream margarine, beat in chocolate and sugar, then eggs and flour alternately beating well. Turn into a buttered basin and steam for 2 hours. Serve with cream, custard or preferably chocolate sauce.

Sauce: 2 oz chocolate, ½ pt water, 1 tblsp sugar, 2 teasp comflour

Boil chocolate, sugar and water, add slaked Cornflour and cook a few minutes. Add vanilla to flavour. *Jill Frostick*

#### GARDENER'S CORNER MARCH

By now most of the Garden Centres will have bedding plants on sale - it would be better to wait until the end of the month before buying - there is still the risk of frost. **ROSES:** Finish off pruning tea and florabundas **CHRYSANTHEMUMS:** Stools that have overwintered in a coldframe or greenhouse can now be divided and planted out. **DAHLIAS:** Tubers that were dug up and placed in boxes to overwinter should now be showing signs of new growth - keep in boxes of moist peat until next month. **GLADIOLA:** Before planting at the end of the month place a little sharp sand at the bottom of the hole. **SNOWDROPS:** Divide the clumps and replant whilst still in flower. **FERTILIZER:** Give all borders a dressing of GROMORE.

*Frank Griffiths*

**LAST MONTH'S** Gardener's Corner at last proposed something that I can achieve and I can even add to the suggested gardening activity by including a glass of wine or beer! *V.H.*

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs D Green came and entertained us at our February meeting with her guitar and lovely voice. She sang some well known folk songs mixed with some not so familiar and interspersed with a selection of her favourite poems. We were all encouraged to accompany her with a variety of musical instruments and join in the lyrics! The evening passed much too quickly for me and I am sure that it was the same for the other WI members.

This month's talk is by Mrs Drake on "Bio Flow" If you are intrigued by this do come along and join us on Wednesday, 7th March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, to see what it is all about.

DID YOU KNOW that in 509 BC the New Year began in March? (if you count on to September etc. using March as 1 you arrive at the seventh month...) This date for the start of the year lasted for more than 350 years until the new year returned to January, named after the two faced Roman God of beginnings and endings- (March is named after the god of war as the start of the Roman campaign season to expand its empire was after the vernal equinox.) *V.H.*

ONE OF THE REASONS you have all been getting your feet so wet recently in Great Bromley is that we have had 75mm of rain in September, 143.75mm in October, 120mm in November, 59mm in December, 54mm in January and 91.5 mm up to 14th in February - a total of 542.5mm which is the equivalent 21.36 in. The total for September 1999 to 7th February 2000 was 255.75mm / 10.06in. *G.H.*

#### Playgroup

This term the theme in playgroup is growth. There have certainly been no shortages of items brought in by the children for our theme table. We are pleased to report that the new children who started playgroup in January have all settled in really well and are enjoying our new topic.

If you would like any further information or would like to register your child please contact our secretary, Helen Fairley on 01206 392486 who will be pleased to help. We accept children from the age of 2 years 6 months. Our Toddler Group is always pleased to see new faces. Just come along - your first visit is free. Fund raising also continues in the form of a TABLE TOP SALE at Great Bromley Village Hall on 19th May, 1 1.00am - 2.00pm

### The MESSENGER

MATERIAL for the April 2001 edition of "The Messenger" should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 20th March, 2001 please. Copy can either be delivered by hand, sent by post or by e mail.

The MESSENGER COVER - Next month the cover pages of the Messenger will be updated. For economic reasons it is changed only once a year so PLEASE would all ORGANISATION and ASSOCIATION CONTACTS that need a name, address or telephone number changing on the cover of the Messenger, or indeed any other information on the cover pages, let me have their amendments by 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We thank BROMLEY REFRIGERATION SERVICES LTD. for sponsoring this month's magazine.

### GT, BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Management Committee will next meet on Tuesday, 6th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A brief resume of the facilities on offer at the Hall are a Committee Room (for about 20 people), a Millennium Lounge (about 40), a Main Hall with stage (about 100 for dance and 190 for stage show). In addition, there is a Kitchen and space in the Billiard Room together with car parking on site around the Hall. The use of the main Hall may be combined with the lounge and/or Billiard room to allow you more space to stage your event. A temporary bar is available on site and is usually erected in the Billiard room. March appears to be a busy month at the Hall with many activities planned and already advertised. Fund raising events to note for the Hall are a Line Dance on 9th March, a talk by John Appleby on Great Bromley on 31st March and a visit by The Eastern Angles Theatre Company (in aid of Church Funds) on 15th March. Later on in May, the Chairman is planning to have us all back to match fitness again with a sponsored walk along the county boundary, weather permitting! *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

### SHORT AND SWEET and understood

Ralph Channer of Great Bromley knew what he wanted in his will of 4 September, 1570. He left his wife, Elizabeth, all his goods "during hr widowhood" He stipulated that "if she marry" John Moune and Richard Morant should have one half to the use of his children. "If the Children depart afore" his wife the part to remain to his brother (in-law) Thomas Austen and his children. John Moune and Richard Morant witnessed the will which was proved 6 November, 1570. You could not doubt Ralph Channer's directions - or could you? *John Appleby*

### Notes from a Village School St. George's, Gt. Bromley

Once again the quiz night proved to be a great source of light entertainment. The teachers held their own under adverse health conditions, by coming, second with a close fought battle from the remaining 8 teams for 1st place. An outstanding amount of approximately £400 was raised. A huge thank you to everyone who continues to support the quiz night and for Amanda and Nigel's obscure quiz questions.

The children took great delight in not having to wear their school uniform and as a fine were asked to make a donation to UNICEF. £104 will be sent directly to support UNICEF's work with children growing up alone in Romania and Uganda.

Events coming up during this half term will be: **BEETLE DRIVE** Monday, 26th March, 5.30-7.00pm. Tickets are £1.50 from the school office, to include a small snack and is open to all children at the school. **PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS** on 19th, 21st or 22nd March - don't forget to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress.

**ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S MEETING with PARENTS** on Wednesday, 28th March at 7.30pm in the school hall. **EASTER FAYRE** on Wednesday, 4th April from 1.45- 3.00pm.

### PTA FUND RAISING EVENTS

**FASHION SHOW** Thursday 5th April in the School Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Sue Skinner (tel. 01206 396673) Adults £3.50 including a glass of wine. Children (year 6 and above) £1. Clothes from various High Street stores will be available and are offered up to 50% off normal retail price.



**BARN DANCE** Saturday 30th June at Park Farm, Gt. Bromley at 8.00pm. Tickets available from Sue Skinner £5 includes Ploughman's supper. Music supplied by Icen Folk with Ron Coxall as Caller. Licensed Bar. A fantastic evening guaranteed.

**"THE FABs"**, Live Music, Back by popular demand Saturday 13th October in Great Bromley Village Hall at 8.00pm. Licensed bar and nibbles available. Tickets £5 from Sue Skinner

**VOUCHERS** Just to remind you that the school collects various vouchers. Tesco, crisps, biscuits and cereal packet tokens are all gratefully received. If you are not sure if we want it, just save it and send to the school. We've been able to purchase new computers and books in the past.

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioner, Falling in love is one of life's great experiences, though looking back on teenage angst I often feel a relief that it is past! During the initial stages one's whole world revolves around the person, it's all one can think or talk about, nothing else is important. Eventually, sometimes painfully, often pleasantly, reality kicks in and one has to get a perspective on the matter. This has to happen for the love to grow or to die. Discipline has to be shown! Discipline is not a popular word, but my dictionary gives a positive meaning to the word "training imposed for the improvement of physical powers, self-control". Lent is the traditional time for Christians to exert discipline and to do so in the framework of love; love of God, of neighbour and of self. Perfection, a heavenly hope here on earth, is only achieved by getting the balance of all three right. I can do many things but if I have not love I'm merely a clanging gong (1 Corinthians 13). If I do not have self love, my love for God, in whose image I am created, is diminished.

So Lent is a time for training in the Christian life- As part of this year's programme there will be talks on Christian Discipline every Sunday 5.15pm in S Mary's Hall. A variety of speakers will introduce topics such as Simplicity, Prayer, Solitude, Worship and Reconciliation. You are most welcome to attend and it is hoped that there will be a lively time of questions and discussion afterwards. During the following week groups will be meeting throughout the parishes to look deeper into each topic. These groups are open to anyone who is seeking to develop their Christian living.

My love has to be disciplined to allow it to flourish and spread from me to my brothers and sisters and to God, from whence it originally came. These Christian Disciplines are useful tools for me, tried and tested as they have been down the centuries. I hope they may be for you as well, and that this Lent will see a deepening and growing of Christian love in this place. May God bless you, *Fr Nicolas*.

Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh

**ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR**  
**GREAT BROMLEY**  
*united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh*  
**Services for March**



#### **1st S DAVID**

- 7.00pm The Eucharist for Wales, St. Mary the Virgin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am The Eucharist for HDA, Seven Rivers
- 8.00pm Service for Lent, St. James, East Hill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am The Eucharist for Bishop Edward St. Mary the Virgin

#### **Sunday 4th LENT 1**

- 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George
- 3.00am The Eucharist St. George
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George
- 11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin

5.15pm Lent Talk Hall, St. Mary  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George  
5th 9.00am The Eucharist for the Housechurches St. George the Martyr  
7th 7.00pm The Eucharist for Deanery Chapter St. George  
8th 7.00pm The Eucharist for Christian Unity St. Mary  
9th 11.00am The Eucharist for SSC Seven Rivers  
10th 9.30am The Eucharist for Diocesan Synod St. Mary

### **Sunday 11th LENT 2**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
8.00am The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
5.15pm Lent Talk Hall, St. Marys  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
12th 9.00am The Eucharist St. George  
14th 7.00pm The Eucharist for Enquirers St. George  
15th 7.00pm The Eucharist for Priests St. Mary the Virgin  
16th 11.00am The Eucharist for our Children Seven Rivers

### **17th S PATRICK**

9.30am The Eucharist for Ireland St. Mary the Virgin

### **Sunday 18th LENT 3**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr  
8.00am The Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
5.15pm Lent Talk Hall, St. Mary's  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

### **19th S JOSEPH**

9.00am The Eucharist for Fathers St. George the Martyr  
21st 7.00pm The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
22nd 7.00pm The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
23rd 11.00am The Eucharist for Penitents Seven Rivers  
24th 8.45am Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham

### **Sunday 25th ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD**

7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
8.00am The Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
5.15pm Lent Talk Hall, St. Marys  
6.30pm Evening Prayer with Choir St. Mary the Virgin  
26th 9.00am The Eucharist for Mothers St. George the Martyr  
28th 7.00pm The Eucharist for S Johns Hospital Jerusalem St. George the Martyr  
29th 7.00pm The Eucharist for Katete Hospital St. Mary the Virgin  
30th 11.00am The Eucharist Seven Rivers  
31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am The Eucharist for the Benefice St. Mary the Virgin

## The Bromley Messenger April 2001

### STAY OFF FOOTPATHS UNTIL FOOT AND MOUTH HAS GONE.

Walkers and riders should stay off public rights of way until the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak is over. All footpaths, bridleways and byways in the county have been temporarily closed by Essex County Council using emergency powers granted by the Government to help prevent the virus spreading. Metalled footpaths on housing estates are excluded from the ban and landowners can grant access to their land. Courts are likely to take a dim view of people who ignore the ban and a fine of up to £5,000 can be imposed. Farmers' livelihoods are at risk and everyone can play their part to protect farm animals and wildlife. A public rights of way closure notice can be downloaded from the Essex County Council web site at:

[www.essexcc.gov.uk](http://www.essexcc.gov.uk). Alternatively, landowners can call Essex County Council on (01245) 437132 or 437099 to order laminated versions.

### **Foot and Mouth Disease useful contacts**

Up to date information on Foot and Mouth is available on the MAFF web site at [www.maff.gov.uk](http://www.maff.gov.uk).

MAFF's Foot and Mouth Disease helplines on 0845 0504141 or 01245 356910

Trading Standards on 01245 341800 or by email [footandmouth@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:footandmouth@essexcc.gov.uk)

Essex County Councils public rights of way officers on 01245 437132 or 437099

### DIARY APRIL

4 Easter Fayre, School Hall, 1.45pm

4 WI meeting, Village Hall. 7.30pm

5 PTA Fashion Show, School Hall, 7.30pm

7 Students + Essex Leg arrive St. George's Church, 10.30am approx.

8 Palm Sunday

12 Maundy Thursday, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm

Little Bromley Parish Public Assembly, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

13 Good Friday, S George's, 2.00pm

15 Easter Day

19 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 S George's Day celebration, 6.30pm

24 Village Hall Management Cttee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

28 Quiz Evening, Ogilvie Hall, Lawford, 7-30pm

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### 1952 FOOT AND MOUTH IN BROMLEY

The apparently limitless spread of the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease reminds me of local cases nearly fifty years ago.

Stanley Webb's Gold Cup flock of pedigree Suffolk sheep, and his herds of cattle and pigs were destroyed in early April 1952; these based near Horsley Cross. A few days later, shepherd Sam Hurst was folding his Suffolk flock for Herbert Hayward of Badley Hall, Gt Bromley. There were 180 ewes, 40 young ewes, and 250 lambs who were on a field next to Moor Barn Road, part of Bluegates Farm, now farmed by David Salmon.

Sam noticed two young ewes (hoggets) off colour. There had been various cases in the Tendring District since the previous autumn, and all exports to North America had been stopped since then. It was thought the infection had travelled across the channel from France, perhaps carried by starlings. The police were told (it is a notifiable disease) and a Ministry of Agriculture vet arrived early next day, Monday 7th April. By then there were another ten cases. They had blisters on the feet, and in the mouth, and had raised temperatures. Some were kneeling, some lying down, obviously ill, and breathing quickly.

These facts the vet reported by telephone, and the disease was confirmed, without waiting for a blood test. He made exhaustive enquiries into possible contacts, and prohibited the movement of stock on Badley Hall, and neighbouring farms. The flock was valued, and two further vets, two slaughtermen, one police sergeant and a constable arrived. The affected animals (by now 18) were killed. A mechanical excavator came in the evening, as did the slaughtering contractor for the Ministry of Food, which was separate then. Next day gangs of slaughtermen from Romford and Leiston turned up and makeshift arrangements were made for butchering under field conditions. The remaining sheep in the same fold as those already affected were killed, and buried in lime. The others were individually examined, shot, skinned and dressed and taken away in a shuttle service of five meat vans to appear on the ration away from the countryside. It was another two years before rationing ended and even animal feed was on coupons at the time. The farm foreman, Charles Wenden, and tractor driver Ernie (Bunny) Austin were carting away offal to be buried. Shepherd's lad, Fred Jarvis, helped Sam to pen the sheep for slaughter. On Wednesday it was all over, and the clearing up began. A small gang of European workers set to with the farm staff on the field. All the fleeces were soaked in strong soda solution, followed by the hurdles, stakes, wire netting, troughs, hayracks etc. The shepherd's hut was fumigated, with the clothes of everyone who had been in contact with the infection. The excavator, tractor and trailer were disinfected, as had been all vehicles coming and going, including the horse drawn water butt with which made many journeys over the half mile or so from the farm. This continued through Easter, and finally finished on Tuesday, 15th April, eight days from the start. The sheep feed for the rest of the summer was already growing, and on 1st May we were allowed to restock with commercial sheep and lambs, supplied by dealer, Bill Strang of Stacies Farm, Little Bromley. After a fortnight's holiday, Sam Hurst was back at work. This brief account of an infection caused by a different strain of the virus, at a different time, may seem to make light of a traumatic event. It didn't seem very trivial at the time. *R K Hayward*

### JEAN WRIGHT

Jean, who sadly died on 8th March, 2001, was well known in Great Bromley. She was born at Loftus close to Saltburn by the Sea and the North York Moors National Park, educated at the Colchester County High School and went on to become a professional cook. With her late husband, Derek, and their two sets of twins, they came to live in our village in 1968 from Colchester. She became involved in many village activities, such as a Trustee on the Village Hall Management Committee, a Parish Councillor, a hard-working member of the Women's Institute serving on the committee for many years and as President for a three year term. For several years commencing in 1977, the Silver Jubilee year, she organised village carnival days. She supported the Tendring Show and won many prizes for her beautiful knitting, needlework and cookery. Jean worked for several years with the Charles Palmer Trust at Hamilton Lodge and supported Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and the Parish Church when required. The apple pies she provided for the Harvest Festival celebrations were always popular and for the last umpteen years, also organised a Christmas Sale for the joint benefit of the Village Hall and the Church or the Women's Institute alternatively. In the run up to the new millennium, Jean was a member of the Millennium Committee raising funds to assist with the provision of the Millennium Lounge - a new room recently added at the Village Hall. Jean will be greatly missed in the village by her many friends and our sympathy is extended to her family in their sad loss and grieving.

### STUDENTS + ESSEX LEG

I had a phone call from the organiser of Students + Essex Leg to say despite the Foot and Mouth they still hope to walk to Walsingham. They have re-routed their journey off footpaths so as to keep on roads and have been in touch with local vets who have no problem with them, but obviously they will keep in touch to make sure the situation hasn't changed nearer the time. The day being Saturday, 7th April at approximately 10.30am they hope to arrive at St. Georges complete with cross. So if you would like to meet and greet them to Bromley we will be pleased to see you also, especially as that is the morning we are having our Church Spring Clean!

*James Wild*

### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND STOUR VALLEY BRANCH

Forthcoming Events: Saturday 28th April. QUIZ EVENING, Ogilvie Hall, Lawford. 5 per person to include supper (bring your own drinks). Book with Colin Horlock on 01206 393059, teams of up to six or individuals.

DOG WALK We are holding a sponsored dog walk (Foot and Mouth permitting) on Sunday, 6th May. Starting from the Royal Square Dedham between 10am - 11am approximately 2 miles long. We would like as many dogs and their owners as possible. Sponsor forms are available from branch chairman, Marjorie Culham. If you haven't a dog or do not like the idea of sponsorship you are still most welcome to join us and make a donation to our funds. New members to our branch are always welcome. - *Marjorie Culham*

### THE CONSTABLE FAMILY

John Constable's family lived in Essex at Boxted, Dedham, Little Bromley, Bures and then Flatford. John's forebear, also John, born 1638, was a yeoman at Boxted and moved to Little Bromley. He died in 1701. He married twice. His first wife was Hannah and his second Mary Gardner, a widow. He married Mary in 1695. Hannah bore him four sons and two daughters. There was no family by Mary. John's sons were - John of Langham, Daniel of Little Horkesley, Hugh of Mount Bures and buried there 19 May, 1715, aged 48, a miller, and Benjamin of Bures, yeoman. Hugh married Ann Taylor of Earls Colne at Langham in 1695.

John Constable, the artist, was the great grandson of Hugh and Ann Taylor and was born at East Bergholt, 11 June, 1776. He died 31 March, 1837 and was buried in Hampstead churchyard. What a gift it would be if a painting of Little Bromley by the John Constable was one day found. *John Appleby*

### MILITARY BAND CONCERT

Performed by The Essex Yeomanry Band to be held in Great Bentley Village Hall on Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm In aid of The Royal British Legion 8: St Helena Hospice  
Tickets £6 from Terry Newell, Colin Ladley, David Taylor or Tony Downes.

### Kitchen Corner

Something different for Easter! This cake is light, moist and delicious. The poppy seeds are available in health food shops or good grocers.

#### Ingredients for **BLUE POPPY SEED CAKE**

4 oz (110g) blue Poppy seeds

8 fl oz (225 ml) milk

8 oz (225 g) butter or margarine

8 oz (225 g) light raw cane sugar

3 eggs separated

8 oz (225 g) plain wheatmeal flour

1 ¼ teasp baking powder

Oven temp. gas 4, 350F, 180C Greased, lined 8" cake tin

Bring the poppy seeds to the boil in the milk, remove from heat and leave in covered pan to soak 25 minutes. Cream butter and sugar till light and fluffy, add egg yolks one at a time and beat thoroughly. Mix flour and baking powder and fold into the mixture, then stir in the milk and poppy seeds. Whisk whites stiff and fold in. Spoon into prepared tin and bake 1 hour till firm - test with a skewer. Stand 10 minutes before turning on to a cooling rack.

Happy Easter! - *Jill Frostick*

## OCCASIONAL SINGERS

It is now two years since we came together on an ad hoc basis. However it is now necessary to consider a permanent name and adopt some rules to take us forward on a more permanent footing. A meeting will therefore be held at Seven Rivers on 23rd April at 7.30pm for this purpose, to confirm the appointment of the committee and to fix an annual subscription. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome.

## Notes from a Village School St. George's, Gt. Bromley

March was a busy month for the netball team with live matches arranged against Gt Oakley, Wix, Elmstead, Dedham and Roach Vale. Amazingly as well only one match was hindered by the weather and had to finish early as the pitch was becoming flooded. AND we won all live matches as well - well done Vicky, Kimberley, Shona, Sarah, Rebecca, Alice, Kirsty, Hannah and Michelle - keep it up! The football team coached by Clive Platt has also been in action too against Dedham and Elmstead but with no winning scores yet! DONT FORGET TO KEEP SAVING YOUR VOUCHERS - THANKS

**EASTER FAYRE** on Wednesday, 4th April 1.45pm a 3.00pm Stalls: Cakes, Tombola, Children's Crafts, Toys and Books Also games, raffle and teas Children's competition "An Easter Card" Please will you donate an item for the Tombola or raffle stalls on our Mufti Day on Friday, 30th March

**FASHION SHOW** Thursday, 5th April in the School Hall at 7.30pm Tickets are available from Sue Skinner. Adults £3.50 including a glass of wine Children (year 6 and above) £1 Clothes from various High Street stores will be available and are offered up to 50%: off normal retail price

## Playgroup

With Mother's Day and Easter coming the children have lots to keep them busy this term. They have been making some lovely gifts for their mothers. "Growth" being the theme this term the children have been saving sunflower seeds and making little gardens of cress seeds in the shape of the first letter in their names (seeds everywhere but lots of fun!). The children have also made lovely Easter cards and were all received Easter eggs to take home and eat. We still have a few spaces available for playgroup. We accept children from the age of 2 years 6 months. If you would like to register your child or would like any further information please contact our secretary, Helen Fairley who will be pleased to help. The Toddler Group is held every Wednesday morning in the small hall. It is informal and friendly, a chance for parents with younger children to meet and have a coffee and a chat. The children quite enjoy it too. Your first visit is free so why not come along? Dates for your diary 5 April Last day of term 23 April Playgroup return 25 April Toddler Group return 19 May TABLE TOP SALE

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Great Bromley Parish Council was held on 15th January.

**Tree Planting Scheme** Trees have now been planted in Mary Lane North to replace dead and damaged trees.

**Stone Road** Some of the potholes have been repaired but further repairs will be necessary in the future.

**Flooding** The recent heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding has been exacerbated by the poor condition of some of the roadside ditches. In a letter to the Parish Council, Essex County Council Highways Department has stated that landowners are responsible for maintenance of roadside ditches and that surface water runs freely downstream across their property. The County Council is continuing to work with the Environment Agency and Tendring District Council looking at drainage in the Bromley and Ardleigh areas and taking action where necessary.

**Cross road near the Old Courthouse Inn** Following concerns from residents about the number of accidents and near misses at the crossroads, Council has agreed to investigate the feasibility of extending the 40 mph speed limit to cover the crossroad junction. A letter will be sent to the Essex County Council, Highways Department, accordingly.

**Planning Applications** The following planning application has been considered by the Council and their comments forwarded to the District Council.

**The Thatch Cottage, Brook Street** internal alterations No objections to this application.

**Barn adjacent to Portlands, Harwich Road** Conversion of barn to dwelling house, replacement of outbuildings and erection of cart lodge. Amended plans. No objections to this application.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held on 19th April in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**SPRINGHILL CLOSE** The land bordered by Brook Street, Mary Lane North, Springhill Close and Bromley Brook was bought last November, for a price stated to be £3,500, by Derek Rowe and Allan Richards of 6 High Street, Rayleigh, Essex. The Rona Partnership, Chartered Surveyors, operate from the same address. The Parish Council, therefore, wrote to Tendring District's Head of Planning for clarification of the land's status for planning purposes. He replied as follows: The site is identified in the Adopted Local Plan as an important open space and is protected from development by Policy TRI. When consent was granted for the development of Springhill Close the area was shown as an open area. A later application to develop the site was refused planning permission on the grounds of a loss of Open space and the amenity value to the dwellings in Springhill Close and the village as a whole. Regarding ownership of Springhill Close, Messrs Rona and Richards may well own the land but it forms part of the highway maintained by Essex County Council. *James Heaney*

The Little Bromley Annual Public Parish Assembly meeting will be held on 12th April in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30 pm.

#### GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Management Committee met on Tuesday, 6th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall under the Chairmanship of Peter Wenden with all members present except Jean Wright who was in hospital. Sadly, two days later we learnt that Jean had lost her fight for life and was laid to rest in St Georges Churchyard on Tuesday 20th March with her late husband, Derek. A tribute to Jean is published elsewhere in this copy of the Messenger.

The Millennium Lounge was officially opened on Saturday, 24th March, 2001 at 12 noon in a small ceremony held at the Hall with about 70 people present. The plans for this area were first drafted at the start of 1998 cumulating with construction of the Lounge in the autumn of 2000. We wish to extend our thanks to the vast number of people who have contributed in many, many ways to enable this project to be successfully concluded in the year 2001.

Recently, we had a Line Dance to raise more funds with Kathy and Sharon providing the music and leading the way, ably supported by friends. About 80 people were present to enjoy themselves, resulting in £239 being raised for the Hall. On the last day in March, John Appleby will take us down memory lane to remind us about days long ago in the local area. sounding a very interesting evening in prospect, with proceeds also going to the Hall.

We have been able to help some organisations displaced from Ardleigh Village Hall which unfortunately was badly flooded and still out of action. However, this has caused increased pressure on those who keep our Hall ticking along. Some abuse of the outside of the Hall has also been noted recently with a variety of empties left around together with some damage to the structure. Do you really want you children or the village to be without a meeting place?

The Management Committee next meet on Tuesday, 24th April at 7.30pm and the Annual General Meeting of the Charity will be on Wednesday, 16th May at 8.00pm at the Village Hall. The sponsored walk scheduled for May is being held in abeyance at present pending any further developments in the Foot and Mouth outbreak. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

#### CROSSROAD BLUES

Lots of people have told me how much they enjoyed the performance of this new play by James Vollmar, which took place in the Village Hall on 15th March. This makes me glad to have brought the Eastern Angles Theatre Company to the village again, even though the proceeds of ticket sales only just exceeded the fees and expenses. Fortunately, members of the audience were very generous in contributing to a retiring collection for the benefit of the St Georges Roof Repair Fund, which raised the splendid sum of £270. I am most grateful to everyone who arranged for friends to come and see the play, and to everyone who so kindly made donations to the Fund in addition to paying for their tickets. *Anne Clapham*

#### TABLE TOP SALE

19 May 11.00am - 2.00pm Great Bromley Village Hall Tables available £6 in advance/ £7' on day For more information contact Carolyn Prince on 01206 251858

### CARPET BOWLS : BRUMBELLA CUP

This competition has proved very popular with bowlers in the Tendring Hundred area. 16 clubs are invited every year to enter a team. From 1.00pm the Village hall is a hive of activity. This year was no exception. Pat and Jayne kept the scores and saw to it that the matches were on time for every heat, no easy task. Pauline and her kitchen staff, kept the teapot on the go and the refreshment tables laden with home made goodies, which brought compliments from the visitors. Richard and Thomas talked everyone into parting with their money for raffle tickets which is a large part of our proceeds. Most of the other club members were helping somewhere in the background doing a great PR job.

By 6.00pm the semi-finals were underway, Lawford starting off well against Thorpe until they lost 5 shots on one end, but they made a good comeback and lost the match by only 2 shots, 7-9. On the other carpet Little Clacton took the lead against Dedham, but by the sixth end Dedham were leading 5-4. Two shots to Little Clacton on the last end gave them victory 6-5. In the final Little Clacton could not master the run of the carpet and Thorpe gradually widened the gap beating them 14 shots to 6. A good afternoon bowling all round.

The amount raised for the Essex Air Ambulance was £250 and sincere thanks to all the friends and visiting teams who donated raffle prizes and supported us at this event. *Nancy Kempster*

### CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Great Bromley & District Cricket Club was held at Copley Dene on 21st February. The retiring Chairman, Nigel Rowe, congratulated Peter Brinkley and his team on last season's results and added it was nice to see younger players given the opportunity of playing in league games. The election of officers then took place.

John Clapham - President	Tim Biscoe - Chairman
Katherine Foley - Secretary	Matthew Foley - Treasurer
Peter Brinkley - Captain	Matthew Foley - Vice Captain
Andy Trussler - Fixture Secretary	Dave Hardy - Match Manager
Phil Allam - 100 Club	

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to John and Anne Clapham for their kind hospitality. Pre-season nets have been arranged for 1st and 8th April 1200-1400 at the University, new members welcome.

#### Cricket Club 100 Club

Winners January: 1st Mrs L Allam 2nd Mr D Goss 3rd Mr M Frostick

Winners February: 1st Mr E Daniels 2nd Mr T Fowler 3rd Mr T Marshall

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB SPRING SALE

The 26th is the day when we have our only FUND RAISING day to keep the Club going. Please give us your support - we look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. We have a huge RAFFLE (Tickets available in the Hall) TOMBOLA, JEWELLERY, NEARLY NEW, PLANT STALL, CAKES, BOOK and TOYS, WHITE ELEPHANT and REFRESHMENTS.

Come and join us!

Our next meeting is on 19th which should prove to all of us that "you're never too old" - Mrs Smith the Cycling Granny is to come along and entertain us with her journeys and experiences. The competition is an Ashtray. If you have any DONATIONS to make to our stalls which require collection please phone us. *Vicky Griffiths*

### Gardener's Corner for April

LAWNS It may be possible to start cutting this month - keep the mower blades at medium height. After cutting apply fertilizer. CHRYSANTHEMUMS Harden off cuttings and plant out at the end of the month DAHLIAS Plant tubers at the end of the month. Have some cover handy if, when the shoots are through, there is a frost warning. FERTILIZER It is a good idea at this time of the year to give all borders a dressing of "Gromore". VEGETABLES Sow outdoors - Broad Beans, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflowers, main crop Peas and Potatoes. GARDEN SEATS If you envisage sitting awhile in between digging, weeding, planting, etc. make sure your garden furniture has had its yearly coat of preservative. *Frank Griffiths*

ST GEORGES GARAGE & PLANT SALE will be held on 12th May from 10.30am at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh. Proceeds towards Flower Festival Flowers. If you have anything to donate for the Garage Sale or Plants please contact Ann Wild



### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Eileen drake came to our March meeting to explain how "Bioflow" helps to alleviate aches and pains, aids healing, reduces recovery time and influences your blood as it circulates. Apparently, the secret of "Bioflow" is its unique Multi-directional Central Reverse Polarity (CRP) magnetic field module. The RSPCA and Veterinary Surgeons recommend the use of CRP modular collars for cats and dogs, or boots and wraps for horses with various injuries to alleviate pain and aid circulation. Mrs Drake said that she has gained much benefit by wearing a "Bioflow" wristband. She brought along various samples of these bands that are available on the market. There is also a water conditioner that can be fitted around the incoming water supply pipe which claims to reduce limescale and softens the water, particularly useful in hard water areas. Costs involved are relatively low. For our next meeting, Frank Griffiths is coming along to give us a talk on Gardening. Any visitors wishing to join us will be made very - welcome in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 4th April. - *June Willgress*

### THE BROMLEYS EASTER LILIES

Anyone who would like to contribute towards the Lily fund for Easter in memory of a loved one, please contact me before 2nd April. Thank you. *Ann Wild*

### ST. JOHN EYE HOSPITAL JERUSALEM

A very big thank you to all who came to or supported, the February coffee morning in any way. We raised over £165. What a jolly time we had and wasn't it fun to welcome the children and their folk from the activity morning in Ardleigh Church. Thank you too for a gift of soft toys heading for the children's ward; more always gratefully received as they are given to the children to take home after their stay. Hopefully, the collecting boxes are getting quite full now. Please return them to the Churches at Eastertide or very soon afterwards. Many thanks. *Pru Simons*

THE ST. GEORGES FLOWER FESTIVAL will take place on 26th, 27th and 28th May. Helpers really are needed -- if you can help for an hour or two or if you can come along for a whole day it would be greatly appreciated. If you can make cakes or preserves for the Cake Stall or the Refreshments we would be delighted to accept any donation - large or small. There will be a Tombola stall and we need to collect many prizes - anything at all from a bar of soap: a bottle of sauce to a bottle of spirit or wine. Please have a look and see what you can donate - it may be an unwanted gift. Perhaps you would like to sponsor a floral pew end in memory of a loved one - please come and see Heather or phone her. If you are interested in helping in any way or in sponsorship please call the nominated person below.

Flowers - Ann Wild                      Tombola - Pat & Keith Hughes  
Raffle - Caro                              Pew Ends - Heather Brown  
Refreshments, cakes & Preserves - Ann Fairley



Dear Parishioner,

During Lent Christians attempt to deepen their awareness of God's love for them, and respond to this in love for their brothers and sisters and God himself. A Lenten charity provides a focus for this, and this year we are supporting S John's Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. The hospital is a charitable foundation that provides eye care in a country where the norm is private health plans and many simply cannot afford or relate to such things. Donations are asked if it is felt a person can make one, but no one is turned away. The routine work is on glaucoma and cataracts, but sometimes people present with injuries as a result of accidents, or having being caught up in the city's troubles. Increasingly Palestinian children are being born with eye conditions that can be corrected if their parents can get them to the hospital. Recently a project has been set up to train local people to become nurses and practitioners and so move away from a reliance on foreign staff. Focusing on Jerusalem and her people in thought and prayer, is a very good way of entering into the experiences of Jesus and his followers and what that shows us of God's love. In a highly politicised time an innocent man is killed and his followers, most of whom had abandoned him, experience his coming back to life which transforms their lives. God does not hold human failings or folly against us when an attitude of sorrow and determination to try again is shown. Fasting - going without - is a way of identifying with others who are less fortunate. Some of the parish children (and a few adults!) have decided to go without a soft toy

and pass it onto the hospital. To have something to cuddle when you arrive in a strange sanitised building, unable to see properly, is a priceless gift. Most of the children have nothing at all and so are allowed to take the toy home. An endless supply is needed! Alms giving - converting Lenten savings for others is a simple practical way of expressing love. The hospital is trying to fit each bed with its own light. At the moment if one person needs to be woken in the night for treatment or help everyone is disturbed by the whole room being illuminated! My Christian faith is as nothing if it does not flow from me towards others and back to God in love. May God bless us as we pray, fast and give to celebrate this love, here and in Jerusalem.  
*Fr Nicolas.*

## ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

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### Services for April

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	7.30am 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 5.15pm 6.30pm	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Morning Prayer The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist "Confession" Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>2nd</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for our schools	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>4th</b>	6.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion The Eucharist for Student Cross	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>5th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Christian Unity	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>6th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist for SSC	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>7th</b>	9.30am	The Eucharist for our keeping of Holy Week	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Morning Prayer Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>9th</b>	11.00am 7.00pm	Chris Mass The Eucharist for penitents	<i>Cathedral</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>10th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the lapsed	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>11th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for priests	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>12th</b>	7.00pm	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Silent Watch until Midnight	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>13th</b>	11.00am 2.00pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Stations of the Cross starting from Celebration of the Lord's Passion	<i>St. George's School</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>14th</b>	8.30am 6.00pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>15th</b>	5.00am 8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>EASTER DAY</b> The Easter Vigil Morning Prayer The Parish Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>16th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist for the Community of the Resurrection	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>18th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for S John's Eye Hospital	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>19th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the Housechurches	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>20th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist at and for	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>21st</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for Walsingham	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer with Choir	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>23rd</b>	9.00am	<b>S GEORGE'S DAY</b> The Eucharist for England	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>25th</b>	7.00pm	<b>S MARK</b> The Eucharist for Evangelists	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>26th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Confirmation Candidates	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>27th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>29th</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> The Eucharist Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>



Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh 15

## **The Bromley Messenger May 2001**

### COMMUNITY BUS - SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

St George's C of E Primary School, has been fortunate enough to gain a grant for the use of a minibus to take children to and from school who live a long way away, providing it is cost effective. This undertaking would be managed by Tendring Community Transport (TCT), who are a charity organisation working with Tendring District Council. TCT are currently trying to establish if local rural organisations would be interested in using this mode of transport, so as to assist in the financing of this project for the school. This would enable the bus to be utilised over a wider period of time, including evenings and weekends. The buses are wheelchair accessible, can be door to door for people who have difficulty accessing public transport. Examples of the use of community buses for access include:-

- 1 Railway stations and bus stops
- 2 Towns and villages
- 3 Friends and relatives
- 4 Sporting activities
- 5 Work
- 6 Religious events
- 7 Social events
- 8 Educational visits
- 9 Club outings

If you or your organisation would like to learn more about this service including the cost, then contact TCT. If you would like to be involved in driving such a vehicle, or would be prepared to act as a minder on some occasions, both of which we have had some interest from parents for the school run, contact TCT. The School needs your support in this venture if it is to proceed. Please contact Teresa Coyne on 01255 436962, or write to TCT Hurlingham Chambers 61-65 Station Road Clacton CO15 1SD. *L.B.Christodoulides - School Governor*



## **SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME**

### SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE - HOME NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested, we need volunteers for the following:-

- Reading to residents
- Writing letters
- Taking round tea and coffee
- Helping with the computers
- Generally chatting and spending time with residents.

Please contact Jane, Alison or Robert for more information. Telephone: 01206 230345

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME regrets that the fete on 23rd June has had to be cancelled.

### GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club winders for March:

1st Miss K Hart 2nd Mr M Fisher 3rd Mrs J Christmas

### COACH TRIP TO LONDON

to include a flight on The Eye Saturday, 16th June, 2001

How do you fancy a flight on London's Eye? This is Britain's highest observation wheel; giving you the Opportunity to see lots of London's landmarks followed by the afternoon to visit somewhere interesting, possibly Westminster Abbey?

Approximate departure from Ardleigh & the Bromleys 0800 hours Approximate return to Ardleigh and the Bromleys 1900 hours Approximate coach cost £7.00

Flight costs: Adults - £8.60; over 60s - £6.80; children under 15 - £5; Under 5s

- free. If anybody is interested in coming along please give me a call on 01206 230078 ASAP in order that I may book up. *Sarah Harris*





**MILITARY BAND  
CONCERT**  
Performed by The Essex  
Yeomanry Band  
to be held in Great Bentley  
Village Hall  
on Saturday 12th May at 7.30pm  
In aid of The Royal British Legion & St  
Helena Hospice  
Tickets £6 from Terry Newell 01206  
250029, Colin Ladley 01206 252382,  
David Taylor 01206 251004 or Tony  
Downes 01206 391015

**P L A Y G R O U P**

**TABLE TOP SALE**  
at Great Bromley Village Hall  
on Saturday 19th May, 11.00  
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GAMES - RAFFLE**  
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If you would like to book a  
table please telephone Carolyn  
Prince on 01206  
251858 Tables £6  
(£7 on the day)




**Flower Festival**  
26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2001  
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(Bring your own Teddy)  
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**NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES**

**GREAT BENTLEY SURGERY - DR DEBRA LETTON**

Doctors George, Steiner, Cavenagh and Hunt are very pleased to announce a new arrival! She is Dr Debra Letton, who becomes a partner in the Great Bentley practice with effect from 1st April. Dr Letton qualified from Southampton in 1983 then worked in hospitals for several years before completing her GP training. She is already well known and liked by many patients locally as she has worked at Great Bentley as a retained GP on and off since 1992. She has also held Clinical Assistantships at various hospitals and has gradually developed her special interest which is Family Planning. Dr Letton lives in Tendring with her three children and her husband who is also a local GP. Her interests are listening to classical music, walking and reading. The Great Bentley doctors are delighted that Dr Letton has agreed to join the practice permanently. She is already a very valuable member of the team and brings a new dimension and fresh skills to the surgery. The Hollies, The Green, Great Bentley, Colchester C07 8PJ Tel: 01206 250691

**ARDLEIGH SURGERY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE**

Ardleigh surgery has launched a website at [www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk). The site is for the use of patients and potential patients. It provides information about the services provided at the surgery, the latest news about events at the surgery, together with some health educational material. Currently there is a page about diabetes and another page about travel health vaccinations, reminding patients not to leave it too late to obtain their travel jabs. Other pages give useful contact numbers, audit results and maps showing the practice area and directions to the surgery. There is also a page that will enable patients to make repeat prescription requests to the surgery via the internet. Ardleigh surgery is one of the few practices in the area to have its own website, which we believe will be a useful means to communicate with the increasing number of patients with access to the internet.

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### ARDLEIGH SURGERY APPEAL for an AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATOR

Local businesses and patients are invited to make donations to the Ardleigh Surgery appeal towards the £3000 cost of purchasing an Automatic electronic Defibrillator. Electronic defibrillation is the only effective treatment for cardiac arrest with ventricular fibrillation. This is often the consequence of a heart attack or serious injury through trauma, electrocution or drowning. It is the most common cause of death in sudden, serious collapse. Full recovery by resuscitation in the USA is 30% and in the UK, only 3%! This is thought to be directly related to the availability of automatic defibrillators. The likelihood of recovery from ventricular fibrillation is related to the time taken to receive electronic defibrillation. For each minute that elapses following collapse with ventricular fibrillation, the chance of survival goes down by 10%. Therefore, a quick response is potentially life saving. In the USA, Automatic Electronic Defibrillators are widely available, not only in medical premises, but also in large stores and public buildings. Automatic Defibrillators are now being introduced for public access in the UK. eg, Liverpool Street station has a number of AEDs strategically placed, which can be operated by trained station staff. This example, will hopefully, become commonplace in future. We are hoping that by purchasing an Automatic Defibrillator we can help those near to the surgery by being able to respond sooner than an ambulance equipped with an AED (usual response time being 20 minutes). Ardleigh surgery hopes to raise sufficient funds by the end of May 2001. Drs Paul Manders, Jane Owens & Vernon Bettle.  
The Surgery, Dedham Road, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7LD Tel: 01206 230224

### ESSEX LIBRARIES BOOKTALK GROUPS

Have you ever read a brilliant book and wanted to talk with someone who has read it too? Or hated a bestseller and wanted to find a kindred spirit? Then maybe a Booktalk Group is for you! We are small groups of people who get together to talk about their reading- there are groups for families and teenagers as well. Just the sort of thing that rural communities do- and a fun thing that brings communities together. This is not highbrow lit.crit. we are talking about- it's what you curl up with night and your light is still on at 2am. Groups meet in libraries of course, but mobile libraries are a bit impractical- they can be used to deliver sets of books but what we are really after are halls or homes (yes pubs as well!) which are handy. And we need a village co-ordinator. It may well be you already have a group in which case we would not want to compete, but we would love to offer our services- our knowledge of writers and our book resources. However if you are the person who always wanted to share your reading, but just did not know how to start a group we are the help you need. Each month the group chooses a book to read for the next month- it could be modern, crime, scifi, classic, travel, biography, poetry- almost anything in fact. When the talk starts about your reading experience, the usual problem is stopping... Please contact me at Colchester Library for a chat to explore the possibility of a group in your village. Andrew Fitch . Colchester Central Library 01206 245900

### Essex County Council Media Releases

#### **CRIMINAL ROOFERS IN MID-ESSEX WARNING**

Essex Trading Standards is advising householders in mid-Essex to shut their doors if unexpected workman calls. The advice follows three reports of burglary by men claiming to be roofers in a 2-day period in the Braintree area. You can protect yourself against criminal doorstep callers by simply shutting the door if an unexpected workman calls. Genuine companies won't mind if you take your time to make a decision, says Cllr David Westcott. Cabinet member for trading standards at Essex County Council. Householders can report anything suspicious to trading standards on 01245 341888 or dial 999.

#### **WATCH OUT FOR STORM COWBOYS**

Householders hit by storm damage should watch out for cowboy workmen, warns Essex Trading Standards. With legitimate builders, plumbers, carpenters and other craftsmen working at full stretch, Trading Standards is concerned that dishonest traders will take advantage of the situation to rip off vulnerable consumers. Cowboys have already left a trail of poor workmanship and high bills in parts of the South East. Officers recommend that residents do not deal with a trader if a mobile telephone number is the only contact detail given. Trading Standards advise people to speak to their insurance companies before engaging anyone to carry out repair work and to approach businesses approved by the insurers. In the case of flood damage, electricity and gas companies will make free inspections to advise on safety work.

## BROMLEY MESSENGER Statement of Accounts

<b>BROMLEY MESSENGER</b>		
Statement of Accounts		
	2000/2001	1999/2000
<b>INCOME</b>	£	£
Carried forward	(58.86)	220.14
Creditors	0.00	0.00
Donations	108.98	104.48
Advertisements	670.30	427.00
Sponsorship	1010.00*	755.00
Interest	4.10	4.19
Debtors	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1734.52</b>	<b>1510.81</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Printing	1649.92	1531.91
Postage	19.00	15.00
Expenses	41.98	22.76
Debtors	0.00	0.00
(Loss) /Gain	23.62	(58.86)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1734.52</b>	<b>1510.81</b>
Honorary Treasurer		
L.B.Christodoulides MBE		1 April
2001		

We show a small profit this year, however we did get an extra donation from the Parish Council of £240, which means that we actually would have made a loss. Income from advertisements and sponsorship are up. I ask you all to help in trying to obtain more of all incomes, especially the business card advertisements, where we seem to be attracting more outside advertisements. As always well done to all the contributors. deliverers, and our editor for their continued support. If anyone has any questions about these figures please, let me know, and will do my best to answer them. .

Honorary Treasurer ; L.B.Christodoulides MBE:

### GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The latest meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, 24th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. On the last day in March, John Appleby took us down memory lane with a talk and slide show in the Village hall, to remind us about days long ago in the local area. Some very interesting pictures were seen and invariably they raise many more questions than we could find answers. A very enjoyable evening with drinks and nibbles to accompany the chattering during the interval. Many thanks to those who helped and to those who supported this fund raising event at the Hall, organised by Beryl Hurst, which made £460. Our appreciation to John Appleby who made it all possible with his presentation and relentless research on the subject.

Coming up this month is the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Charity. We will be glad to see you on Wednesday, 16th May at 8.00 pm at the Hall. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will present their reports to those present on the activities of the Management Committee during the previous Charity year and we will form the Committee for the ensuing year. The Management Committee is made up of seven appointed members (one from each of seven organisations named in the Trust Deed), five elected members (elected at the AGM having been nominated by a Proposer and Secunder prior to the election) and up to three co-opted members. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 15th March.

**Chevron Sign near School** The Parish Council has requested urgent repositioning of one sign near the school. Action awaited by the County Council.

**Hare Green Recreation Ground** The noticeboard on the recreation ground has been vandalised. Quotes for repair are being obtained.

**Flooding** The Parish Council is continuing to liaise with the County Council regarding the flooding problems in the village.

**Tendring in Bloom 2001** Great Bromley will again participate in the "In Bloom" scheme organised by the District Council and flower tubs will be positioned throughout the village. The Parish Council has applied for a grant to assist with funding.

**Speed Restriction** A request has been made to the County Council to extend the 40 mph speed restriction to cover the cross road junction near Selectacars. A request has also been made to extend the speed restriction in Badley Hall Road to include Peace Cottages.

## Donations

The Parish Council has recently made donations to the following worthy causes:

£100 - Tendring District Council - Coastal Fun 2001 School holiday activity programme, for children held at various locations throughout the district. The scheme is free of charge.

£100 - To the Women's Royal Voluntary Services Volunteers operate a range of projects from Meals on Wheels, hospital support, toy libraries etc. Government support to this organisation is gradually being withdrawn.

£50 - Friends of Foundry Court - Day Centre

£25 - Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Association - "Message in a bottle" scheme. This is a voluntary scheme intended for use by any person living at home. The scheme provides the emergency services with vital information of any illness or medications and the name of a person to be contacted in the event of an emergency. The details are stored in a bottle in the fridge. The donation given will be used to purchase containers for use by vulnerable people in our village.

£100 - Hamilton Lodge Trust.

£60 - Tendring Crime and Disorder Partnership. To assist with the funding of the Safer Communities Project Officer Planning Applications

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

**Bottle House, Carrington Road.** Demolition of part of existing dwelling and erection of extensions to provide additional accommodation No objections to revised plans.

**Shaftesbury House, Briar Road** Open storage of agricultural machinery The Parish Council has no objections to this application but would like the existing conditions applied to this application to remain.

The Annual Parish Assembly/AGM of Gt Bromley Parish Council is to be held on 17th May in the Village Hall

## PLAYGROUP

Last month the children made some beautiful Easter cards and planted some sunflower seeds in pots to take home and grow. The children had a lovely time hunting for Easter eggs during the last week of term. Our Easter raffle, held on the last day of term, was very successful and raised a total £180. a very big thank you to everyone involved. We would like to wish a fond farewell to William Garnham who is leaving us to start school after Easter. Good luck William.

For our summer playgroup outing this year we are hoping to take the children to Chappel to see and ride on the trains. The theme for this term is Transport, which works in nicely with the summer outing.

DON'T FORGET: TABLE TOP SALE at Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday 19th May

Dates for your diary: 23 April Playgroup returns 25 April Toddlers return 19 May Table Top Sale

## Notes from a Village School St. George's, Gt. Bromley

The PTA have been as busy as usual raising money for the school. Firstly the Beetle Drive was organised for the enjoyment of all the school children and £40 was raised. They then held a Fashion Show which was well attended with £240 being raised during the evening. The Easter Fayre was a great success with a lot of the children organising games to raise money. The children had to design an Easter card for a competition - well done to Toby, Alfie, Catherine, Matthew, Gavin, Rebecca and Sarah who won their respective year groups. The whole day raised £313 for school funds. Forthcoming events include: CHILDREN'S QUIZ NIGHT on 25th May for years 3 - 6, tickets £1 from Office.

BARN DANCE on Saturday, 30th June at Park Farm. Tickets £5 to include a ploughman's supper. Music supplied by Icen Folk with Ron Coxall as caller. Provisional date for FUN DAY is Sunday, 22nd July - details to follow. Advance Notice of two staff training / non pupil days on 2nd and 3rd July, 2001.

## COLCHESTER INSTITUTE CHAMBER CHOIR

at St Marys Church, Ardleigh Saturday, 12th May at 7.30 pm Tickets £5 (concessions £3.50) available at the door or telephone 01206 394143 or 230205 Proceeds to the Organ Fund

### CARPET BOWLS

I don't think I would get a job as a weather forecaster or perhaps on second thoughts, I might as they are not always right any more than I was in my prediction in the March issue regarding our final position in the league table. I give full credit to our match players who stoically fought on to reach second place - only two points behind league winners, Lawford. Next year I shall keep my views under wraps. Well done everyone! In March we held our annual dinner at the Cross Inn, welcomed by Brenda and Richard. A good meal and pleasant evening was enjoyed by 27 members and friends together. Club evenings will carry on throughout the summer with one or two friendly matches yet to be arranged. We, as a club, send good wishes to Doreen, our Chairman's wife, who has recently undergone a hip operation. *Nancy Kempster*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Yes, it was me - I put the wrong date for the SALE - of course it should have said the 28th - I now make doubly sure the calendar is showing the correct month! Our next meeting will be on 17th May when we have Barbara Boswell talking and demonstrating on CARNIVAL GLASS. The competition is "a small glass item". With great sadness one of our regular members of many years - Mr Wilfred Newman - died after a short illness. He will be greatly missed at the Club and by his many friends, and we send our sincere condolences to his wife, Lily, and all the family. *Vicky Griffiths*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our April meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory" of our fellow member, Mrs Jean Wright, who died recently. Mrs Jill Frostick, our President, then reminded members of forthcoming events: a fund-raising evening on 27th April at Castle House, Dedham, the Constable Group meeting at Lawford Ogilvie Hall on 30th April and the Hamilton Lodge Fete at Great Bromley on 19th May for which Members are asked to provide a "pantry shelf" The speaker for the evening was Mr Frank Griffiths with a talk on growing sweet peas and fuchsias. He gave us many useful tips on how to obtain the best results from our plants. Frank also showed us how to make handy tools and gadgets for gardening out of plastic containers - a scoop for compost and small "greenhouses" from bottles as covers for tender plants. Many of us took up his invitation to ask questions at the end of his interesting talk. This month, on Wednesday 2nd May in the Village Hall, Mrs Sheila Gunson, a Women's Institute Adviser (WIA) will be joining us to help in deciding how we should instruct our delegate to vote on the Resolutions being debated at the Women's Institute Intermediate General Meeting in June. *June Willgress*

ST GEORGES GARAGE & PLANT SALE will be held on 12th May from 10.30am at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh. Proceeds towards Flower Festival Flowers. If you have anything to donate for the Garage Sale or Plants please contact Ann Wild on 01206 230679

### THE REVD ALFRED DAVIES COPE, MA

Mr Cope died at the Little House, Dedham on 28 December, 1931. He was 87. He was Rector of Little Bromley from 1902 to 1925 and was buried there 1 January, 1932. Alfred Cope was a musical man among other abilities. He inherited his musical talent from his grandfather, The Revd Dr Richard Cope who not only set some of Wesley's hymns to music but composed chants for the Psalms as well as hymn tunes. Alfred did the same and at his funeral his composition "Psalms of glory, raiment bright" was sung with gusto.

In 1867 Alfred was a master at a school in Springfield run by the Revd (later Canon) Dr F J Manning who was Rector of St Leonard's Church, Colchester, 1874- 1886. Being a fine scholar and linguist Mr Cope became the headmaster of Andover Grammar School, 1874-1880. He was ordained in 1873 and first went to a Warwickshire parish before becoming a University don and later an Army coach. He was captain of the Wadham College, Oxford, boat and a keen cricketer. He was also a good horseman and played golf until he was 75. Among his published works were "An Essay on a recently discovered Fragment of Juvenal" and "A Translation of The Frogs of Aristophanes" both much appreciated by classical scholars. Mr Cope was survived by his widow (nee Marion Olivia Brock) and his eldest son and a daughter. He was much beloved in Little Bromley. Have you seen the "Wadham" window in his memory? He also commissioned the King Charles and Archbishop laud windows in Little Bromley's chancel as a memorial and thanksgiving to those from the parish who died in The Great War. *John Appleby*



## ST. GEORGES CHURCH, GREAT BROMLEY

Flower Festival 26th to 28th May 2001 10.30am to 5.30pm Daily

What are you doing over the May Bank Holiday weekend? Whatever else, one family event that is well worth a visit is the St. Georges Church Flower Festival. St. Georges is a beautiful medieval church and, dating back as it does to the thirteenth century, there is much to commend it. When the sun shines through the glorious stained glass windows into the light interior it gives a wonderful feeling of peace and tranquillity. Add to that a series of flower arrangements based upon the theme The Plants of the Bible and you are not likely to be disappointed. But the event is not only for adults. Having shown to be popular two years ago. there will once again be Teddy Bear parachuting from the Church Tower. So, whatever age you are, bring your teddy along to enjoy a rare adventure! Various sizes of parachute will be available as we try to ensure a gentle descent. In addition, there will be stalls, refreshments and a raffle. If you visit on the Saturday or Sunday you won't even have to worry about lunch as barbecue lunches will be available. And the cost? Entrance to the Flower Festival is just £1 per person. There is ample parking and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

### Gardener's Corner for May

**HOSTAS:** Clumps of Hostas which are now showing their shoots can be divided to get more plants. Dig down the side of the clumps and cut off a piece of the plant, make sure you have two or three shoots on the piece you have cut off. **ANNUALS:** Plant out half-hardy annuals this month. Sow seeds of Canterbury Bells, Foxgloves, Sweet Williams and Wallflowers. When the plants are big enough to handle plant them in their permanent positions. **ROSES:** As the season is still a bit cold last minute pruning of unwanted growth can still be carried out. **BULBS:** If bulbs are in the way of other planting they can be lifted and either heeled in a corner of the garden or dried off for next year. **GLADIOLI:** Plant this month 4 - 6 inches deep - a little sand at the bottom of each hole will help the drainage. - *Frank Griffiths*

### DIARY

#### **MAY**

- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Dog Walk, Royal Square, Dedham, 10am
- 9 Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm
- 12 St. George's Garage & Plant Sale, Ilex Farm, 10.30am
- 12 Military Band Concert, Gt Bentley Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16 Coach trip to the London Eye
- 16 Village Hall Management Cttee AGM, Village Hall, 8.00pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 17 Great Bromley Annual Parish Assembly/AGM Village Hall
- 19 Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 11.00am
- 19 Hamilton Lodge Fete, 2.00pm
- 20 Rogation Sunday Picnic
- 24 Ascension Day, S Mary's, Ardleigh, 7.00pm
- 26-28 Flower Festival. St George's Church, 10.30am-5.30pm daily

#### **JUNE**

- 3 Pentecost
- 14 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm
- 30 PTA Barn Dance, Park Farm, 800pm

### KITCHEN CORNER

#### **CHICKEN PROVENCAL**

For each person allow 1 chicken drumstick and 1 rasher of Streaky bacon.

Other ingredients: small tin of tomatoes, 1 tblsp tomato puree, 1 large onion, 1 clove garlic, 1 oz butter, 1 oz flour, ½ pt chicken stock/wine mixed, seasoning parsley or thyme.

Lay a Sprig of chosen herb on each drumstick and tie the bacon round with string. Saute the joints till golden in butter or oil. Remove joints from pan, add chopped onion and soften, add tomatoes. stir in flour and other ingredients. Replace the joints and simmer 30-40 minutes. Remove the strings and serve with sauce poured over. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. This is good served with spinach and new potatoes. *Jill Frostick*

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Parishioner,

The theme to this year’s Christian Aid collection is making a difference. We often hear bad news from the developing world but did you know in the last 40 years infant mortality in Bangladesh has halved? Or that in the last 30 years adult literacy in Uganda has leapt from 37% to 65%? Or that in the last 40 years the number of people in Brazil with access to clean water has more than doubled from 50 million to 125 million. Giving to organisations such as Christian Aid makes a difference to people in our world. In this magazine you’ll find an envelope for you to use to make a donation. Please return it to Church, Chapel, the Post Office or to any church-goer. If you are a taxpayer filling in the back adds nearly 30% to the value of your gift. Last year a record 12 million was raised (including the tax reclaim) funding many projects.

Torina Begun lives in a village in Bangladesh where few people have access to modern health facilities. Torina is a Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) trained by an organisation supported by Christian Aid. Torina first benefited from Christian Aid after the 1987 floods destroyed her home and later when she joined a savings and loan scheme. Being able to borrow money from the scheme has allowed her to rebuild her family home, buy a field and set up a rickshaw business - her husband runs one of the rickshaws! Having gained so much from her involvement she has decided to give something back to her own community by becoming TBA. Having a local TBA is often the best hope mothers-to-be have of a safe delivery. Please return your envelope with your gift in and help make a difference. May God bless you. *Fr Nicolas*

**Services for May**

2nd	6.00pm	The Eucharist	Hamilton Lodge
	7.00pm	The Eucharist for priests	St. George the Martyr
3rd	7.00pm	<b>SS PHILIP &amp; JAMES</b>	
		The Eucharist for Bishops	St. Mary the Virgin
4th	11.00am	The Eucharist for Christian Unity	Seven Rivers
5th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Travellers	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 6th		<b>EASTER 4</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
7th	9.00am	The Eucharist for our Housechurches	St. George the Martyr
9th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the PCC	St. George the Martyr
10th	7.30pm	The Eucharist for the PCC	St. Mary the Virgin
11th	11.00am	The Eucharist for the SSC	Seven Rivers
12th	9.30am	The Eucharist for Walsingham	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 13th		<b>EASTER 5</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
14th	9.00am	The Eucharist for our Bishops	St. George the Martyr
15th	8.30am	The Eucharist for our Deanery	St. Mary the Virgin
16th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for our children	St. George the Martyr
17th	9.30am	The Eucharist for our Wardens	St. Mary the Virgin
18th	11.00am	The Eucharist for the Elderly	Seven Rivers
19th	9.00am	The Eucharist for Hamilton Lodge	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 20th		<b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.30am	The Benefice Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
23rd	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the Confirmands	St. George the Martyr
24th		<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	
	7.00pm	The Benefice Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
25th	11.00am	The Eucharist for the Flower Festival	Seven Rivers
26th	9.30am	The Eucharist for all engaged couples	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 27th		<b>EASTER 7</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
28th	9.00am	The Eucharist for Walsingham	St. George the Martyr
30th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for our schools	St. George the Martyr
31st		<b>THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY</b>	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist for family life	St. Mary the Virgin

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE TORY PARTY AT PRAYER !**

I doubt whether this was ever true, but obviously many thought it was! Members of the media are forever trying to get Church leaders to criticise or endorse a party or a policy as it makes headlines and is a good stick to beat the politicians with. There are those who feel the Church should keep well out of politics but I don't agree. Party politics yes, but to think that being a Christian is to be apolitical is to be naive. It is not my job to suggest to anyone who to vote for and I do not do so. Committed Christians are rightly to be found in all the main political parties. The Churches have always taught their members that it is a moral duty to vote. Democracy is something many people in our world would treasure and so Christians should not withhold their vote out of indifference, apathy or cynicism. To follow Christ always demands a personal commitment. This is something that can never be wholly private. because the commandment to love God and our neighbour go hand in hand.

A vote then should be used wisely and prayerfully. A General Election is not a single issue referendum, but by discovering a candidate's views on fundamental issues can be very revealing to his or her overall values and priorities. Christianity teaches that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and has a dignity that does not depend upon age, race, gender, wealth or any other attribute. From conception to death each human life has a value that can never be lost and should never be ignored. Christians are also dependent upon, and responsible for others, so if self-interest means neglect of neighbour then each are diminished. Christians are also an integral part of this world so have a duty to care for it.

So what view does the candidate you are thinking of voting for have on euthanasia, abortion and cloning of human embryos; child poverty, poor educational achievement and dysfunctional behaviour; on global poverty, injustice, asylum seekers and refugees? It is easy to be pessimistic, Christians should be aware of this as much as anyone. Jesus came so all might know love and life and in their fullest senses. There is much to be thankful for in this beautiful world of ours, may it continue so through wise stewardship and careful consideration towards ourselves and our brothers and sisters. May God bless you.

*Fr Nicolas.*

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Jill Frostick is having a

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of the National Trust

on Tuesday, 5th June, 2001

10.30 am - 12 noon

- Bring and Buy
- Plant Stall
- Raffle etc.

Grove House, Frating Road,  
Great Bromley

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup returned for the start of summer term on 9th May. We are pleased to report that the new children have quickly found their feet and are settling in really well. Our topic for this term is transport. Some wonderful models of rockets and hot air balloons have been made by the children, and there has been an endless supply of helicopters for our theme table. With the onset of the better weather we have been able to use our outdoor play area much more. It is great fun to have the sand and water out again. We accept children from the age of 2 years 6 months. If you would like any further information please contact our secretary, Helen Fairley, who will be pleased to help. Toddler Group is held on Wednesday mornings - just come along your first visit is free.

Dates for your diary: 28th May Half-term week 4th June Playgroup returns 6th June Toddler Group returns

## CALL CENTRE TECHNIQUES

At the Colchester Institute we are committed to listening and trying to meet the needs of our local community. As such we are running a Certificate in Call Centre Techniques training course which is open to anyone seeking a change in direction and the opportunity to develop and learn new skills. It runs during the day and in the evening, all year round, and takes place in a state-of-the-art simulated Call Centre Room at the Colchester Institute, Colchester. It is delivered by highly qualified tutors, each a specialist in his/her own field. With the main emphasis on the development of excellent customer service, the course also covers areas such as communication, listening and keyboard skills. and personal development. We are also building strong links with local Call Centres, several of which are now giving priority to our students with regard to recruitment, and have family friendly hours. If you are interested, and would like to Find our more. please do not hesitate to contact Robin Guymer on 01206 518370.

## Notes from a Village School St. George's, Gt. Bromley

Dates for your Diarv

BARN DANCE on Saturday 30th June at Park Farm. Tickets £5 to include a Ploughman's Supper. Music supplied by Icen Folk with Ron Coxall as Caller.

SPORTS DAY - 6th July - weather permitting

Provisional date for FUN DAY is Sunday. 22nd July - details to follow.

Advance Notice of two staff training / non pupil days on 2nd and 3rd July.

**SPORTS NEWS** The netball and football teams have been having matches with local schools and clubs and doing very well. Good luck in your end of season tournaments! Rounders and Scatterball clubs are now up and running for the Summer Term, culminating in a Tournament with Tendring Small Schools Cluster Group.

**GOVERNOR NEWS** We are pleased to be able to report that progress is being made with the Private Finance initiative to improve our school and 11 others in this area. Kier Group Consortium have been named as the preferred bidder and we are hoping that contracts will be completed in July for work to start during the Summer Holidays. The existing old building will remain but with the addition of a new hall and two new classrooms - those TEMPORARY classrooms have been there nearly 30 years! This is exciting news for the school , and we hope it doesn't cause too much disruption while building work is going on.

**BEWARE THE SUMMER TERM CYCLISTS!** Not only is cycling proficiency being held for year 6 this term but also many younger children are starting to cycle to school. It is great to see a few less cars on the road so please everyone give them a wide berth and drive slowly past them.

## BROWNIES

Since January we have taken part in a Divisional Craft Exhibition with "Spaceman in the Corner" as the theme. We have done various forms of handicraft work towards badges and four girls have just been on a District Pack Holiday. We meet on Tuesdays during term time, 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm in Great Bromley Village Hall so if your daughter is between 7 and 10 years old and would like to join us on our ventures please contact Brown Owl or Groovy Chick .

**MATERIAL** for the July 2001 edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by 9th June please. Copy can either be delivered by hand, sent by post or by e mail: We thank the HIGH SCHOOL, COLCHESTER and THE OLD COURT HOUSE INN, GREAT BROMLEY for sponsoring this month's magazine.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG FOR DOORSTEP CRIMINALS

Watch out if a stranger knocks on your door. Spring has sprung for doorstep criminals and the number of complaints to Trading Standards about cowboy workmen offering to carry out household improvements, gardening work or drive resurfacing has increased in recent weeks. There has also been a spate of calls from bogus water and energy company officials. The problems caused by these types of callers range from shoddy work and inconvenience to burglary, theft, and deception. These visitors appear to be genuine, charming, well dressed and confident. They can be young, old, male or female.

- Remember to ask to see callers' identity cards. Check with the organisation your caller claims to represent to make sure they are genuine.
- Think twice before buying block paving, gardening work, household repairs or tarmac from doorstep callers - they could be trying to cheat you. Legitimate businesses will always give you time to think about using their services.
- Keep an eye on your elderly neighbours. They are popular targets for bogus callers.
- Tell someone if you have seen something worrying. Have a word with your local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator or the police if you think there is someone suspicious in the area.
- Call the Police on 999 if a doorstep caller threatens you.
- Trading Standards can be contacted on 01245 341888 or by email at [tradingstandardsfrhessexec.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandardsfrhessexec.gov.uk) for advice on consumer issues.

Media Contact: Sue Kielty or Michele Clark at Essex Trading Standards on 01245 341800.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 19th April.

**Flooding** Much of the flooding in the village has been exacerbated by the poor condition of roadside ditches and over the years many ditches have been completely filled in. The District Council is the land drainage authority who has the power to take action against landowners or parishioners who have filled in or neglected ditches on their property. The County Council is continuing to work with the District Council to try and resolve the flooding problems in the area but this will be a lengthy process.

**Potholes** The numerous potholes in Hillyards, Colchester, Park and Stone Roads have been reported to the County Council for action.

**Councillor Vacancy** Lieutenant Colonel Martin Frostick has been co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy.

**Footpaths - Foot and Mouth Disease** The Parish Council gave details of footpaths in the village which run through livestock farms. Most footpaths in the village are now Open to the public.

### Planning Applications

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

**The Book Service, Colchester Road, Frating** Expansion of facility The Parish Council objects to this application as it is considered to be an excessive intrusion in the countryside.

**5 Lakewood, Hall Road** Relocation of shed The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

### LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm on 14th June.

### ST OSYTH OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 2001

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June 11.00 am - 6.00 pm Entry and garden Guide £2.50 from the Parish Church. Many beautiful gardens including the Priory Rose and Tepiary Gardens In aid of the Friends of the Church, for the Fabric of the Church, its Tower and Bells Refreshments - Raffle - Plant Stalls *Supporting St Osyth in Bloom*

### GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for the April draw

1st Mrs L Oakley Lax 2nd Mr R Kynaston 3rd Mrs A Mead

### DEBTS NOT FORGOTTEN NOR FORGIVEN

Thomas Vynes lived in Great Bromley until at least 10 November 1584. when he made his last Will and Testament- He appears to have been a godly man and a reader by the bequest to a daughter.

To John, his son, he bequeathed 30s., a flockbed and a pair of plain bedsteadles.

To his daughter, Faith, 30s., his cloak and service book

To Margaret. 30s., and his gown (another unmarried daughter).

To Anne Crammer. 30s., (a married daughter).

And Alice Weese, 20s.

His executor was his son-in-law, William Crammer whom he must have trusted.

His cousin, Stephen Riche, was to supervise and to have for his pains 6d.

Witnesses were John Munte. William Man(n). William Tonget.

Then comes the crunch!!! And what a memory and the time to remember.

“Thomas Vynes doth confess on his deathbed that his son-in-law, (William Crammer). doth owe him £6 13s. 4d and William Mann oweth 10s 4d.

*John Appleby*

### KITCHEN CORNER

June is the month for elderflowers, and they can be used to flavour many delicious summer desserts and drinks. It is best to gather them when dry and just opened. Here is a dessert to try.

**Elderflower Bararois** Serves 8

2 heads of elderflowers, 3-4 pint creamy milk, 4 eggs, separated, 4 ½ oz caster sugar

1 sachet powdered gelatine 5 fl oz double cream

Bring elderflowers and milk slowly to the boil, remove from heat, cover and infuse 10 minutes.

Whisk the egg yolks with 3oz of the sugar in a large bowl till thick and pale coloured. Boil milk again then strain. Pour slowly onto egg mix, whisking all the time. Place the bowl over hot water and stir till the custard thickens to coat the back of a spoon. Sprinkle gelatine onto 4 tablesp

hot water and stir till dissolved. Stir into the custard. Whisk egg whites, add rest of sugar and whisk till stiff, then fold into the custard. Leave in the fridge till nearly set then fold in the whipped cream. Spoon the mixture into a rinsed 2½ pt mould, cover with oiled greaseproof paper and leave to set in fridge. Loosen edges and turn out onto a plate after dipping into hot water. Serve with fresh soft fruits. *Jill Frostick*

### MOTHERS UNION

The Mothers Union is celebrating a birthday. This year it will be 125 years since Mary Sumner formed the first branch. While we are not quite so old here in Ardleigh as a Branch (we are 64 this year), we hope you will join us in celebrating this event. What are we going to do? It has been suggested we make an extra effort to support the various schemes & projects undertaken by the MU in various parts of the world (and in this country).

A new project was started last year - the Literacy Project - which has been started in three areas in Africa. It is very hard perhaps for us to realise that there are many people who cannot read and that without this kind of help are not likely to learn. There are the Contact Centres in our own Diocese of Chelmsford where children of broken marriages can meet with parents in comfortable surroundings. The Away From it All Scheme for people in need of a holiday to give them a break (I know, we all do. but there are some to whom this is impossible without help) to mention but a few.

You do not need me to tell you that anything like this needs money. So we hope you will help us raise some by means of a COFFEE MORNING to be held on Saturday, 30th June in the Committee Room from 10.00 am till midday. I know we do usually have a Coffee Morning at this time of year but can you help us make it an extra special event? Please do. *Barbara K Pearce*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We did it! We made enough money to enable us to carry on for another year, but not without the hard work which our members and guest helpers did on the day. The response to our appeals for donations and for goods for the stalls was wonderful and we say a very BIG THANK YOU to everyone. Our outings for this year are on 26 July - MYSTERY TOUR followed by tea at the Stowmarket Chapel. 23rd August - to GIFFORDS HALL.

At our next meeting on 21 June we have the COLCHESTER TOWN CRIER- Mr Robert Needham. The competition is a Small Bell. *Vicky Griffiths*

## BELLRINGING

On the evening of Saturday, 9th June, 2001, Great Bromley will be playing host to a striking competition organised by the Essex Association of Change Ringers for bands of bellringers from churches in the Colchester and Tendring areas. Each band rings a touch of 240 changes which is judged by experienced ringers from outside the area. The winners and runners up then represent the area in the county final which this year is held in the south of the county. Great Bromley has in the past represented the area in the county finals as both winners and runners up. If anybody would like to know more about bellringing come up and see us on a Friday night at 8.00pm, or ring me on 01206 250260. *David Wenden Captain of Bellringers*

## NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS SURGERIES

Target amount raised for Ardleigh Surgery AED appeal

The target amount of £3000 for the Ardleigh surgery Automatic Electronic Defibrillator appeal has been raised, thanks to the generous support of our patients and local businesses. The order for the defibrillator has been placed and a future article will provide information about its availability. To begin with, the surgery will arrange for the ambulance centre to inform us of any emergency calls they receive for suspected heart attacks from our patients within the Ardleigh area. Additional money raised will be spent on equipment for the surgery such as an Ultrasound doppler, Cautery machine and Cryotherapy machine for minor surgery.

Drs Manders, Owens and Bettie

## ARE YOU A REASON, A SEASON, OR A LIFETIME?

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person.

When someone is in your life for a REASON it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrong doing on your part, or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realise is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered. And now it is time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They bring you an experience of peace, or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

## Gardener's Corner for June

SHRUBS - Take leafbud cuttings of CLEMATIS and softwood cuttings of FUSCHIA and CONTONEASTER. ROSES - if you want large blooms on TEA ROSES disbud, but don't do it all at once, space it out over a few days. CHRYSANTHEMUMS - Complete the stepping of outdoor flowering plants. IRISES - Tall BEARDED IRISES may need supporting. After flowering cut back the stems - this is a good time to divide rhizomes to increase your stock. *Frank Griffiths*

## DIARY JUNE

3 Pentecost

9 Hear Bell Ringing striking competition at Gt. Bromley Church, evening

14 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

16/17 St Osyth Open Gardens Weekend, 11.00am

21 Friendship Cub meeting, 2.00 pm Village Hall

24 Conservative Strawberry Tea, Park Farm, 3.00pm

30 Mothers Union Coffee Morning, Committee Room, Ardleigh, 10.00 am

30 PTA Barn Dance with Icen Folk, Park Farm, 8.00pm

## DIARY - JULY

11 Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm

26 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

26 Friendship Club Mystery Tour

AUGUST 26 Friendship Club to Giffords Hall

SEPTEMBER 28 Harvest Barn Dance

OCTOBER 7 The Bromleys Harvest Festival

NOVEMBER 8 Cheshire Home Coffee Morning

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

MAKE A

### ***HOT AIR BALLOON***

You will need:

- ◆ pieces of coloured paper
- ◆ a hair dryer
- ◆ a large plastic bag
- ◆ a needle
- ◆ strong thread
- ◆ glue
- ◆ a plastic cup
- ◆ scissors
- ◆ a pencil

1. Turn the plastic bag inside out. Put a dab of glue on each bottom corner of the bag (fig 1)

2. Turn it back the right way and leave the glue to dry.

3. Using a needle and strong thread, carefully sew running stitches all round the open end of the bag (Fig 2)

4. When you have sewn all round the bag, pull the thread to gather the bag into a balloon shape (Fig 3).

5. Carefully cut the top off a plastic cup so it is about 6cm deep (Fig 4). Stick coloured paper shapes on to the cup to decorate it.

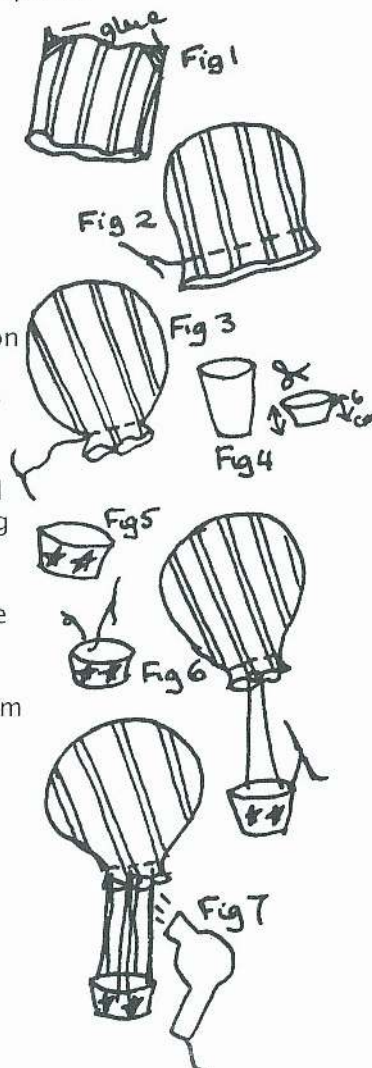
6. Using a pencil, make four evenly spaced marks inside the cup, 1cm in from the top (Fig 5).

7. Cut four pieces of thread 20cm long. Thread a needle with one of the pieces and tie a knot in the end.

Starting at one of the pencil marks on the cup, bring the needle through the cup from the outside, up through the open end of the balloon and back down through the inside of the cup (Fig 6). Make a knot in the end.

Do the same with the three remaining pieces of thread, starting at the other pencil marks in the cup. Make sure the threads end up the same length.

8. Hold the nozzle of a hair dryer to the opening of the balloon (Fig 7). Turn it on. as the balloon fills up with hot air, it will rise up, just like a real balloon.





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Services for May

1st	11.00am	The Eucharist for the persecuted	Seven Rivers
2nd	9.30am	The Eucharist of the Holy Spirit	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 3rd		<b>PENTECOST</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer with Choir	St. George the Martyr
4th	9.00am	The Eucharist for our schools	St. George the Martyr
6th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Confirmands	St. George the Martyr
7th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the Housechurches	St. Mary the Virgin
8th	11.00am	The Eucharist at and for	Seven Rivers
9th	9.30am	The Eucharist for Diocesan Synod	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 10th		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
11th		<b>S BARNABAS</b>	
	9.00am	The Eucharist for Old Heath	St. George the Martyr
13th	6.00pm	The Eucharist at and for	Hamilton Lodge
14th		<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	
	7.00pm	The Benefice Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
15th	11.00am	The Eucharist for HDA	Seven Rivers
16th	9.30am	The Eucharist of Walsingham	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 17th		<b>TRINITY I</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
18th	9.00am	The Eucharist for S George's Eye Hospital	St. George the Martyr
20th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for priests	St. George the Martyr
21st	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Unity	St. Mary the Virgin
22nd		<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
23rd	9.30am	The Eucharist for Confirmands	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 24th		<b>BIRTHDAY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
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29th		<b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL</b>	
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	8.00pm	Benefice Eucharist & Confirmation	St. Mary the Virgin
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## The Bromley Messenger July 2001

### Village History - Do we wish to preserve it?

Most months John Appleby-writes something about the village that he has researched from such places as public records and old Parish Councils minutes, in his position involving responsibility for our village archives. Recently Susan Reilly sent me some photographs of people and incidents that happened in the 50-70s. For those of you who do not know who Susan is, she is the daughter of a previous rector of St. George's Church, the Rev. Ransome. There must be lots of photographs like these scattered around the village which need preserving for future generations, for other archivists to look to. With this in mind I thought that it would be a good idea to start a scrapbook which would include photographs and newspaper cuttings. We would reproduce any photographs that villagers had using the scanner most computers come with nowadays so that the originals could be returned. The scrapbooks would be kept for all to view in the Church (subject to Diocesan approval) in a "bookcase". However, there is always a sting in the tale. This would all cost money. I wrote to the Parish Council for a grant but this was rejected. However I have now been made aware that there may be persons who would be prepared to pledge some money for this project. Once we have achieved the target figure of £500 I will start the ball rolling and call in the promises. I will run the finances from a reserved account; both John Appleby and Leonie Henderson have volunteered to be involved in setting up the project. If you think that this is a worthwhile project then please contact me with your pledge. Finally we have received some criticism that we do not regularly announce in the Messenger the deaths of local people. We would like to have a section each month on 'Births, Deaths, Christenings and Marriages'. However in order for this to be carried out YOU have to tell the Editor, Leonie, the details, especially if Fr. Nicholas was not involved. *Len Christodoulides*

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### KEEP YOUR LINEN CLEAN

The Rector of Great Bromley was summoned to appear before the Archdeacon's court held at Ingatestone in 1592 because he had been reported for an offence. The churchwardens were to blame! It was reported that "He dyd not weare the surplice orderlie".

It was then put in his defence that "he weareth it for the most part, and when he weareth not the surplice, the same is kept from him, and not offered by the churchwardens"

Other incumbents were also before the Archdeacon. There is no doubt that there were objections to wearing the surplice. It was called a "whorish smock and a Babylonish garment", and John Sharp from Hatfield Peverel parish called the minister "the fo(o)le" and the surplice "a foole's cote" which he asked "yf he would have it to keep him warm". What a lot! *John Appleby*

### THANKS - ST GEORGES FLOWER FESTIVAL

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this event. We were very blessed with good weather with over 500 people coming to view the flowers, which were wonderful, and to take part in other ways. The Teddy Bear Parachuting was great fun and it was lovely to be able to sit and enjoy a BBQ. and cup of tea and cakes in the sun. Numerous people helped to make this such a successful weekend - our Sponsors, the ladies who arranged the flowers, those who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola and these ladies who provided all the cakes as well as the small band of helpers who worked so hard throughout the weekend on stalls and various duties. The total raised to date being £4,056. Thank you so much. *Ann*

To everyone who helped with the raffle - to those who contributed to the lovely prizes, those who kindly bought tickets (I hope you were a winner!) and those who so nobly sold tickets - one enormous THANK YOU. You did a splendid job and I am really grateful. After expenses about £1,230 was raised towards the Flower Festival. *Caroline McShane*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Thank you to everyone who contributed towards Christian Aid Week. A total of £51 was raised by The Bromleys.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

#### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 17 May 2001. Mr Fairley took the chair in the absence of the Chairman. Major Heaney. Major Heaney was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for a further year. Major Heaney had stated earlier that he would be pleased to serve a further term of office if nominated. Cllr. S. Baines was appointed Vice-chairman.

Representatives to the following committees:-

Hare Green Recreation Ground - Cllr.C. Phillips

Footpaths - Cllr. A. Sievewright.

Tending in Bloom - Maj. .I. Heaney.

Village Hall -Cllr. Lt. Col. Frostick

Tending District Assoc. of Local Councils - Maj. J. Heaney.

Cllr. S Rampling volunteered to be the Tree Warden for the coming year.

Cllr. P Richardson kindly volunteered to be the internal auditor.

The **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** was held on 17 May 2001 following the Annual General Meeting.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

Mr Fairley said that in the last 12 months there were 12 full council meetings and consideration was given to 51 planning applications at the planning meetings. During the past year a hard standing area and footpath had been laid on Church Meadow and recycling bins for glass and paper are in position here. These are all well used. New football nets have been purchased for the Hare Green Recreation Ground. The feasibility of installing a basketball court on Hare Green was investigated but the response from the parishioners was so poor that the Council was unable to justify the expenditure of approximately £6,000.

In the last year, the Friendship Club organised a petition to complain about the poor state of the grass verges in the village. A reply to this petition was made in the Bromley Messenger stating that the County Council cuts the grass verges. The Parish Council is unable to undertake this grass cutting. In a further complaint from the Friendship Club regarding the state of the plot of land to the front Springhill Close. The Parish Council informed them that this land belongs to the Rona Partnership of Rayleigh.

Heavy rainfall over the last few months has caused many flooding problems in the village. The Parish Council has been liaising with both the County Council and the District Council about this.

**REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR - MR K HAWKINS.**

As Mr Hawkins was unable to attend the meeting, his written report was read out.

Budget. The County Council has raised its Council Tax bill by 7.9% to make up some of the reserves which were depleted last year. Education. Essex County Council has received a good Ofsted report in its role as Local Education Authority. Some areas of improvement were highlighted regarding children in care. Teacher shortages have caused many problems mainly in the west and south of the county. Steps will be taken to improve this situation. Environment, Planning and Transport. There is a lot of concern regarding the satiety of mobile phone masts. County policy is that new installations should be avoided on county land unless required for emergencies or other council communications. Recycling trials carried out in parts of Essex appear to show that a combination of comprehensive kerbside collection and public education can achieve high recycling rates. Social Services. There are severe pressures facing Social Services in dealing with the increasing number of elderly people in Essex. All but 12 residential homes in the county are being leased or sold. Lime Court in Dovercourt is the only County Council owned home in Tendring being retained. Modernisation. The County Council has introduced a new modernised structure. The new structure consists of a Cabinet style body with scrutinising panels of members. Mr Hawkins reported that he serves on the Education and Environmental Services Select Committee.

**REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - M R G JESSOP**

In the absence of the District Councillor his written report was read out. During the year Mr Jessop reported that he has dealt with 15 requests for assistance ranging from such matters as council rent and housing, roadside advertising, planning matters, eviction of gypsy roadside encampments and seven complaints regarding the recent flooding. Success with the flooding complaints has been limited because of the different statutory bodies involved with none accepting responsibility for comprehensive remedy. The new Local Government Act introduced by the government last year has now become law and will be fully Operational in October. Tendring will be governed by a Cabinet with a leader and nine appointed councillors each of whom will hold separate portfolios:- Revenues, Finance, Environment, Housing, Leisure & Community, Regeneration, Resources, Technical Services and Planning.

**REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER ON HARE GREEN RECREATION GROUND.**

Mr Phillips said that the playing field is in good condition. Last year the grass cutting contractor was changed and since then there has been 100% improvement in the condition of the ground. The playing field has always been very wet and Council intends to have land drains laid when conditions allow. The one noticeboard on the playing field was recently vandalised but this has now been repaired. Litter is not a problem. A notice will be placed in the Parish Magazine in September to remind children that new football nets are available for use.

**REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER ON THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Mr Fairley reported that the Hall continues to be well used. The Millennium Committee raised £4,215 and a lottery grant £5,000 was obtained towards the cost of the new Millennium Lounge which has now been completed. It is intended to decorate the outside of the hall and improve the car park this coming year.

**PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.**

Mr Richardson, Internal Auditor, reported that the precept was raised in 2000/2001 to £12,000. The previous year we spent £11,000 on Church Meadow and the aim is to increase our reserves. Section 137 payments - (Donation to organisations to benefit our local community) were slightly higher this year. The main increase was due to the donation towards grass cutting for the churchyard. Other donations included the WRVS and the Coastal Fun Scheme for children. In the current year provision has been made in the budget for land drainage at Hare Green.

**The next meetings** of Gt Bromley Parish Council will be held on 28th June and 2nd August in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent Parish Assembly meeting the following minute was proposed and passed by all present. That the title of the present Little Bromley Village Hall Fund be changed to Little Bromley Village Amenities Fund - that the monies recently collected to be credited to this account. A board of four trustees have been appointed to manage the fund and organise any future fund raising events. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 26th July in the Methodist Chapel, Chequers Road, Little Bromley at 7.30pm.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

The local Stour Valley Branch will be holding a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Saturday 14th July, 10am-12 noon at Conifers, 184 Long Road, Lawford. Everyone is most welcome; any offers of help or donations gratefully received. The weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July we have been invited to have a fundraising stall at the West Bergholt Military Tattoo and Vehicle Show. If you have any unwanted gifts we could sell to help swell our funds we would be most grateful. Our branch is small but very enthusiastic with lots of activities planned for this year including a Sponsored dog walk in September, a service at St. Mary's Church, Lawford and a coach visit to the Training centre at Redbridge in October. If you are interested in joining us for these activities or would like to join phone Marjorie Culham. New members always welcome

COULD YOU MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD'S LIFE?

Essex Social Services is urgently recruiting to find foster carers and adopters to look after children and teenagers. The number of children coming into care is increasing nationally and Essex is no exception. There are now approximately 800 children cared for in foster families in Essex - and the county needs to recruit an additional 100 carers this year. Foster carers usually look after someone else's children for a few weeks or months while families work through their difficulties. Permanent foster carers who can look after pre-teen or teenage children until they grow up are also needed. Foster carers are paid a fostering allowance and have access to professional training and support. There has also been a steep rise in the numbers of children being referred for adoption, and the county aims to approve 75 adopters this year. Adopters become the new, legal parents of children who cannot be brought up by their birth families. Nowadays there are very few babies given up for adoption. Most of the children are pre-school age or older and will have had a difficult start in life. Many are brothers and sisters who need to stay together so social services would especially like to hear from adopters who would be prepared to take on a ready-made family of two, three or even four Children. There are also many children with disabilities who need permanent families. In some cases, we pay an allowance to help with the costs of bringing up a child. Despite what many people believe, there is no upper age limit for adopters or foster carers. Social workers look at people's ability to look after children in a safe and responsible way. Applicants can be childless, with children at home or have adult children who have left home. They may be single or married working or not working and own or rent their home. Anyone who would like more information about either adoption or fostering should contact our freephone telephone number, 0800 801530.

<b>ESSEX VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND</b>		
<i>Caring for the blind and visually impaired of Essex</i>		
Schedule for the Mobile Advice Unit for July, August and September		
5th July	Brooklands Resource Centre Jaywick	10.00-12 noon
	Village Hall, St Osyth	1.00-3.00pm
6th July	Dovercourt - Fiveways Supermarket	10.00-12 noon
	Ship Inn, Gt. Holland	2.00-3.00pm
2nd August	Fiveways Supermarket Manningtree	10.30-12 noon
	Community Centre, Bradfield	1.30-2.30pm
3rd August	Weeley Village Hall	10.30-12 noon
	Little Clacton Village Hall	1.00-2.30pm
6th September	The Crown, Thorpe-le-Soken	10.00-12 noon
	Baker Hall, Kirby Cross	1.00-2.30pm
7th September	Safeways Supermarket, Parkeston	10.00-12 noon
	The Castle Inn, Ramsey	2.00-3.00pm

## CHILDLINE

We are Adrian and Val Ryder who for the past nine years or so have been the Chairman and Secretary for the Colchester district fundraising group for ChildLine, a 24 hour Nationwide Helpline for children in trouble or danger, the charity has helped many thousands of children and young people since its beginnings in 1986. Each day now around 400 children receive substantive counselling on a wide range of issues, and unfortunately the need for the telephone lines grows every year. We thought we would like to tell you a little of ChildLine's work because although it seems a long way off we are now organising a fundraising event on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th Secember when Father Christmas will be in Culver precinct in the middle of Colchester during these two days. While the children are waiting to see him with their undoubted long list of gift requests we thought it would be nice to entertain the Mums and Dads and the shoppers in general with music, Christmas carols, singers, jugglers etc. To date we have enlisted the help of the Colchester scout band, a troupe of hand bell ringers, and there is the possibility of a visit by some of the Colchester Youth Chamber Orchestra, and one or two carol singers are lined up. However we need more and we are sure there is a wealth of talent among the people of Gt. Bromley! So if there is anyone who can give us even just half an hour of their time and talent during these two days could you please contact us at Maple Cottage, Brundells Road, Gt. Bromley, tel: 01206 251527. We think it is going to be a lot of fun, and hopefully will raise lots of much needed funds. Thanks.

## Notes from a Village School St George's, Gt Bromley

Dates for your Diary: - *as last month*

**SPORTS NEWS** Well done to the netball and football teams for doing so well in the end of Season Cluster Rallies. The netball team was just beaten by one point by Gt Oakley. The Scatterball and Rounders teams are now in training for their summer tournament.

**OUTINGS** June is a busy month for school outings. Classes 1 and 2 visited Parkeston Quay and Harwich and Class 4 ventured to Stanstead to see the Toy Museum. The whole school took part in the Arts Cluster Week visiting various schools in the area to experience Samba music, calligraphy, story telling and more!

**COMPETITION** St Georges church asked the pupils to draw or write a poem about flowers. The winners were Victoria Hicks, Loma Carey, Matthew Robinson and Ben Taylor who all received a prize. Well done.

## KITCHEN CORNER

Here is a good recipe for summer days. It will keep 3-4 days in the fridge wrapped in foil. Serve with salad and new potatoes, or use for sandwiches.

**BEEF LOAF** Serves 6-8

3 lb lean minced beef; 4 slices bacon cut small; 2 teasp salt; 1 teasp thyme; ½ teasp pepper; 1 teasp French mustard; 4 tablesp wine; 1 tablesp vinegar.

Mix all well in a bowl, cover and refrigerate 2 hours. Brush a large loaf in with oil, put in meat mixture. Stand the tin in a baking dish with water halfway up the sides and bake 1½ hours in a fairly hot oven. Cover with foil to prevent drying out. Cool for 1 hour then turn out. Wrap in foil and chill 6 hours before serving. *Jill Frostick*

## PLAYGROUP

Our Table Top Sale held on 19th May was a great success. A total of £426.66 was raised which will be used to purchase some new equipment. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and those who supported us. We would also like to thank the following people who kindly donated prizes for our raffle: The Cross Inn, The Old Courthouse Inn, Frating Post Office, The Snooty Fox, Deans Garden Centre, Blenheims Nurseries, Hull Farm, Hearts Delight and Gwen Hazell. We would also like to thank The Old Courthouse Inn for their kind donation of £50. It will be used to buy much needed painting equipment.

The topic this term has been Transport, so a visit from a horse and pony has been arranged which the children are looking forward to with great excitement. They have also been very busy making cards and gifts for Father's Day. Playgroup would like to wish good luck to Samuel Brazier, Adam Bird, Tommie Smith and Tommy Taylor who leave us to start at their chosen schools at the end of term.

Dates for your diary: Thurs 12 July Last day of term . Mon 17 Sept Playgroup returns Wed 19 Sept for Autumn term

HELP - LOST! whilst flying on Great Bromley Recreation Ground radio controlled glider bright yellow 1m wing span. Reward for return. Please contact 01206 250708

#### MACMILLAN CHARITY BARN DANCE

Saturday, 21 st July, 2001 As part of the fundraising campaign for their epic cycle ride across Ecuador in aid of MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF Suzanne and Jamie Abbott invite you to **A GREAT SUMMER HO-DOWN** at Park Farm (courtesy the Fairlev family) £3 in advance £6 on the door Bring your friends Country & Western Fancy dress - prize for the best costume! Dancing to the Lantern Band Licensed Bar + Cheese platter. For Tickets contact Suzanne.

#### GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for the May draw: 1st Mr J Boulton 2nd Mrs Herring 3rd Mr W Tagett

#### DIARY

##### JULY

4 Women's Institute meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
6 School Sports Day ll Church Council Meeting, 7.00pm  
14 Guide Dogs for the Blind Assn. Coffee Morning, Lawford, 10,00am  
19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm  
21 Coffee morning in aid of Village Hall M  
21 Macmillan Charity Barn Dance, Park Farm  
22 St George's School PTA Fun Day  
24 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
26 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm  
26 Friendship Club Mystery Tour  
28-29 West Bergholt Military Tattoo & Vehicle Show

##### AUGUST

2 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall. 7.30pm  
26 Friendship Club to Giffords Hall  
OCTOBER 27 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

#### GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

Since I was last able to report, we have held two committee meetings on 24th April and 12 June as well as the Annual General Meeting on 16th May, all at the Village Hall and under the chairmanship of Peter Wenden. With increased usage of the Hall, the committee felt the need to put in more cleaning effort. With this in mind a further part time person, Mrs Marion Britton, has been appointed to help in this area. However, hall users also have a part to play to maintain a clean and tidy environment, leaving it in the condition that they would like to find it. Our thoughts are turning to repairs and restoration of the paint work for which quotes are being sought. We are very grateful for the funds raised by the quiz evening in May held at The Cross Inn with many thanks to our organisers and hosts, Brenda and Richard. A Coffee Morning is being arranged for Saturday, 21 st July by Peter and June Wenden.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Management Committee has changed a little. We welcome Dean Dasley to the committee and Martin Frostick is the Parish Council representative in place of Henry Fairley. The Committee now comprises of Lynda Allam (Treasurer), Vera Biddis, Gill Christmas, Carol Cordwell, Beryl Hurst. June Willgress, Dean Dasley, Martin Frostick, Pat Petchey, Nigel Rowe (Caretaker), Peter Wenden (Chairman) and Bevan Willgress (Secretary). The Committee next meet on Tuesday, 24th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. - *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

#### Gardener's Corner for July

**DAHLIAS:** Keep the plants well staked as high winds can cause a lot of damage. If long stems are required for cutting, disbud some of the shoots. **SHRUBS:** Take semi-hard cuttings of Cistus, Ceanothus, Escallonia, Hydrangea, Pyracantha and Skimmia. **FUSCHIA:** To encourage bushy plants pinch out the leading shoots several times, but remember after pinching out it takes about six weeks for plants to flower. **INDOOR PLANTS:** Keep a jug by the kettle and any water left over from making the cuppa, pour into the jug and use for watering your indoor plants - they love the soft water. *Frank Griffiths*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the start of our June meeting our President, Mrs Jill Frostick, showed us the clock to which all members had contributed and agreed would be an appropriate memorial to the late Mrs Jean Wright, a staunch and long-standing member of Great Bromley WI. We moved to the Village Hall Millennium Lounge to hang the clock and our visiting speaker for the evening, Mr Paul Clarke JP, volunteered to take some photographs of the occasion. After the WI business was dealt with, the President handed over to the Members Committee who had arranged the rest of the evening. Mr Paul Clarke J P was Formerly introduced and gave us a very interesting, informative and sometimes amusing account of the history behind his work as a Magistrate. His area was Chelmsford, Witham and Mid-Essex. The service started in the 14th century and is completely voluntary, with the first lady magistrate being appointed just after the end of the First World War. Three magistrates normally sit on the Bench at the Magistrates Court which, whatever the charge, every criminal case initially comes before. All are dealt with, but the more serious cases are referred to the higher Courts. Magistrates also deal with licensing laws.

For our July meeting, our speaker is Mrs Marion Leeson, who will tell us about things "From my Mother's Basket". If you are intrigued by this, as I am, do come along and join us on Wednesday, 4th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be pleased to welcome you. *June Willgress*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Barbara Boswell gave a very interesting talk on Carnival Glass at our May meeting. The items she brought along to show us made a number of us remember our parents and grandparents having some like them in the past. Little did we know it would become a Collectors item now - very popular in America.

LEN BLEEZE, Magician. will be with us at our meeting on 19th July. The competition is a RABBIT - please NO live ones!!! *Vicky Griffiths*

### FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Parishioners,

What are our Churches for? Quite simply they are places for Christians to gather in to worship God. In these parishes. Christians have come to the same place for centuries to ask God's blessing on their lives. Recently the congregations here made a commitment to having a Eucharist every Sunday in each Parish Church-9.30am at S George's and 11 at S Mary's. If you come along you will receive a warm welcome whether you are a child or an adult, a member of the Church or not. The celebrations are for all to come and be part of. Recently great strides forward have been made in providing ways in which the younger members of the parishes can be part of our worship. We are now looking at making the Churches more accessible to people with disabilities, and for example, fitting an audio loop system. S Mary's are working hard to have the church open during the day, as S George's is, so people can simply visit on their own. The Church Councils have both instructed their architects to provide feasibility studies for the improvement of facilities. English Heritage (who oversees work in listed buildings) is involved to see what is possible. We would like to have a meeting room, kitchen and lavatories, either inside or connected to, the Church. We want to make better use of the spaces we have for the congregations to be able to gather comfortably to say their prayers, be welcoming to others and share fellowship afterwards. Maybe we will be changing the decor, removing some of the pews, doing things in different places. We want to secure the future of our buildings for the coming generations. We want to be complementing the facilities that already exist in our villages. All of this is at an early stage, there are no plans as yet, only thoughts and ideas. There is still a lot of work to be done, not least in raising the monies! Any alterations will have to go through the Church's equivalent of planning procedure and there will be a period of public consultation. So you will be hearing more of this. Just as our churches have evolved over the centuries to meet the needs of the peoples and their lives of prayer. we are doing the same so that God may be worshipped here with the best we can muster to his glory and our encouragement. May he bless us in this task.

*Fr Nicolas.*



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**Services for July**

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	7.30am	<b>TRINITY 3</b>	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am		The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am		Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am		Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm		Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>2nd</b>	9.00am		The Eucharist for our schools	St. George the Martyr
<b>4th</b>	7.30pm		The Eucharist for the PCC	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>5th</b>	9.00am		The Eucharist for priests	St. George the Martyr
<b>6th</b>	11.00am		Holy Communion	Seven Rivers
<b>7th</b>	9.30am		The Eucharist for our children	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 8th</b>		<b>TRINITY 4</b>		
	7.30am		Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am		The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am		Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am		Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm		Evening Prayer with the Benefice Singers	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>9th</b>	9.00am		The Eucharist for the Housechurches	St. George the Martyr
<b>11th</b>		<b>S BENEDICT</b>		
	7.00pm		The Eucharist for the PCC	St. George the Martyr
<b>12th</b>	7.00pm		The Eucharist for the newly confirmed	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>13th</b>	11.00am		The Eucharist for SSC	Seven Rivers
<b>14th</b>	9.30am		The Eucharist for agricultural life	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 15th</b>		<b>TRINITY 5</b>		
	7.30am		Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am		The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am		Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am		Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm		Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>16th</b>	9.00am		The Eucharist for Religious	St. George the Martyr
<b>18th</b>	7.00pm		The Eucharist for S John's Hospital	St. George the Martyr
<b>19th</b>	7.00pm		The Eucharist for Katete	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>20th</b>	11.00am		The Eucharist for Bishop Edwin	Seven Rivers
<b>21st</b>	9.30am		The Eucharist of Walsingham	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>		<b>TRINITY 6</b>		
	7.30am		Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am		The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am		Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am		Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	5.00pm		Evening Prayer Choral Evensong	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm		Celebration at	Ardleigh Methodist Chapel
<b>25th</b>		<b>S JAMES</b>		
	7.30pm			St James', East Hill
<b>26th</b>	7.00pm		The Eucharist for Unity	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>27th</b>	11.00am		The Eucharist for Bishop Edward	Seven Rivers
<b>28th</b>	9.30am		The Eucharist for all who travel	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 29th</b>		<b>TRINITY 7</b>		
	7.30am		Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am		The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am		Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am		Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm		Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>30th</b>	8.00am		The Eucharist for CR	St. George the Martyr

**Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS  
 at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh**

## The Bromley Messenger August 2001

### THE LEADER (for want of a better title)

The Editor has been rushing off to Ireland for a cousins wedding which was tremendous fun if a bit cold and wet, has shared in the barbecue celebrations of an uncle's 90th birthday which was also wet and another cousins 50th wedding anniversary as well as enjoying the sun when it comes out, practising bee craft on her new hive of bees, guiding new mother ducks with their first ducklings as well as catching up with the housework, the gardening and husband's secretarial work. The peacock has gone walkabout, presumably to find himself a peahen, although he has been back for the odd visit of an hour or so - just long enough to vocally announce his presence and eat some of the duck corn.

In consequence I have not got anything for the front page this month. also have nothing for next month so if anyone has anything they want to get off their chest or feel that they have something which would be of interest to others about which they would like to write please let me know.

*Leonie*

### COMPUTER ACRONYMS

PCMCIA People Can't Memorise Computer Industry Acronyms

ISDN It Still Does Nothing

APPLE Arrogance Produces Profit-Losing Entity

SCSI System Can't See It

DOS Defective Operating System

BASIC Bill's Attempt to Seize Industry Control

IBM I Blame Microsoft

DEC Do Expect Cuts

CD-ROM Consumer Device, Rendered Obsolete in Months

OS/2 Obsolete Soon, Too.

WWW World Wide Wait

MACINTOSH Most Applications Crash; If Not. The Operating System Hangs

PENTIUM Produces Erroneous Numbers Through Incorrect Understanding Of Maths

COBOL Completely Obsolete Business Oriented Language

AMIGA A Merely Insignificant Game Addiction

LISP Lots of Infuriating & Silly Parentheses

MIPS Meaningless Indication of Processor Speed

WINDOWS Will Install Needless Data On Whole System

GIRO Garbage In Rubbish Out

MICROSOFT Most Intelligent Customers Realise Our Software Only Fools Teenagers

UNIX Users are Normally Irritating Xenophobes

### EVERYONE IS INVITED

to Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday. 7th

October in the afternoon for a conducted tour of the Cathedral and tea followed by Evening

Prayer. I hope to organise a coach. see next

month for final details. If you would like to come please let the know. *James Wild*

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### ARDLEIGH BRANCH WEA

The Autumn Course will be on "The Plant Hunters" with tutor Mr Peter White. This 10-week course will be an exploration of the plants that lend interest and beauty to our gardens, and also briefly explain why wild plants are located where they are. The course will describe the contribution of the plant hunters, the nurseries, botanical gardens and botanical artists to the story of our garden trees shrubs and flowers of today. The first session will be on Thursday 27th September at 2.30 pm in Ardleigh Village Hall. If you have ever wondered where your plants originated from and how they got to this country. why don't you come and join us? If you decide after the first session that it is not for you, don't worry there would not be a charge for that first session. Each session last for 1 ½ hours with a break halfway for a cup of tea. Fees for the full course are - Full fee - £27. Concessionary (ie. OAPs and married couples) £25. Unemployed (on production of proof- UB4O) free. For further details contact Secretary or Chairman.

### PLAYGROUP

Our annual summer outing this year was a trip to the Colne Valley Railway. The children had a ride on Thomas the Tank Engine and were entertained by a puppet show later during the afternoon. The day ended with a picnic lunch with a great time having had by all. Playgroup has now finished for the summer but will return on 17th September. The Toddler Group returns on 19th. A Teddy Bears Picnic was held on the last Wednesday of term. There was a competition to decorate or paint a picture of a teddy with the winner being Ciara Jones. Well done Ciara! If you would like any information about playgroup please contact our secretary. Helen Fairley.

### St. George's School, Gt. Bromley

Headteacher: Pat Fitzgerald Telephone: 01206 230305

It was sad to say goodbye to our 16 Year 6's at the end of term. Nine of them are going to Manningtree, two to The Gilberd, three to The Colne Community School and two to St Benedicts Catholic College. The last few weeks were filled with lots of fun and games. Sports Day, which instead of being disrupted by rain was this year invaded by bees! Year 6 thanked all the helpers of the school by providing a Strawberry Tea which they had made and helped serve and during the last week, all pupils who played a musical instrument entertained parents with a concert and the Rounders Team WON the Cluster Rally - well done Liam. Scott, Jimmy, Craig Richard. Shona. Vicky. Alice at and Rebecca.

Unfortunately the end of term also meant farewell to a few staff: Mr Elliot, Cleaner in Charge, has retired so we are still looking for a temporary Cleaner in Charge! Mr Clark. our Sports Coach, is now making a career change. Mrs Cockman is expecting an addition to her family. She is being replaced by Mrs Cairns who will work part time in Class 4. Mrs Cleaver, our Music Teacher, is moving to Leicester because of her husband's job but luckily she has been replaced by Mrs Barber who will continue to teach the children music.

Our Sponsored Fun and Games afternoon raised a staggering £785.40. This year through your generosity the school has supported the following charities: UNICEF, Leukaemia Research Fund. Marie Curie Cancer Research. Poppy Appeal. Colchester Fire Swim. Comic Relief and of course, St Georges School. Thank you. Don't forget. school returns on Wednesday, 5th September.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are sad to report two of our members of many years have died recently - Mr JACK SPARROW and Mrs WINNIE WATTS - they will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to the families. Mr Needham - the town Crier - certainly made us sit up when he entered the Hall ringing his hell and giving a loud Oyez. Oyez. Oyez before his interesting talk on his work and the various places to which he travels entering competitions.

The speaker at the August meeting will be a gentleman from Wivenhoe Fire Station who will advise as re Smoke Alarms. The competition is "a fancy candle". If you would like to join us on our outing to Giffords Hall on 23rd August - non members £10 - ring as soon as possible as we have to book in. Various pick-ups in the village starting at Elmstead Market at 11.00 am.

*Vicky Griffiths*

**THANKS** I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the local people who so kindly made enquiries, sent cards, letters and offers of help during my recent spell in hospital. So numerous I could easily forget to thank all of you personally when next we meet. There is a lot to be said for being born and bred in a village environment. Happily I am making good progress. Thank you all so much. *Nancy Kempster*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our July Meeting, we spent a nostalgic evening with Mrs Marion Leeson seeing items used by her mother in everyday life during the 1920s and 1930s. Mrs Leeson's mother was a farmer's wife bringing up a family at the time, living in Suffolk. With the help of others she even found time to start up two new WI branches in that county.

In her "Mother's Basket" were many items that our members remembered. Monday was of course washing day with water heated in a copper with a fire underneath and using such items as a large wicker clothes basket, blue bags and dolly pegs. This was followed by Tuesday which was ironing day, a flat iron heated by the "Range" since electricity had not yet reached many places outside the main towns. These tasks were very hard work.

Her mother was also a talented needlewoman. There were some lovely hand made gloves. one pair for every day winter wear and another for evening occasions. Also a hand made family christening robe which has been used again more recently for the children, some embroidered bags for holding string and a wrap around overall that most housewives wore, usually made from a decorative material. Part of a nylon parachute was there to look at: her mother would unpick its stitching and make it into other clothing items. Several containers, some still with contents, that held potions to cure ailments were shown. One in particular was labelled 'To cure all ills' but which gave no indication as to the formula.

Following the talk, as it was our birthday, all our members enjoyed the birthday cake, made by our President. Mrs Kill Frostick. We do not hold a meeting in August but have an outing. This year we are visiting Carter's Vineyard with a supper afterwards. *June Willgress*

## SPONSORED BIKE RIDE Saturday 8th September

When did you last get on your bike? If you're like me. it was quite some time ago: in my case. just about a year. However. on Saturday 8th September you could remedy that. It is the day of the annual Friends of Essex Churches sponsored bike ride. The aim is to visit as many churches and chapels as you can in the Essex area. It doesn't matter where you start from or where you end up. You will be given a form on which you record each church/chapel visited and, at most places visited, there will be stewards to confirm your visit and often to provide refreshments. Half the monies collected from sponsorship go to the Parish Church (Le. St. Georges. in our case) with the balance to Friends of Essex Churches. They, in turn, distribute grants to churches of all denominations.

You don't need to be a "church goer" to participate and you can have great time (especially if the weather is good). in addition. you will know that the monies you collect will be helping to keep our wonderful church open for all.

So please come for a day (or whatever time you can manage) of fun and exercise if you possibly can. You can even walk rather than cycle if you prefer. Give me a ring on if you would like more information and/or forms or collect them from St. Georges. *Dennis Simons*

## DIARY 2001

### AUGUST

2 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

23 Friendship Club to Giffords Hall

30 Gt Bromley Parish council meeting. Village Hall, 7.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

27 WEA course The Plant Hunters starts, Ardleigh Hall, 2.30pm

30 Harvest Lunch, Village hall, 12.30pm \* Note change of date \*

### OCTOBER

7 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral

27 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

29 Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

### NOVEMBER

25 Christmas Sale, Village Hall

## KITCHEN CORNER

A cookery demonstration at the WI Show at Marks Hall gave us some good ideas for summer picnics. Here are two of them:

### **BACON SIDE SPLITTERS** Makes 6

100g/4oz streaky bacon; 225g/8Oz SR flour ; 25g/10 oa rolled oats ; 50g / 2oz margarine;  
1 teasp (or more) coarse grain mustard; 5-6 tablsb milk ; ¼ teasp paprika ;

1 tub salad cress; 225g / 8oz cottage cheese

Derind and grill bacon till crisp. then chop fine. Put flour, oats and seasoning into a bowl and rub in margarine. Stir in bacon. Beat together egg and mustard. add to than with enough milk to make a soft but not sticky dough. Knead lightly and form into a 15cm/6 in thick circle. Put on greased baking sheet. Mark into 6 wedges and brush with milk. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in hot own (200C/ 425F) 20-25 minutes till well risen and golden brown. Cool on a rack. When cold split and spread with cheese and cress.

### **CHEESY MARMITE SOLDIERS** Makes 60

75g/3oz butter ; 2 teasp marmite; 150g/6 oz plain flour; 75g/3 oz cheddar cheese; 1 egg beaten. Beat together the butter and marmite. Mix in flour and 2 oz of the cheese, grated. Add enough egg to make a smooth but not sticky dough. Knead lightly and roll out on a floured surface to a rectangle 23 x 30cm (9" x 12"). Cut into 7.5cm x 1 cm (3" x ½") strips. Put on to greased baking sheets. brush with remaining egg and sprinkle with rest of cheese. Bake 200C/ 400F for 10 minutes till golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Pack in foil for a picnic and serve with a barbecue dip.

*Jill Frostick*

## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall continues to be well used and for this the committee are very grateful. Some space still is left in the diary so if anybody has an idea and requires a meeting place why not see if you can use the Hall's Facilities and benefit the community as a whole. Fund raising is an important aspect of the Management Committee's work and we are appreciative of Peter and June Wenden for organising and running a Coffee Morning at their home for this purpose on 21st July. We also have a sponsored walk (along the Stour Valley) being planned for September or October and would appreciate your support in any way possible either as a walker. sponsor or providing facilities or support. The Christmas Sale in the Village Hall will be on Saturday, 24th November and the proceeds will be shared between the Village Hall and St George's Church. A clock has been generously presented to the Hall and placed in the Millennium Lounge by the Great Bromley Women's Institute in memory of Mrs Jean Wright, a long standing member of the WI and of the Village Hall Committee. For this gesture, we are most grateful. Unfortunately, the bench seat placed to the front of the Village Hall many years ago by the Carnival Association. was stolen at the end of May 2001. If anybody has any knowledge about this we would be pleased to hear from you. The Rural Community Council of Essex has recently run three Grant Information Days on sources and ways of fund finding for projects. I attended the first of these held at Abberton Langenhoe Village Hall and found it useful. If any organisation in the area is looking for a grant to help them along. I suggest you speak to the Rural Community Council at Chelmsford. The Management Committee would like to thank the users of the Hall for their continued support. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

## **QUIET LANES**

"Walkers cyclists and horse riders stand to benefit from a successful CPRE (the' Council for the Protection of Rural England) campaign to establish a statutory network of quiet lanes in the English countryside." (CPRE Voice Summer, 2001)

The county of Essex holds an amazing variation in the character of its countryside and towns, Geographically this variety stretches from the coastal remotenesses of Foulness, the Dengie Peninsular, Mersey and Horsey Island, through the riparian agricultural, transportation and industrial reaches of the rivers Crouch. Blackwater and Stour through to the heartland of the central land mass ringed by the Colchester-Chelmsford-Braintree triangle and on up to the north western plateau once dominated by arable agriculture and now threatened with becoming; the fiefdom of the aviation and biotechnology global economy. In this county the past and the future are constantly in evidence in the present. Throughout history Essex has played its part in harbouring industry, furthering learning, innovating lifestyles, feeding the nation and refreshing

souls in its accessible and welcoming countryside. Any visitor to any part of Essex passes through the legacy left by many centuries of man-made landscapes, buildings and cultural activity. The future, both the threat represented by yet more roads, houses and industrial development and the promise represented by good design and new landscaping (in particular tree and hedge planting, which received such an enormous boost in the 1970s) is equally in evidence.

The rivers of Essex once served millers of every variety from corn to cloth in their sheltered valleys. The intelligence and skill of local workers, supplemented at various periods by immigrants from the nearby continent and the metropolis itself, encouraged manufacturers large and small to set up business here. The agricultural depression of the inter-war years can still be vividly recalled by the oldest inhabitant of many of our villages. The frenzy of national commitment to excellence in the defence industry has left its mark in the conurbations of Chelmsford and Colchester. Proximity to the Square Mile encouraged many a City leader to establish a home base in the once secret outback of the Colne Valley and other little known areas of tranquillity elsewhere in the County.

From the 1930s on (until the Beeching axes fell in the 1960s) many cyclists would load their machines on weekend excursion trains bound for country stations like Elsenham in Uttlesford, ride all day and return home in the evenings physically tired but mentally refreshed from their exertions away from the stresses and pollution of their working life in the accessible and welcoming Essex countryside. True, this very accessibility has caused its depredation too. Small land holdings have been abused by overcrowding with unsuitable activities. Visitors to popular beauty spots have on occasion caused the erosion of the very character they had sought to enjoy. And pleasure vehicles have been known to exercise their rights to drive on byways unreasonably when the result of their passing is damage and danger to others. But mostly the countryside of Essex has been cherished by owners and beneficiaries alike.

There are many Jeremiahs metaphorically striding through the printed pages of environmental journals and other publications wringing their hands, tearing their hair and crying "Woe. woe and thrice woe - the countryside is gone. the larks no longer rise, the badgers have departed. the sea is rising ...we are undone" and more in that vein. But I have found that it is still possible to walk down some lanes with a biddable dog off the lead, the young on their bikes and cowslips massed on the verges. There are larks and song thrushes, and badgers, and orchids and bats - if you know where to look for them. The very fact that all is not lost must encourage us all to take the necessary steps to protect what we have left and to ensure the appreciation of the long term benefit to everyone (whether they are conscious of it or not) of maintaining our countryside and in formal leisure spaces in built-up areas.

One of the most inclusive ways of encouraging a fondness for the local environment is to enable people to explore their neighbourhood on foot, bike or (in the country-side at least) horseback, secure in the knowledge that their presence along a particular stretch of countryside or streetscape is acknowledged and that any motorised traffic will be prepared to give way to them by slowing down and watching out for them. Such security can be obtained through a "Quiet Lane" designation. Essex Local Transport Plan includes a Quiet Lanes policy and all that is needed now is local interest and drive (if you'll pardon the expression) to establish Quiet Lanes throughout the County. How excellent it would be if Essex were to lead the way in being the first county in England to have a Quiet Lane linking local walks or rides in every parish - both urban and rural! All it would take is for each Parish (and town) Council to press Essex County Council to establish one country lane or small street to be so designated in each parish. The short term benefit to parents and children, dog owners, cyclists and horse riders would be multiplied by the long term benefit to the environment of having some areas deliberately set apart for some degree of tranquillity in this modern hectic world!

Why not write. now to your Parish or Town Council pressing them to call for Essex County Council to designate a Quiet Lane in your own parish? Preferably such a Quiet Lane proposal should form a link so that one could walk or ride a complete circuit in traffic calmed conditions. Peter Foreman. the Chairman of the Transport Campaign Group of the Council for the Protection of Rural Essex (CPREssex) would be happy to give further advice. He can be contacted through The Garden Office of CPREssex. 79 Springfield Road. Chelmsford. Suzanne Walker, Vice chairman CPREssex. June 2001

Gardener's Corner for August

SHRUBS: Take semi-hard Cuttings of evergreen conifers holly and aucubia. CARNATIONS and PINKS: Plant young border plants pinch out the growing tips to make bushy plants. BULBS: At the end of the month pot up daffodils and narcissi for indoor flowering; SPRING CABBAGE: Plant seeds this month in trays or boxes and plant in their final position in late September or early October. *Frank Griffiths*

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for the June draw: 1st Alison Sykes 2nd Mr R Prior 3rd Mrs J Wenden

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioner Our Churches have been the focus of community life here for hundreds of years. Before Schools, Village Halls, and the like the Church would have been the place of gathering. The local priest was probably also the school teacher and doctor so surgeries and classes would have taken place there. At times of storm or danger the Church would have been a place of refuge, security, sanctuary. Births, marriages and deaths would have been marked within her walls, times of hope and joy, as well as of sorrow and grief. Our buildings have been lived in in the fullest sense of the word, a house belonging to God and his people.

Since the Victorians, I suppose, Churches have been ordered and set aside solely for the worship of God and of course we have a great deal to be thankful to them for their care and development of buildings. S Mary's Ardleigh is the beautiful sanctuary known throughout the world, because of the generosity and skills of the priests and people in the 1860s.

All three of our churches and their churchyards are havens of peace and tranquillity partly because of their past histories, partly because they are still places of prayer and praise, and partly because they have a stake too in the future. Sadly at the moment Little Bromley is kept locked by the charity which cares for her, but the keys are easy to get hold of. In Ardleigh and Great Bromley our Churches are prayed in every day - you'll often hear the bell chiming- These occasions are for all in the parish whether you choose to attend or not. During the rest of the time they are there for you to visit as places for contemplation, and quiet, just as much as Christian prayer and praise. The buildings here, like the times of worship, are for all people. The Church Councils feel strongly that they should be open as much as possible and work hard to make this happen. Sometimes open Churches seem to be a risk, but we think if that is so, and it is a risk worth taking. Locked churches cease to have that lived in feeling which has marked them in the past.

Next time you feel you need space or want to be away, yet somewhere secure, pop into one of your churches as countless of your predecessors have. Bring your life with its cares and anxieties, as well as its hopes and dreams, and relax for a while in a place that has been a haven in the past and promises to be one in the future. *Fr Nicolas.*

**Services for August**

1st	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Lifeline 2001	13th	9.00am	The Eucharist for all on holiday
2nd	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Christian Unity	15th		<b>Assumption of our Lady</b>
3rd	11.00am	The Eucharist for and at		7.00pm	Benefice Eucharist
4th		<b>S John Vianney</b>	16th	9.00am	The Eucharist for priests
	9.30am	The Eucharist for Parish Priests	17th	11.00am	The Eucharist for couples
5th		<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b>	18th	9.30am	The Eucharist of Walsingham
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Sunday 19th</b>		<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8.00am	The Eucharist		7.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist		8.00am	The Eucharist
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist		9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer		11.00am	Parish Eucharist
6th	7.00pm	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b>		6.30pm	Evening Prayer
8th		<b>S Dominic</b>	20th	9.00am	The Eucharist for the Housebound
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	22nd	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Walsingham
9th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Local Councillors	23rd	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the local Police
10th		<b>S Laurence</b>	24th		<b>S Bartholomew</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion		11.00am	The Eucharist for Bishops
11th		<b>S Clare</b>	25th	9.30am	The Eucharist for our Housechurches
	9.30am	The Eucharist for Religious	<b>Sunday 26th</b>		<b>11th Sunday after Trinity</b>
<b>Sunday 12th</b>		<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>		7.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30am	Morning Prayer		8.00am	The Eucharist
	8.00am	The Eucharist		9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist		11.00am	Parish Eucharist
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist		6.30pm	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	29th		<b>Beheading of John The Baptist</b>
				7.00pm	The Eucharist
				7.00pm	The Eucharist for local MPs

## The Bromley Messenger September 2001

### THE PEACOCK TAIL

With regard to some of the comments made since last month when I referred to my peacock I thought you might like to hear of his background and how I was catapulted into being a peacock carer. I have a cousin in Norfolk who takes in wounded, abused, lost or unwanted birds and animals. One of these last year was my peacock which was rescued from where he was being hounded on a small housing estate. He was a young immature male which apparently are quite often dumped (presumably because too many males with insufficient females will fight). My cousin took charge and rang me in July to ask if I would take him on. She suggested clipping his wings but I did not like the idea as he would then be unable to fly up and roost at night. After some thought we decided to give him a home but knew that he may leave because we decided we would not get a peahen as peacocks can be very successful breeders (we know of someone who ended up with about 40!). He made the journey from Norfolk in the boot of my car and proceeded to settle happily with the menagerie here and most particularly with the ducks with whom he went everywhere except into the water when he would stand on the edge watching them uncomprehendingly and shepherding them away from it when they emerged. This year he grew his tail to the proper adult length for a young mature male and we realised it was only a matter of time before he was off to find a mate. The ducks were unimpressed by his displays, as were the dog and cats. The pheasants too preferred their own kind so he started to wander and we had feedback from various parts of the village that he had visited. The number of days away grew longer until now he only comes back for the odd day or so to sit with the ducks and say hello. I don't know where he is but I hope he has found his peahen and that he is being treated kindly and fed well. I wish him luck. *Leonie Henderson*

We thank GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL for sponsoring this month's magazine.

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on 2 August 2001 at the village Hall.

**Refuse** The ongoing problem of fly-tipping in the village was discussed. The council is of the opinion that the high cost of using civic amenity sites is exacerbating the problem. A letter has been sent to the County Council Highways Department to ask if they have considered a remedy to this problem. The garden refuse dumped in Park Road and Mary Lane North has been reported to the District Council for removal.

**Re-cycling bins on Church Meadow** From 1 August the Parish Council took over full responsibility of the re-cycling bins from Tendring District Council. It is hoped that in the weeks to come, the usage of the bins will become clearer and a more satisfactory emptying arrangement set up.

**Stolen Bench from outside Village Hall** A replacement bench has now been ordered- delivery awaited.

**County Councillor Mrs S Candy** attended her first Parish Council meeting since her recent elections. The Chairman asked for her assistance to press for measures to help reduce road noise from the A133 and A120 roads.

**Lorries** There are concerns about the number of large lorries over 7.5 tonnes travelling through the village on the B1029 road. Parishioners are asked to report sightings, giving timings and if possible, registration numbers to the Parish Council.

**Open space land to the front of St George's Close** Members of the public, present at the meeting, complained about the very untidy state of the large grass area in front of St Georges Close which belongs to the County Council. The Parish Council agreed that this plot of land in the centre of the village is unsightly and a letter would be sent to the County Council requesting remedial action.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications and their comments forwarded to the District Council.

**Newhouse Farm, Hall Road.** New farm bungalow to be used as dwelling, farm office and facilities. The Parish Council would like more information regarding the proposed use of the existing farmhouse before a decision is made.

**6 Back Lane East.** Two storey side extension. No objections.





**9 Fairfield Close.** Rear and side extension. No objections.



**Land adjacent to former Spread Eagle Public House.** Renewal of permission and minor amendments. Although the council was informed that it could not object as outline planning permission had already been given, council would still complain about this application.

**2 Chase Cottages, Stone Road.** Two storey extension and detached garage. Change of use from agriculture to residential curtilage. No objections. however, the materials used should match the existing house.

The next meeting of Gt Bromley Parish Council will be held on 20th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

<p>In aid of <b>ST GEORGE'S ROOF REPAIR FUND</b></p>	<p><b>GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL</b></p>
<p><b>SILENT AUCTION</b> Saturday 20th October in the Village Hall - Doors Open at 7.30 p.m. We would be most grateful for donations of good quality (not Bric a Brac) items for the Auction. Please deliver them to Copley Dene from Thursday, 12th October. This should be an exciting evening with bargains for everyone!</p> 	<p>You are invited to join a <b>CONSTABLE COUNTRY SPONSORED WALK</b> in aid of Hall funds starting from Dedham Mill Pond on Sunday, 23rd September, 2001 from 11 o'clock onwards The walk is approximately 7-8 miles Why not bring a picnic - weather permitting Dogs on lead welcome Sponsor forms obtainable from: Lynda Allam (230375), Bevan Willgress (230150) or Peter Wenden (230613)</p> 
<p><b>CONCERT</b> by the Colchester Institute Choir - Leader Ian Rae Saturday 8th December (To be confirmed) A Choral and Musical Evening to be held in St. George's Church Refreshments Details to follow Early in 2002</p>	<p><b>EVERYONE IS INVITED</b> to Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday, 7th October in the afternoon for a conducted tour of the Cathedral and tea followed by Evening Prayer. I hope to organise a coach, see next month for final details. If you would like to come please let me know. James Wild (01206 230679)</p> 
<p><b>EASTERN ANGLES THEATRE COMPANY</b> (To be confirmed) Eastern Angles hopefully to return with another splendid production. This evening's entertainment will also include supper.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>W A N T E D</b> by <b>THE BROMLEY CROSS INN</b></p> <p>Part time Bar Person required for alternate Tuesday evenings (7.00-11.00pm) and casual/relief work. Must be prepared to work extra hours at peak periods. Please contact Dick or Brenda on 01206 230282 or call in during opening hours.</p>
<p><b>The United Benefice of Ardleigh &amp; The Bromleys</b></p>	
<p><b>HARVEST LUNCH</b> Sunday, 30th September, 2001 12.30 for 1.00pm Great Bromley Village Hall Adults £4 Family £10 Tickets from: James or Ann Wild on 230679 or Great Bromley Post Office</p> 	

**PLEASE DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR OLD 'DEAD' MOBILE PHONE!**

Do you remember Operation Christmas Child- when we fill shoeboxes at Christmas to go to children in Third World areas? Samaritan's Purse, the same International Relief Organisation. has asked us to save our discarded and redundant cellular phones so that they can recycle them in aid of families below the poverty level in Eastern Europe. Would you like to help? I'm collecting phones in support of this charity - so if you have an old tired phone tucked away somewhere, and are willing to donate it, bring it along to the church where there will be a box to receive them. or ring me and I will come and pick it up. Make yourself some space! Pass on your old mobile and help fee a hungry child. Every phone recycled raised £3 for the charity - £5 if you can include the charger as well. I'm hoping to collect at least 100!! Thank you for your help.

*Caroline McShane*

## ARDLEIGH BRANCH WEA

The Autumn Course will be on "The Plant Hunters" with tutor Mr Peter White. [See last month]

## CAT'S PROTECTION TENDRING & DISTRICT

Forthcoming events: Saturday 1st September Come and see us on our stall at Gt Bentley Show.  
Saturday 8th September CAT SHOW. Gt Bentley Village Hall. 2.30pm

1. Best Kitten 2. Best Adult 3. Best Veteran Cat - 10 years & above

4. Best Rescued cat 5. Cat that most resembles its owner 6. Best in Show 1

Entry £1 per class or 20p entry. Please ensure all cats are healthy and flea free. Stalls - C.P.L. goods, Books, Bric a Brac, Refreshments

Saturday 27th October BARN DANCE. Gt Bentley Village Hall. Dancing to Icen Folk 7.30-11.30pm. Tickets £5 to include Farmhouse Supper available from Sue Albins

We are hoping to open a shop in Connaught Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea shortly. Donations of good quality clothing. bric a brac. books. toys would always be welcome. So next time you are clearing out your wardrobe, attic please think of us. I can collect and deliver to the shop so just give me a ring. We are also recruiting volunteers to help in the shop, Just a few hours a day - various jobs including sorting goods, shop front etc. If you feel able to help please speak to our Co-ordinator.

## DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

1 Gt Bentley Show 5 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

8 C.P.L. Branch Cat Show at Ct Bentley Village Hall

20 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.30pm

20 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

23 Sponsored walk Constable Country meet Dedham Mill pond 11.00am

25 Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm .

27 WEA course 'The Plant Hunters' starts, Ardleigh Hall, 2.30pm

27 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

30 Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm - Note change of date

### OCTOBER

7 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral in afternoon with St George's Church

7 Car Treasure Hunt, starting from Village Hall, i.30pm

20 Silent Auction, Village Hall, 7.30pm

27 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

27 C.P.L. Branch Barn Dance, Gt Bentley Village Hall

29 Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Chapel. 7.30pm

NOVEMBER 24 Christmas Sale. Village Hall, 2.00 pm

DECEMBER 8 Concert by Colchester Institute Choir, St George's Church

## SUZANNE and JAMIE'S ECUADOR CYCLING CHALLENGE FOR MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

Thank you very much to those of you who came to our **Charity Barn Dance** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. We had a wonderful time, dancing all evening to the excellent sounds of the Lantern Band. Their caller had us on our feet all evening! Also many thanks to the Fairley Family of Park Farm for letting us use their barn for the event. The £200 raised helped to reach the £1800 target which had to be in by 13th August. So thank you for your generous donations. Just 11 weeks to go before we depart, the training is going well. despite the super mid-summer rainy weather! We are off to the Lake District at the weekend to try some 'proper' hill training. If you haven't yet had a chance to sponsor us, there is still time. Our Final balance (£2,500 in total) is due by the middle of September. You can either phone me for a sponsor form or just send a cheque made out to Macmillan Cancer Relief to my address: Suzanne Abbott, Fir Tree Cottage, Stone Road, Gt. Bromley. Once again a big thank you to everyone who sponsored us so far. On our return we are hoping to organise an event in the Village Hall with slides to tell you all about our trip. *Suzanne and Jamie Abbott*

## Gardener's Corner for September - Frank Griffiths

**TOMATOES:** Pick fruit that have just started to turn colour and ripen off in PAPER bags (not plastic). **LETTUCE:** If you have cloches. plant winter lettuces such as "Arctic King"

**BEETROOT:** Any surplus beetroot - dig them up and place in a black plastic bag and bury in a shallow trench. **ROSES:** Prune out old stems of ramblers when they have finished flowering.

**ANEMONES:** Can be planted this month for early spring flowering - choose a sunny position.

## GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB Winners for the JULY draw: 1st Mrs J Frostick 2nd Mrs V Jackson 3rd Mr J Hodge  
QUIZ NIGHT 27 October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact Phil Allam to enter teams.

## CARPET BOWLS

Attendances have been good and we were able to run the Club Singles Championship over the past few weeks. Four groups of four players, each playing the other in turn, resulted in a winner from each group making up the semi-finals. In these Nan Percival lost to Linda Francis and Evelyn Childs who looked like taking the match lost to Brian Francis on the last end. This led to a husband and wife final - no quarter was given - and a very close match ensued with Brian just sneaking a wood within centimetres of the jack to take the trophy. Well played everyone. Hopefully a pairs competition will be arranged to finish before the start of the league season in October. We welcome live new members: Paul Wilsher, Elaine and John Rowlands and Pam and Derek Frostick. They have all been with us for a few months now and just recently become full members of the club. We wish them every success but more importantly that they enjoy their bowling. *Nancy Kempster*

## KITCHEN CORNER

**HONEYCAKE** Makes 24 pieces

5 oz butter; 4 oz soft brown sugar; 6 oz clear honey; 1 tblsp water.

Warm gently in a saucepan till melted and blended then leave to cool.

When cooled to tepid beat in two eggs, one at a time. Then stir in 7 oz SR wholemeal flour.

Pour the mixture into greased lined oblong tin 11x7 inch or a small roasting tin. Sprinkle all over with flaked almonds and bake in a moderate oven for 30-35 minutes (350F, 180C) till risen and firm to the touch. Turn out to cool, then cut in squares. *Jill Frostick*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are a group of people with shared interests who meet every THIRD Thursday of the month at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. In the beginning the age limit was 60 and over but over the years our numbers of members has sadly depleted and we feel the age limit should be 50 and over now. We endeavour to have three outings per year, subsidised by the Club - this year it has been a MYSTERY Tour with tea at a United Chapel where the ladies serve us with a salad tea followed by home made cakes and lots of tea! A THEATRE outing to the Westcliff at Clacton. also a visit to GIFFORDS HALL and Vineyards. At Christmas we have our dinner at the Village Hall. Various pick-ups round the village are arranged as near to your home as possible - starting at Elmstead Market, through Frating, Ardleigh and Great Bromley. Why not join us one Thursday. It is not necessary to come every month - the first visit is free to see if you like us! The yearly subscription is £5 to become a member which entitles you to the subsidies and FREE coach to and from the Club. Do come, we are as the title says FRIENDS who help each other and look forward to seeing everyone, catching up with all the news of the family - the children, the grandchildren. We have speakers on a variety of topics and at times the entertainment is on a musical note. Can I say more except if you require any more information please ring our Chairman, Mrs Biddis, or myself. The next meeting is on 20th September with the entertainers being the SEA SHANTIES. The competition is a FISH ORNAMENT. *Vicky Griffiths*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All of our members who were able to go on our Annual Outing, this year to Carters Vineyard and Environmental Centre, had a very enjoyable time. First of all there was a video about the care of the vineyard, which was started as a hobby by a retired Optician but now has a business partner. The vineyard is virtually self-sufficient, there is a borehole which supplies the water and a solar wind machine for electricity. They bottle all of their wine themselves and some for other vineyards.

After the tour around, members were invited to a wine tasting session and had an opportunity to purchase some of the various wines. A very tasty supper was supplied towards the end of the evening, a salad buffet with a sweet course. This month, our Speaker will be Mrs Boswell talking about "Carnival Glass". Do join us if you wish, in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5th September at 7.30pm. We will be pleased to see you. *June Willgress*

## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Management Committee met again on 24th July under the chairmanship of Peter Wenden. Most members were present, only two being unable to attend and sending their apologies. The final inspection of the Millennium Lounge has been undertaken and a snagging list compiled, which has been attended to by our contractor. We are very grateful to J A Malt and colleagues for constructing the splendid new lounge facility now available at the Hall. All credit to them for a job well done. We currently have a quote for the external repair and painting of the Hall, also a quote for the re-felting of the kitchen roof which was found to be leaking recently. Work should start soon. Other areas that we are considering are upgrading the kitchen, ladies toilets and the north car park.

Fund raising continues. We have a Sponsored Walk (along the Stour Valley) on Sunday. 23rd September starting at 11.00 am and finishing by 4.00 pm and would appreciate your support in any way possible either as a walker, sponsor or providing facilities. Contact Peter Wenden or any other committee member for information. On Sunday, 7th October we will have a Car Treasure Hunt starting at the Village Hall from 1.30 pm, cost £5 per car, tea and biscuits, raffle, finish by 5.00pm. The Christmas Sale in the Village Hall will be on Saturday 24th November at 2.00 pm with the proceeds being shared between the Village Hall and St Georges Church. The Management Committee next meet on Tuesday, 25 September at 7.30 pm at the Hall.

*Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

## STROKE - NEED INFORMATION?

Call in for advice on the 3rd Tuesday in the month 10.30am - 12.30pm Commences 18th September at Stroke Association Hall, 85 Frinton Road, Holland-on-Sea Tel: 01255 815905

## ALTERATIONS AT LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Thomas Legh, Bishop of St Albans, in whose diocese our parishes were until 1914, granted a Faculty to The Revd Harry Holdsworth Minchin, rector of Little Bromley and Edgar Cooper, the sole churchwarden, to do the following alterations because there was "urgent need of renovation. the floor being rotten, the walls damp and the sittings unsightly and inconvenient".

The parishioners agreed at a meeting on 9th April, 1885. that there was a need for reseating, removing the gallery and making other alterations according to the plans of Mr F G Jackson. This work required the removal of all woodwork of the pews in the Chancel and Nave: the wooden Reredos in the Chancel; The Reading Desk; the Gallery in the Tower; to alter the position of the Alter Rails: to provide a new and more convenient Communion Table and a Credence Table; to open out a blocked up Window in the Chancel and two blocked up Windows in the Nave; to provide for warming the Church with one of Powill's Stoves and build a chimney for this.

The estimated cost was seven hundred pounds of which five hundred pounds had been raised by subscription and this had been deposited in the London and County Bank, Manningtree.

It was necessary to remove the monument of the Revd. Thomas Newman, Junior, so that the blocked up window in the chancel could be opened, but it was intended that the monument should then be replaced as near to the original position as possible.

If anything else was necessary to facilitate the work this was agreed and the faculty document signed and sealed by the Bishop of St Alban's Registrar, George Henry Knight on 22nd May 1885. The Rt. Revd. Thomas Legh had been Bishop of St Albans for eight years having been translated from another bishopric.

Almost a new interior to what many believe is an old one. What did the original church look like inside? There is no one alive today to say. *John Appleby*



FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Parishioner,

Increasingly in our society people are removed from the production of the things they eat and drink. I can certainly remember 20 years ago taking children out of inner city Coventry for a holiday in North Wales and having to explain to them the connection between that thing called a cow and the milk they didn't like drinking but knew was good for them! It's less likely that such ignorance will be found in our own school and so the celebration of harvest will be one we can all relate to. Seeing the combines working all hours and the trailers going back and forth are visible reminders that the gathering in is taking place. Whilst not directly affected, I do know that the mice driven from the fields will soon be seeking refuge in my attic! Harvest time is one of being aware of the riches of our daily lives our homes and clothing, our food and drink. A reminder too of the community we live in, with our school, shop, pubs, village hall and Church. Knowing too that we are home and respite, support and encouragement to many who are disabled and their families, in Ashfern house, Hamilton Lodge, and Seven Rivers. When we gather in our churches and chapels in the next few weeks to sing "all good gifts around us" it isn't just the flowers and the fruit and veg and tins we can see around us, but everything that makes up our daily lives here in The Bromleys. I choose to thank God for my life here and to praise him for it, and to ask him to help me respond generously to those who are less fortunate. In that Spirit I invite you to be thankful and generous too in whatever way is appropriate to your life. May God bless you. *Fr Nicolas.*

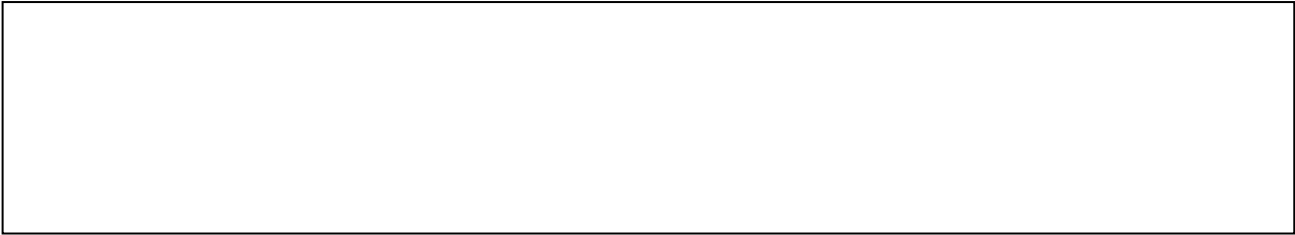
ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY  
united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for August

1st	9.30am	The Eucharist for Elm Park	St. Mary the Virgin
2nd		<b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
3rd	9.00am	The Eucharist for theologians	St. George the Martyr
5th	6.00pm	The Eucharist	Hamilton Lodge
6th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for unity	St. Mary the Virgin
7th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
8th		<b>The Birthday of Our Lady</b>	
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 9th		<b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
10th	9.00am	The Eucharist for our Catechists	St. George the Martyr
12th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the PCC	St. George the Martyr
13th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for priests	St. Mary the Virgin
14th		<b>Triumph of the Holy Cross</b>	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
Sunday 16th		<b>14th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Mar-
tyr			
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
17th	9.00am	The Eucharist for our Schools	St. George the Martyr
19th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for our Housechurches	St. George the Martyr
20th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the PCC	St. Mary the Virgin
21st		<b>S Matthew</b>	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
Sunday 23rd		<b>15th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Harvest Festival	Ardleigh Methodist Chapel
26th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Traidcraft	St. George the Martyr
27th	9.30am	The Eucharist for teachers	St. Mary the Virgin
28th	11.00am	The Eucharist for Bishop Edwin	Seven Rivers
29th	12 noon	<b>S Michael and All Angels</b>	Thaxted
Sunday 30th		<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Harvest Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin

Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS  
at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



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We thank THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE BROMLEYS for sponsoring this month magazine.

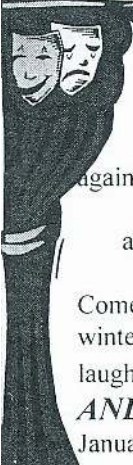
In aid of ST GEORGES ROOF REPAIR FUND

**SILENT AUCTION** Saturday 20th October Great Bromley Village Hall Doors open 7.30 pm. We are in urgent need of good quality donations for the Auction. If you have any item, large or small, that you won't throw away, but haven't room for any more ranging from furniture, the family silver or auntie's old teapot, other unwanted gifts or bequests, please would you deliver your donation to Copley Dene (next to the cricket ground) where it will be gratefully received by John and Anne Clapham from Thursday 12th October onwards. If you want more information or help with collection, please call either John or Anne, or Pat and Keith Hughes

**CONCERT** Saturday, 8th December in St George's Church at 7.30 pm  
We have just received confirmation that the Colchester Institute Choir - Leader Ian Ray - will be pleased to present a varied programme of choral and instrumental music ranging from Bach and Vivaldi to Gershwin, including some seasonal items.

Refreshments will be served. Cost of the tickets will be £10. Do come along and bring your family and friends. you'll not be disappointed. Tickets available from Anne Clapham, Pat & Keith Hughes, James Wild and Fr. Nicolas or from Great Bromley Post Office.


**EASTERN ANGLES THEATRE COMPANY** have now agreed to come to the Village Hall on either Friday, 8th March 2002 or Saturday, 9th March. 2002. The specially commissioned play will be The Walsingham Organ. WATCH THIS SPACE!



**GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP**  
Its **PANTO TIME**  
again and auditions are being held on 2nd October at Gt Bromley Village Hall at 7.30pm.  
Come & join us to while away the winter evenings with fun & laughter rehearsing **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** for January 2002.

**TUNES OF GLORY**  
Sunday, 4th November at the **WESTCLIFF THEATRE** with the Harwich Royal British Legion Band  
If you are feeling the early winter "blues" come and listen to the Band with us. We have a 35 seater coach leaving Elmstead Market at approximately 2.00pm with "pick-ups" on the route to Great Bromley at Frating and Ardleigh. Your name and address must be in by 27th October. The cost of £8.10 covers the coach, theatre and driver's tip.  
  
Further details on 01206 230191 (after 6.00pm please). - Vicky Griffiths

**CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL VISIT**  
Sunday, 7th October  
Conducted tour of the Cathedral and tea followed by Evening Prayer.  
Cost is £5.  
The coach will leave the Church Meadow at 2.45 pm and return leaving the Cathedral at 7.30 pm. There are still some spare seats so if you would like to come please let me know.  
James Wild (01206 230679)



St George's School, Gt. Bromley

The P.T.A. would like to thank everyone for the support they have shown during school events. For such a small school an outstanding amount of money is raised each year. The kind donations of £100 from The Old Courthouse Inn and £275 from Mrs Jacky Poynter's Snack Bar are received with many thanks.

The P.T.A. A.G.M. was held at the School on 13th September in the School Hall but sadly the turn out was small. The Committee is as follows:  
Debbie Wright - Chairperson; Sue Skinner - Secretary; Ruth Lawson - Treasurer  
Committee members are: Paula Tyler, Kaye Mitchell and Sarah McGee. Please remember that by supporting your PTA you are helping your children and the school.

**TICKETS SELLING FAST:**

**THE FABS** on 13th October Tickets £5 available from Sue Skinner (A Fantastic Night Out)

**FESTIVE FAYRE** 30th November 6.00pm-8.00pm in the School Hall. Perfect for getting some early Christmas presents.

### PLAYGROUP

We started the new term by welcoming some new faces and are pleased to report that they are all settling in really well. Our topic for this half term is "Professions". We are looking forward to having some fun with that. We have been very lucky with the weather so far and are taking full advantage of the outside play area while it lasts. It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Jane Taylor. Due to other commitments she has decided to leave. The staff and children wish her well. Dates for your diary: Mon 22 Oct Half term (2 weeks) Mon 5 Nov Playgroup returns Wed 7 Nov Toddler Group returns

### **POSITION VACANT PLAYGROUP ASSISTANT**

Hours: 8.45 am-12.45pm Thursdays only. Wages upon written application to Mrs H Fairley, Richmond House, Paynes Lane, Little Bromley



### KITCHEN CORNER

A vegetarian dish to make the most of the autumn vegetables from the garden. This is quick and easy to make.

### **COUSCOUS WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES**

175g/6 oz couscous; 700g/1½ lb mixed vegetables (eg. sliced courgettes and aubergines, tomatoes, young carrots, halved peppers etc.) 8tbsp olive oil; a handful each of fresh coriander, mint and parsley roughly chopped; salt and pepper; 1 tbsp harissa (spicy paste) or some garam masala or curry powder; 3-4 tbsp white wine vinegar; grated rind and juice of 1 orange. Put couscous in a bowl and pour on boiling water to cover by 1 cm. Leave to soak 30 minutes. Put all the vegetables in a roasting tin, drizzle on half the oil and add half herbs. Stir in seasonings and roast in a hot oven 20 - 30 minutes till tender. Put rest of oil and vinegar in a large bowl, add the warm pan juices from the vegetables, stir in the couscous, rest of herbs orange juice and rind and season to taste. Serve at once, piling the vegetables on top and sprigs of coriander to garnish. *Jill Frostick*

### Gardeners Corner for October

**SHRUBS:** Take hardwood cuttings this month.

**PATIO PLANTS:** Take under cover half-hardy plants that are in pots such as azaleas.

**ROSES:** Take cuttings of climbers and ramblers. Plant in the position you wish them to grow i.e. over arches or against the fence.

**RHODODENDRONS;** Now is the time to layer established plants. Take a low growing branch and peg it to the ground with a piece of bent wire and cover with soil. In the spring when it shows signs of growth sever from the parent plant and replant it.

**DAHLIAS:** When frost blackens the stems cut down to six inches and lift tubers. turn upside down to drain stems then store under cover for the winter.

*Frank Griffiths*

### Orchard Boarding Cattery

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Little Bentley  
near Colchester CO7 8SS



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## DIARY

### OCTOBER

- 2 Autumn Sale, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 Visit to Chelmsford Cathedral in afternoon with St George's Church
- 7 Car Treasure Hunt, starting from Village Hall, 1.30pm
- 7 Guide Dog Service, Lawford Church, 3.00pm
- 13 Open meeting, St. George's church, 11.00am
- 13 Youngsters Activity time, Ardleigh Methodist Chapel, 2.00pm
- 13 Visit to Guide Dog Training Centre, Redbridge 1
- 13 The Fabs, P.T.A. Dance
- 18 Friendship club meeting, Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 20 Retirement reception Dr George, Gt Bentley Village Hall, 3.00pm
- 20 Silent Auction, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 Ct Bromley parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 C.P.L. Branch Barn Dance, Gt Bentley Village Hall
- 29 Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm
- 30 PTA Festive Fayre, School Hall, 6.00pm

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Tunes of Glory, Westcliff Theatre
- 8 The Bromleys PCC meeting, 7.00pm
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 24 Christmas Sale, Village Hall, 2.00 pm

### DECEMBER

- 8 Concert by Colchester Institute Choir, St Georges Church
- 21 Christmass Carol service, St Mary's church, Little Bromley
- 24 Midnight Mass, St George's church, 11.30pm

## TAKE A PEW!

The Church Lands Trustees Accounts give information that in 1856 - "A Plan, Specification and Estimate was received from Mr Ringham of Ipswich for reseating the Parish Church." There had been special Rates agreed by the Parish for new seating in 1801. There are still some of these pews in existence but these are very much decayed. In 1811 there was great consternation. "Chusing a place to erect two pews for the accommodation of Mr Warren and his family" was on everyone's lips. John Hanson, who was at the Hall strongly objected to the scheme as did Mr Wade. This seems to prove that there was still work going on to install new seating. Hanson had his way which is what one would have expected from such a strong character. *John Appleby*

## NEWS FROM THE DOCTOR'S SURGERIES

### ARDLEIGH SURGERY - DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU VACCINATION

The Department of Health recommends that all people aged over 65 including those with chronic conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease and renal disease should be vaccinated against influenza as complications associated with the flu can be serious. The Department of Health has therefore, set a target for all general practices to vaccinate at least 65% of their over 65 patients. Last year Ardleigh surgery achieved 70%! Ardleigh Surgery, in common with all other surgeries, will be offering 'flu vaccination clinics during October and November. Please contact the surgery to book into a clinic on 4, 11, 25 October or 8 November at 2pm. If these dates are inconvenient patients may make an appointment with a Practice Nurse for some other time. As the availability of 'flu vaccines is limited this year, as always, make sure you book an early appointment.

DIABETIC SCREENING are you one of the missing million? Statistically, there are approximately one million undiagnosed diabetics in the UK. Unfortunately, many people with diabetes are only diagnosed after they have already developed complications of the eye, kidney or circulation including the heart. Ardleigh Surgery are concerned that some of our patients may have diabetes, but are unaware. It is planning, therefore, this autumn during the flu vaccination campaign, to offer urine testing to anyone over 50, or those with a family history of diabetes, who have not had this done in the past twelve months. Urine pots will be available to patients attending the surgery. *Fred Merrin, Ardleigh Surgery*



### GREAT BENTLEY SURGERY DR MICHAEL GEORGE

Dr George will be retiring from the Great Bentley Practice at the end of October after 34 years of loyal service. The villagers of Great Bentley invite patients and friends from the surrounding villages to attend a farewell reception at: GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL. at 3.00pm-5.00pm on Saturday, 20th October Light refreshments will be served and we hope to have some musical entertainment as well. If you wish to make a contribution to a farewell gift your village "collection point" will be: Great Bromley Post Office and we are grateful for their help and your support. This needs to be collected by 14th October. Please join us if you can. If you have any queries please ring Mary Maskell

### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The Stour Valley branch of G.D.B.A. have held two successful summer activities. The coffee morning at Conifers in July made £172.40 profit thanks to all helpers and supporters. The stall at the West Bergholt Vehicle Show and Military Tattoo raised a total of £250 for our funds. It was a weekend to remember with the wonderful ring activities and the first ever night parachute jump by the Red Devils in the UK. The dog walk postponed because of foot and mouth has unfortunately had to be postponed again due to the impending road closure at Dedham Mill which will greatly increase the volume of traffic along Stratford Road which formed part of the walk. It is hoped to reschedule this event for the spring.

To celebrate 70 years of The Guide Dogs for the Blind in the country a special service is to be held at St Marys Church, Lawford on 7th October at 3.00pm. Following the service there will be refreshments in the church hall to which all the congregation are invited. We hope several guide dog owners and their dogs will be with us. so you are assured of making new friends if you come and join us. Would you like to visit the Guide Dog Training Centre at Redbridge? A coach visit has been arranged for Saturday 13 October leaving Lawford at 11.30am and returning 6.00pm. Regrettably no children under 6 years of age for this visit. Cost £6.50 per person. Bring a picnic lunch. Visit the kennels. meet the people, listen to a guide dog owner talk. If you are interested phone Marjorie (seats are limited).

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS SUFFERED A STROKE?

Are they keen to meet other people in the same position as themselves? Would they like help with their speech and writing? If so why not tell them about the COLNE STROKE GROUP We meet Each Monday at 'Woodlands, multi purpose centre, Recreation Road, Colchester.

**We help...** With speech and writing difficulties.

**We relax...** Over a coffee or a light lunch

**We enjoy...** A quiz, listen to a speaker or watch a demonstration

**We advise...** On other help and facilities which are available

**We...** Would love to hear from you.

If you would like more information on the Colne Stroke Group, please contact: Louise Joplin, Group Co-ordinator on 01206 396868.

**STROKE AWARENESS WEEK** 29th September - 6th October "Let's get physical"

The Stroke Association is hoping to get the message across to everyone that THE SINGLE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR HEALTH IS EXERCISE. All it takes is a minimum of 30 minutes of activity at least five days a week. You do not need to do this all in one go - it is equally effective when broken up into 10 and 20 minute bouts of activity. Research has shown that even people who have not taken exercise for years can lower their risk of stroke - as well as other health conditions - when they become active. Regular exercise:

- Helps to lower blood pressure
- Makes the heart and lungs work harder
- Strengthens muscles
- Increases bone density
- Increases metabolism
- Helps reduce stress
- Enhances your mood and produces a sense of wellbeing.

If anyone would like more information about any aspect of stroke please contact Linda Eliot

### GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Management Committee met on 25 September with a full agenda to consider. The Hall was visited during September by an Environmental Services Officer to carry out an inspection required under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. Also scheduled during September is an inspection by the Building Surveyor in conjunction with the requirements for renewal of our public entertainment licence. The flat roofed area above the Hall kitchen has recently been stripped and re-felted after it was found to be leaking. We are most grateful to David Skinner for organising and executing this promptly, thus avoiding further damage internally. Some work has been carried out on the north car parking area in an effort to improve the drainage and firm the surface to the benefit of all users. Thanks are expressed to Martin Frostick for organising this which is most appreciated. We have now accepted a quote to repair and paint the external woodwork of the Hall. It is expected that work will commence this month. Our Coffee Morning organised and hosted by Peter and June Wenden was very well supported and made £388. This was a splendid effort. Our grateful appreciation to those who helped or supported in a variety of ways to achieve this result - even the weather was kind. Our Sponsored Walk (along the Stem Valley) on Sunday, 23rd September from Dedham Mill Pond car park will be reported upon next month. On Sunday, 7th October, we will have a Car Treasure Hunt starting at the Village Hall between 1-2pm, cost £5 per car. Tea and biscuits. raffle. Finish by 5.00pm. Please book with Dean Dasley or Peter Wenden. The Christmas Sale in the Village Hall will be on Saturday, 24th November at 2.00pm and the proceeds will be shared between the Village Hall and St Georges Church.

*Bevan Willgress. Secretary*

### GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB Winners for the August draw: 1st Mrs J Kempster 2nd Mr A Pirie 3rd Mr W Taggart This was the last draw for the 2000-2001 season. The new season will start in September and the first draw takes place at the end of the month.

Once more I should like to thank all of you who participated in the draw. We have 85 members at present each paying :£12 per year or £1 per month. More than 50% is paid out in prize money. The Club would be most grateful if you could continue to support us. Please would you send cheques to me (Phil Allam) payable to G.B.C.C. Thank you and GOOD LUCK!

As many of you may know we have started running Kwick Cricket for the boys and girls of Primary School age. It was with much trepidation that we went to the first evening at the Cricket ground, not knowing if anyone would turn up. To our amazement and delight about 40 girls and boys were there!!! so we all started to learn how to play Kwick Cricket. The children have done really well. The older ones entered into two tournaments, one at Brightlingsea and one at Clacton, losing by 3-2 at Brightlingsea and 3-1 at Clacton, but enjoying every minute of it. Thank you to all the parents for transport and your support, especially Steve and Peter Wright for their help in running it. Next year we will certainly carry on and will be starting in May. Due to the success of the Kwick Cricket we are considering forming a Colts Side. It will probably be Under 13!! If you are keen to play please let me or a member of the Club know. *Phil Allam*

**QUIZ NIGHT** Saturday, 27th October in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm Tickets :23 per person. If you would like to enter a team up to 8 people please contact Phil Allam on 01206 230375

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sincere thanks to Mr Vaughan Savage who was our last minute speaker at our August meeting when the Fireman who was to talk to us on fire alarms had to be on duty. If you are an early riser you will no doubt have heard Mr Savage reading the news on Channel Four at 7.00 am. The speaker for this month is Mr Kevin Marsden on Bird Wildlife. The competition is a small bird ornament.

Giffords Hall was very interesting and after watching the video on the history of the vineyards there were plenty of tasters of the various wines which they produce and an opportunity to buy. A young deer which had been abandoned by its mother when only a day or two old was found on the vineyard by Jeannie Kemp who reared and bottle fed him and he is now a permanent attraction and has been named "Willow".

Our next meeting is on 18th October at 2.30pm at the Village Hall. If you need the coach please phone beforehand so that Trevor, our coach driver, will know to look out for you. Do join us - forget all those household chores for a couple of hours and re-charge your batteries! -

*Vicky Griffiths*

## SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Autumn Sale at Great Bromley Village Hall on 2 October, 10.30am-3.00pm

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, Mrs Boswell, was unable to come to our September meeting. However, Mrs Brenda Eyers, who is a Flower Arranger's demonstrator, accompanied by her little spaniel, Sweep, kindly came along to tell us about the history of a corsage. The custom of wearing a corsage goes back a long way in time, they were worn to denote who you supported and are said to be the origin of the saying "showing your true colours"! In Victorian and Edwardian times, buttonholes were worn again in different colours and either pressed or dried in order to preserve them.

Nowadays, corsages and buttonholes are worn for special occasions and coloured ribbons or a silk flower are worn to show support for certain charities. Americans like very large corsages with very large flowers i.e. lillies, for weddings. Mrs Eyers went on to show us how to make a corsage for ourselves. This month, Mrs Karia is coming to tell us about Indian Cookery. If you are interested, do come along to the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.30pm, you will be very welcome. June Willgress

## WEALTH OF THE COUNTRYSIDE

The National Federation of Women's Institutes launched the (Wealth of the Countryside campaign during 11th to 24th September. All WI members had been asked to record the hours they voluntarily give to their local community during one month. Our local WI is not large with only 23 members but we came up with a staggering 352.5 hours for the month broken down into WI organisation and support, Managing/supporting other organisations, Environment and conservation, Personal care and support, Social, cultural, recreational activities, Campaigning, citizenship and Other. Taken over 12 months this amounts to 4,230 hours which at £10 per hour, the accepted value for volunteer work, is £42,300 as our contribution to the community. The WI movement was started in Stoney Creek, Canada, by a Mrs Adelaide Hoodless with the help of Mr Erland Lee on 17th February, 1897. In Great Britain the first Women's Institute was formed at Llanfairpwll, North Wales on 16th June, 1915 by the combined efforts of Mr Nugent Harris, Secretary of the Agricultural Organisation Society (AOS), Colonel Stapleton-Cotton, Chairman of the North Wales Branch of the AOS and Mrs Alfred Watt from Canada.

## OPEN MEETING in St. Georges Church

13th October at 11.00am to discuss possible future uses of the building and any necessary reordering.

## FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Parishioner,

A few years ago someone produced a list of "modern sins" to help Christians in their spiritual lives. It came under great ridicule for amongst other things it listed bad driving as being sinful. A sin is something that causes a break in a relationship. it could be between God and myself, between another human or something that damages myself.

The reasoning behind the driving goes something like this. Causing an accident is obvious but simply cutting someone up or irritating another may mean that that person gets into the office and bites off the head of the secretary, who is then abrupt to someone on the telephone, who the chain continues. Often it is the little things that do that, like a pebble dropping into a pool, send waves out far beyond my awareness.

Sometimes it is because I don't say to someone "it hurts when you do that" or "it makes me sad when you say things like that", that it eats away inside me and either makes me poorly or eventually becomes way out of proportion. It doesn't make my reaction right but sometimes it can explain it.

In trying to come to terms with the tragic terrorist events in America, and indeed in other parts of our world, I have to acknowledge, as Jesus did, that humans are capable of great evil towards themselves and each other. The third generation person born in a refugee camp can have a hatred, rightly or wrongly, for those he thinks are responsible that fuels him to react disproportionately. It doesn't make the action right, but can maybe be understood a little. Jesus said love your neighbour yes, but love your enemy too, lest your lack of love destroys you and him. Forgive those who trespass against you. Don't let hurt or grievances fester or be perpetuated. Be reconciled to each other. Love one another. Every day our world changes, but

especially so on September 11th this year. How I wish I could turn back the clock, but I can't. What I can do is seek to be someone who when I sin or am sinned against, does all in my power to mend the break. When I see another being hurt or an injustice being carried out, I seek to bring reconciliation. As a Christian leader, as a man who tries to walk humbly with his God, I can ask you to share with me in being loving, being generous, in giving the benefit of the doubt, in reaching out to others in need, in being strong in the face of evil. I can try to make sure I'm a good driver. May God bless you. *Fr Nicolas.*

## ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

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### Services for October

<b>1st</b>	8.00am	<b>S Therese</b> Eucharist for our schools	St. George the Martyr
<b>3rd</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Housechurches	St. George the Martyr
<b>4th</b>		<b>S Francis</b> The Eucharist for Catechists	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>5th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion at and for	Seven Rivers
<b>6th</b>	9.30am	The Eucharist for other faiths	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>7th</b>		<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Harvest Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>8th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for the Cathedral	St. George the Martyr
<b>10th</b>	6.00pm	The Eucharist at and for	Hamilton Lodge
<b>11th</b>	9.30am	The Eucharist for school governors	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>12th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist for the Society of the Holy Cross	Seven Rivers
<b>13th</b>	9.30am	The Eucharist for stewardship	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 14th</b>		<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>15th</b>		<b>S Teresa</b> The Eucharist for vocations	St. George the Martyr
<b>16th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for the Deanery	St. George the Martyr
<b>18th</b>		<b>S Luke</b> The Eucharist medics	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>19th</b>	9.30am	The Eucharist for Bishop Edwin	Seven Rivers
<b>20th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist of Walsingham	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 21st</b>		<b>19th Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>22nd</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for all on holiday	St. George the Martyr
<b>24th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for our children	St. George the Martyr
<b>25th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Unity	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>26th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist for S John's hospital	Seven Rivers
<b>27th</b>	9.30am	The Eucharist for family life	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 28th</b>		<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>29th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for the College of the Resurrection	St. George the Martyr
<b>31st</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Samaritan's Purse	St. George the Martyr



**Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS  
at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh**

Although the nights are drawing in I am finding it difficult to accept that the period of Winter is almost upon as it is unseasonably warm. I am still wearing summer clothes and the trees are still magnificently clothed in their leaves. Despite the lateness of the year I have a duck that is sitting on eggs although the bees are becoming more sluggish and not flying so early in the mornings. Personally I like a good hard winter with a generous dollop of snow midway which makes me view the first snowdrop with wonder as they appear through the cold hard earth and grow beneath the snow. This year I have already got some primroses in flower. Last year they started to bloom in December and flowered right the way through until about April. The grass is continuing to grow and needing to be cut on a regular basis and whereas during the 90s I started to plant drought-resistant plants in the garden as the ground became drier and drier with plants and trees suddenly dying it now seems forever wet and boggy underfoot. I can't make sense of the seasons any more nor can I make sense of what is going on in the wider world around us. Everything seems to have gone mad. Even the community in which we live is changing - people expect things by right to be there in the village but refuse to put themselves forward to sit on committees, to run associations or support their local amenities. That said I would urge everybody please to support the various sponsors of our magazine and those who advertise in it as without their support it could not continue. However life goes on and the cycle continues to roll and this month we are looking forward in the village to the Christmas season with its services, festive fairs, carol singing and the pantomime.

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<b>SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME</b>	
<p><b>COFFEE MORNING</b> at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home on Thursday, 8th November 10.30 am - 12 noon <b>ALL WELCOME</b> Raffles, Residents Handicrafts Coffee £1</p> 	<p><b>LONDON MARATHON</b> Seven Rivers Cheshire Home has a guaranteed place in the 2002 race. All we ask is that you raise a minimum of £1000 for Seven Rivers, your local Leonard Cheshire Home. Contact Gill on 01206 230345 for further details.</p> 

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<b>GREAT BROMLEY CAROL SINGING</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b>
<p>Once again, I am hoping that we can continue the annual singing of carols around the Village on Monday 17th December and Tuesday 18th December; the proceeds going to charity.</p> <p>The more people who come to sing, the better, so, please join us, if you can. We shall meet at 6.30pm on the Church Car Park.</p> <p>If you have any queries contact Dennis Simons (01206 231115)</p> 	<p>in Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 24th November at 2.00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Various stalls</li> <li>* Father Christmas</li> <li>* Raffles</li> <li>* Refreshments</li> <li>* Come and Buy your Christmas gifts</li> </ul> <p>Proceeds to Village Hall &amp; St George's Church</p> 

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### **Essex County Council Land between St Georges Close anti Brook Street (B1029)**

There have been numerous complaints about the state of this plot of land. Essex County Council treats this plot as it does grass verges and will only cut the perimeter grass, the remaining being left. The plot is a permanent eyesore and negates all attempts by the Parish Council to make the village look attractive. The Parish Council has therefore agreed to manage the site and is now consulting with the County Council so that the necessary legal arrangements can be made.

**Land Drains - Hare Green Recreation Ground** Two quotes, in the region of £5,000, have been received to drain the whole of the recreation ground. Councillors are now investigating the feasibility of partial drainage of the ground which may be sufficient to improve the condition of the playing field.

**Land Adjacent to the Old Spread Eagle Public House** Despite strong objections from the Parish Council, Tendring District Council have renewed the planning application to build two dwellings on this plot of land.

**Excessive Speeding in Great Bromley** Council has received several complaints about excessive speeding by motorists and motor cyclists in the village. Speeding is a major cause of accidents which can lead to death or serious injuries. Council will pass on any information it receives about the culprits to the police.

**Golden Jubilee** How would you like us to commemorate the Golden Jubilee next year? Please give us your suggestions by either contact a Council member or the Clerk.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications and their comments forwarded to the District Council.

**The Orchards, Frating Road** Driveway alterations. No objections to this application

**Oak House Farm** Change of use of garage to part office and accommodation. The parish Council objects to this application. There is no need for this additional accommodation.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15th November

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL PART-TIME CLERK

The Parish Council needs to appoint a clerk to succeed the present incumbent who is resigning for personal reasons. Applications are invited from those wishing to be considered for this important position. The successful applicant will be numerate and have excellent secretarial and communication skills, written and oral. The Clerk is required to produce minutes of council meetings which are held monthly during the evening. The clerk is also expected to attend planning meetings which are normally held no more frequently than once a month, during the evening. The clerk is responsible for all correspondence with members of the public and local authorities. A salary and expenses are paid. For further information about the position please telephone Sandra Shute on 396767. Applications for appointment should be made to : The Chairman of the Parish Council, c/o Bay Cottage, Great Bromley

MANNINGTREE TOWN COUNCIL PART-TIME CLERK This vacancy needs to be filled as soon as possible. The ideal person will be numerate and have excellent secretarial and communication skills, written and oral. Approximately 4 hours per week. An office at home is essential as the Town Council does not have any accommodation. For further information contact: Mrs S Shute - Clerk to the Town Council Telephone: 01206 396767

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB Congratulations to Peter Brinkley and his team on winning the Osborne Division Two Championship. they have played some great cricket this season with everyone contributing with either bat or ball. We will be playing in Division One next season and look forward to playing some of the best teams in the area. - *Phil Allam*

100 CLUB Winners for the September draw: 1 Mr J Whittaker 2 Miss K Hart 3 Mr J Boulton

## FARM ACCIDENT 1594

Ralph King, Rector of Little Bromley in the 16th century, gives an account of an accident there in 1594. In the Little Bromley Burial Register he writes - "William Tybald, a child of the age of viij years smothered with a corne stack falling upon him by myshannif, being the sonne of Robert Tybauld" (buried xiiij nov. 1594) There is no other detail so whether William was a local child or had come from a nearby parish to play in the place of his accident is not clear. Maybe some day other evidence will come to give details of this family.

*John Appleby*

WANTED by THE BROMLEY CROSS INN - Weekend and occasional Cleaner 2 hours Sunday morning, Extra at peak periods. Please contact Dick or Brenda on 01206 230282 or call in during opening hours.

### DIARY DATES

#### NOVEMBER

4 Tunes of Glory, Westcliff Theatre  
7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 pm  
8 Coffee Morning, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 10.00 am  
8 The Bromleys PCC meeting, 7.00pm  
11 Remembrance Sunday  
15 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 pm  
22 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00 pm  
24 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00 pm  
30 Festive Fayre, School Hall, 6.00 pm

#### DECEMBER

8 Concert by Colchester Institute Choir, St George's Church  
17th & 18th Carol Singing round Gt Bromley, meet in Church Meadow, 6.30 pm  
21 Christmass Carol service, St Mary's Church, Little Bromley  
24 Midnight Mass, St Georges Church, 11.30pm

#### JANUARY 2002

Beauty & the Beast Pantomime, Village Hall

MARCH 9 The Walsingham Organ, Eastern Angles Theatre Company

### Gardeners Comer for November

The weather still continues to be mild so on dry days keep the lawns cut but not too short.

ROSES: Take a few inches off the top of tea roses to stop the wind rocking them about. Keep an eye on them and firm them around the stems if they show signs of movement at the base.

DAHLIAS: Check the tubers in store for signs of rotting

HOUSE PLANTS: Give plants plenty of light and stop feeding. Also cut down on the water - keep plants on the dry side.

This will be the last Gardener's Corner for this year until February so until then I wish everyone A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A GOOD GARDENING NEW YEAR. *Frank Griffiths*

### St George's School, Gt. Bromley- Headteacher: Pat Fitzgerald

By the time you read this work might have already started at the school but if not and you are wondering what the balloons and bunting were all about, we have finally received confirmation that "The Contract" has been signed between ourselves, Essex County Council and Keir Ltd, our Public Private Partnership. At long last our school will be developed and modernised. The development will include two new classrooms, a new school hall, kitchen, toilets, medical room and improved offices and staff room. The playground will move to the back of the school. Watch this space for progress report!

The Autumn term has been very busy with a wonderful Harvest Festival in the church followed by the delivering of harvest baskets by year 6 pupils to residents in Gt Bromley. 33 children (past and present), teachers, governors and parents took part in the Annual fire Swim which is great fun and not too difficult. Our hour of swimming raised approximately £1,200 for local charities. Well done everyone! Another good fundraising event was "The Fabs" playing live at the Village Hall in October - well done to the organisers - the dance floor was packed as usual. Next date for your diary is the FESTIVE FAYRE on 30th November in the School Hall at 6.00 pm - your first chance to see Father Christmas! Don't forget Nestle Cereal Box Tops are still being collected in school. Each token is worth 10p.

### CONCERT In Aid of ST GEORGE'S ROOF REPAIR FUND

Saturday, 8th In December in St George's Church at 7.30 pm We have just received confirmation that the Colchester Institute Choir - Leader Ian Ray - will be pleased to present a varied programme of choral and instrumental music ranging from Bach and Vivaldi to Gershwin, including some seasonal items. Refreshments will be served. Cost of the tickets will be £10. Do come along and bring your family and friends, you'll not be disappointed.

EASTERN ANGLES THEATRE COMPANY have now agreed to come to the Village Hall on Saturday. 9th March, 2002. The specially commissioned play will be The Walsingham Organ.

### SEVEN RIVERS ' CHESHIRE HOME

"Hi everyone, I'm Gill and many of you will remember me as the former manager at Seven Rivers. Well, after 6½ years I have returned with a new title of Service Manager but I am unchanged, still as canny. I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to our annual Coffee Morning on Thursday, 8th November from 10am-12 midday, to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. If you are unable to come then the residents and myself would be delighted to see you at any time for a coffee and chat. It's great to be back. *Gill Sleightholm*

### LADIES NATIONAL CHAMPION RALLY DRIVER

Sue Hedley, from Little Bromley, has just become the Ladies National Champion Rally Driver for 2001. Sue has been involved in motorsport for more years than she cares to mention and started driving seriously in 1998 when she completed the Network Q Rally of Great Britain (formerly known as the RAC Rally and the only round of the world championship held in the UK). Sue is absolutely delighted to be the National Champion and is looking forward to the awards presentation in December which she will attend along with her team from Clacton-based ASW Motorsport. At the present time Sue is also leading the 1600cc class in her red & silver Vauxhall Nova alongside co-driver Les Holden, from Essex Star Gas in Kirby Cross. The final round of the Championship is in mid-Wales at the end of October and Sue's keeping her fingers crossed for a good result that could see her also winning the National Championship title for the 1600cc class.

### Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Bike Ride Saturday 8th September

What a successful day! The weather was warm, the wind was fairly gentle and the company was excellent. The five of us who cycled together from Ardleigh and Great Bromley had a great time. We visited ten churches (the furthest away being Stoke-by-Nayland) and covered about 28 miles. Churches are always fascinating places to explore and, with someone on duty at each to offer welcome refreshments and a chat, it couldn't have been better. Nicky Robinson and family chose a different route, starting at St. Osyth and cycling along the sea front all the way to Walton-on-Naze and back. And was it worth it, financially? Yes! We would all like to thank the many people who sponsored us and contributed to the grand total of £674.00; a brilliant effort. That sum will increase once the Gift Aid element is added. *Dennis Simons*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our last meeting the SEA SHANTIES gave us a musical afternoon. They are a group of ladies who travel around entertaining in aid of the RNLI and have donated over £1,000 recently. We wish them well in their efforts for such a wonderful cause. 22nd November is the date of our next meeting when we will have JOAN GIBBS to talk to us on CANADA, with slides and the competition is a single artificial flower. Just a little reminder that your Christmas lunch money is due too! *Vicky Griffiths*

### CARPET BOWLS

We have made a good start to the league season. At the time of writing which is early October, four matches have been played and those results are a 5-3 in over Lawford, 6-2 win over (St Bentley and a 4-4 draw with Clacton Bowls. The return match with Clacton Bowls was also a 4-4 draw. The A.G.M. was held on 3rd October with Pat Petchey in the Chair. Treasuren Dick Wilsher, presented the accounts which although they showed a sound financial position he said that annual income must remain at the present level to enable us to buy new equipment sometime in the future. Captain Ron Copp thanked everyone for their regular attendance, up by 20% over the previous year. He will find it easier for team selection this year with five very promising new members. Thanks also were extended to Jayne Bates for all the work she puts into her secretarial posts. Including Bevan Willgress. Vice-Captain, the committee were returned en bloc. Pauline Keeble wished to step down from being in charge of club catering and she was warmly applauded for the excellent job she has done for ten years. The Chairman thanked Evelyn Childs for offering to take over from Pauline. The Brumbella cup was discussed and the charity which will benefit from the proceeds of the competition next March is the Rheumatism and Arthritis Research Council.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our members at the October meeting were very disappointed that the scheduled speaker, Mrs Karia. was unable to come and demonstrate Indian cookery to us. as her husband was suddenly taken ill. Mrs June Malcolm, our Social Secretary. came to the rescue with two of her quizzes. In between these quizzes, some of our members bravely told us of their most embarrassing moments, which we found very amusing! This month is our Annual Meeting when we elect our Officers and Committee under the guidance of Mrs Val Stone. a Women's Institute Adviser. we meet at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 7th November at 7.30 pm. *June Willgress*

## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Management Committee met on 25th September. Ten members were present and apologies received from a further three. Sadly. the Monday afternoon carpet bowls have ceased due to falling numbers. but the Wednesday evening carpet bowls club continues to flourish with some additional members. We are glad that the Ardleigh Village Hall has re-opened but sad that the Line Dance group have moved back there, from here, on a Tuesday evening. The background music to the Men's Club just won't be the same any more! The work carried out on the north car parking area in an effort to improve the drainage and firm the surface, to the benefit of all users, seemed to have been successful. Thanks Martin for organising this, hope you are well again after your untimely spell in hospital. A blocked drain to the rear of the Hall is also being investigated as it is causing a wet area near the south car park. For the time being, you are requested not to drive your cars on to the grassed area by the rear door.

Our Sponsored Walk (along the Stour Valley) in September started from Dedham Mill Pond car park at 11.00 am with ten walkers and two dogs, although two people and one dog declared they would leisurely walk part way and return to base which was ably controlled by Vera Biddis. The party, lead by Ann and Gordon Jones. walked an eight mile route from Dedham out to East Bergholt swinging round to Flatford (for lunch and river crossing) then towards Lawford and finally heading back to Dedham. The weather was kind, with the rain holding off until we finished this very pleasant walk. Thanks are expressed to Ann and Gordon for organising and checking the route for the walkers to enjoy.

Dean Dasley arranged a Car Treasure Hunt starting at the Village Hall. Many thanks to Dean For the organisation, setting a route approximately two hours long taking you out through Little Bromley etc. Unfortunately, the weather was wet for this event. Please support the Christmas Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday. 24th November at 2.00 pm with the proceeds being shared between the Village Hall and St Georges Church. Father Christmas will be present for both the young and the rest of us, with many stalls to find bargains on and also raffles and refreshments etc. If anyone is willing to donate anything please contact us. We propose to have a Jazz evening at the Hall in February 2002. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

## KITCHEN CORNER

**FOREST SAVVY** This month's recipe comes from the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.

Ingredients for 4: 8 oz/225 g SR flour; 4 oz / 110 g butter or low fat spread;

4 oz/ 110 g lean smoked bacon, finely diced; 4 oz/ 110 g double Gloucester cheese;

4 oz/ 110 g cooking apple, peeled, cored & diced; 6-8 tablesp chilled water;

1 onion, chopped; 1 potato, chopped into fine dice; 1 tableSp oil; ¼ teasp ground ginger;

½ carrot, chopped into fine dice; good teasp fresh sage leaves, chopped;

½ teasp English Mustard powder; 1 egg (for glazing); Ground black pepper and salt.

Sieve flour and rub in fat. Add water and mix to smooth dough, cover in cling film and chill for 20 minutes. Heat frying pan and add oil. Add onion and fry gently until soft. Add diced bacon and continue to cook for 2 minutes. Remove and set aside. Cook carrot and potato in boiling water for 2 minutes, then cool. Add apple, cheese, potato, carrot, ginger, mustard and sage to bacon & onion mix and season. Roll out pastry and cut into 4 rounds (size of a saucer). Put mixture in the centres, brush edges with water, fold in half and seal. Brush with beaten egg and bake in oven for 20-25 minutes. Gas Mark 6 or Electric 180C. *June Willgress*

## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

A wonderful lunch was once again provided by many helpers. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such an enjoyable afternoon. The profit of £240 has been given to Afghan Refugees. The Church looked lovely for our Harvest Festival which was thanks to all who arranged flowers and sent produce and gifts to the church, these were taken to Seven Rivers & Fernside. *Ann Willd*

Brenda and Richard welcome you to THE BROMLEY CROSS INN for fine ales and good food, brought to you in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere and comfortable, homely environment. Monday, 5th November - GUY FAWKES NIGHT - Bring yourselves, your kids and some fireworks. Please hand the fireworks to the Marshals who will stow them safely until required. Burgers and hot dogs will be available. This event will take place come rain, shine, hurricane or pestilence - bring a mac and wellies if necessary! The bonfire will be lit at 7.00 pm SHARP. PLEASE NOTE -- NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED UNLESS IN THE COMPANY OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

Saturday, 10th November - 60s NIGHT INCLUDING A FUN, INFORMAL KARAOKE. Get out your old minis, platforms, bangles and beads and come and enjoy a night of 60s music, where you will know the words to every song. 8.00 - 11.00 pm Prizes for the Best Dressed Hippie. Mod and Rocker Thursday,

15th November 8.30 pm CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the East Anglian Children's Hospices. £2.00 per head. teams of 4. light supper provided. Please book to ensure your table.

Wednesday, 28th November - MUSIC NIGHT. Play, sing or just listen and enjoy.

### FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Parishioner,

November is always a poignant time, with the leaves falling, days shortening, animals (and some humans) thinking about hibernating. The Church of England calls this the season of the Kingdom because our thoughts turn naturally to death. The month begins with the solemn feast of All Saints, when we celebrate those chosen by the Church as having been as close to God as is possible in this earthly life. On the 2nd we remember with prayer and thanksgiving the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved. Then the 11th brings us to Remembrance Day when we remember all those who have died as a result of war.

Maybe this year as we remember the events of September 11th, which some have named as an act of war and the subsequent action in Afghanistan, these occasions will be more real to us. Some days after the atrocities in New York I was privileged to preach to the English Church in Sarajevo. I prepared a homily on being "tearful & fearful" and was taken aback at how apposite that was. The congregation was diminished as many people had been called home, or decided to leave. For the others simply travelling out was seen by their embassies as a security risk, but it was a risk they chose to take rather than be prisoners in their own homes. They were all "tearful & fearful" as I know I have been at times and I expect some of you have been. For myself being at Liverpool Street Station on September 11th at 7pm during what should have been its busiest time and yet eerily quiet, hearing of the beginnings of the offensive on Afghanistan; tearful & fearful.

The Christian Gospels teach us that tears are all right. Jesus weeps for the death of his friend and the lack of understanding and faith. He weeps over the city of Jerusalem and the closed minds of her inhabitants. It's all right to be tearful and at times necessary. Tears of grief, tears of frustration, even of despair and anger, all form an important part of our emotions and should be allowed to flow freely.

Was Jesus ever afraid? More difficult to answer that one. On the night before he died, Jesus spends a great deal of time in prayer and contemplation showing us that above all else fear is something to be controlled rather than controlling- His conduct at his arrest, trial and crucifixion show a strength that comes from his relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed he admonishes his disciples when they meet fear with violence.

The Gospels call each of us back to the basics of leading a life of love, mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Whatever beliefs you hold that would be a good start as you stand on November 11th for two minutes silence, acknowledging the past, looking to the future. May God bless us and his world with peace & security.

*Fr Nicolas.*

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY  
 united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



**Services for October**

<b>1st</b>	7.00pm	<b>All Saints</b> The Benefice Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>2nd</b>	11.00am	<b>All Souls Day</b> The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
	7.00pm	The Benefice Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
<b>3rd</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist of Walsingham	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 4th</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday before Advent</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>5th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for Roman Catholics	St. George the Martyr
<b>7th</b>	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Hamilton Lodge
<b>8th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the PCC	St. George the Martyr
<b>9th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist Christian Unity	Seven Rivers
<b>10th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist for Diocesan Synod	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 11th</b>		<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.15am	Act of Remembrance & The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.45am	Act of Remembrance & The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>14th</b>	7.00am	The Eucharist for Muslim/Christian relations	St. George the Martyr
<b>15th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for our Housechurches	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>16th</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	Seven Rivers
<b>Sunday 18th</b>		<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
<b>21st</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for family life	St. George the Martyr
<b>22nd</b>		<b>S Cecilia</b>	
	9.30am	The Eucharist for musicians	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>23rd</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion	Seven Rivers
<b>Sunday 25th</b>		<b>Feast of Christ the King</b>	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>28th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for priests	St. George the Martyr
<b>29th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist for missionaries	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>30th</b>		<b>S Andrew</b>	
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Seven Rivers

**Every Sunday at 8.50 am ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS  
 at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh**

## The Bromley Messenger October 2001

### SUZANNE AND JAMIE'S ECUADOR CYCLING CHALLENGE

ON BEHALF OF MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF 13 - 29 October 2001

By the time the December Bromley Messenger comes out with our report, we shall be hopefully getting back to some sort of a 'normal' routine after having experienced 2 weeks in Ecuador - the most amazing land of 4 seasons in one day. I knew that the physical challenge of cycling across the Andes would be a little tougher than the training we have done in the undulating Essex countryside! Unfortunately nothing could have prepared us for the emotional challenge which followed the accident which happened on our first day there. We took a short canoe ride across a wide, fast flowing river Napo to our first night's stop in a jungle lodge. One of the canoes got into difficulties and capsized with the loss of a young woman's life. We did have the option of abandoning the challenge and come back to England, but the majority of the group had decided that by returning home we would not achieve anything, so we decided to continue in memory of our friend Sharon. Although it was a very hard decision, the emotional and physical battles (heat, humidity, altitude and long steep hills) were enormous. The event organisers and all the participants helped each other to get through this incredibly tough time and make it successfully to our Pacific Coast destination. On a more positive note I am happy to tell you that Jamie and I have raised between us over £6000 for Macmillan Cancer Relief and the whole group has raised more than £200,000! My part of the money raised will go towards financing a Macmillan nurse at St. Helena Hospice in Colchester and a new full-time specialist oncologist at Colchester District Hospital.

We would love to share our experiences of this unforgettable trip, the beautiful scenery, the kindness of the indigenous people and the new friendships made; with our friends and sponsors alike. We have captured the trip on slides and are planning to do a talk with a slide show sometime in the New Year. This just leaves me to thank all of you who have sponsored us for the Ecuador cycling challenge. It has been more than an unforgettable experience. it has been a humbling. life changing experience. *Suzanne and Jamie Abbott*

## GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP



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(as only they know how!)

Wednesday 9th	7.30 pm
Thursday 10th	7.30 pm
Friday 11th January	7.30 pm
Saturday 12th January	Matinee 2.30 pm
	Evening 7.30 pm

in Great Bromley Village Hall

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Children £3 and 12 yrs + £5

Telephone **01206 231337** for details

Wednesday night's proceeds will be donated to  
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Fear comes in many guises Dare you walk bare foot across red hot coals?? When you know you can, as an act of sheer determination and willpower, you know there is nothing that can hold you back. Conquer the fear of the unknown. Achieved!

SPONSORED FIREWALK Friday, 11th January 2002 Stoke by Nayland Golf Club  
Limited number only - £25 deposit secures place .

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a registered Charity which carefully selects and trains unwanted dogs to respond to specific sounds and become the ears of a deaf person. Most dogs are chosen from rescue centres or are donated, thus giving unwanted dogs useful lives to the benefit of deaf people. Instead of barking, the dogs are taught to alert the deaf person by touch, using the paw to gain attention. and then to take them to the sound source - such as the alarm clock, doorbell, telephone or baby crying. If the sound indicates a potential danger such as a fire alarm the dog will alert its owner by touch and then immediately drop to the floor. Prior to training, the dogs spend about eight months with volunteer puppy socialisers, living as part of their family, being taught basic obedience and going to training classes every two weeks at the Charity's main training centre. The puppy's character and progress are constantly monitored and, when the time is right, it is taken into the centre for several months for its official Hearing- Dog training. Once training is completed, the deaf person is invited to stay at the self-contained accommodation at the centre to work alongside the trainer for a week.

The practical value of a hearing dog is obvious, but the therapeutic value should not be underestimated. The deaf person usually finds having the dog increases his or her confidence and independence. Hearing Dogs provide companionship, mobility, awareness of sounds and a feeling of security. Deaf people no longer have to rely on mechanical equipment such as flashing lights and other devices because a hearing dog provides awareness of sounds. As Helen Keller said, "When you lose your sight, you lose things, when you lose your hearing, you lose people". The N.E. Essex & Borders branch was formed in 1995 and we are delighted with the high level of support we have enjoyed. The role of our branch is to raise awareness of the Charity and raise funds by inspiring local support. We do so by giving talks to schools and organisations, attending shows and functions with our stall of commercial goods, seeking sponsorship and by holding specific fund- raising events from time to time. For further information. to offer help or to book talks, please contact the Secretary at: God's House Farm. Hans Lane, Ardleigh Colchester CO7 7QQ

TRADITIONAL FRESH FARM CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

BRONZE or WHITE Hazels Farm, Great Bromley

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB


Winners for the October draw 1st Mrs L Oakley 2nd Mr J Boulton 3rd Mr M Foley

The Club would like to thank all of you who came to our quiz night. It was a very enjoyable evening and thanks to your generosity £514.50 was raised for the Cricket Club.

**St. George's School,  
Gt. Bromley**

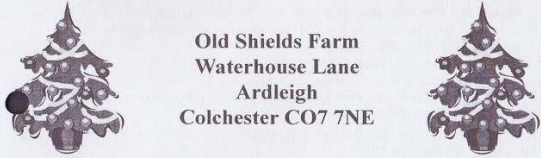
**INVITATION**  
Tuesday, 18th December  
3.30-6.00pm  
St George's School Hall

Pat Fitzgerald and the school governors would like to invite the people of Great Bromley to see the plans for the new school. They will be on hand to answer questions and explain the new layout of the school, so you too can watch the new school being built with the same excitement as the pupils and staff



We hope to see you there.

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BROMLEYS PHOTOGRAPHIC VILLAGE HISTORY

We have now got sufficient pledges to start the ball rolling. as soon as a place is agreed on where to site the albums. I will then be asking for photographs (with information). *Len Christodoulides*

MATERIAL for the January 2002 edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 11th December please. Contributions from anonymous sources will not be printed. Copy can either be delivered by hand, sent by post or by e-mail. PLEASE let me also have any 2002 Diary Dates that you may have for the 2002 Calendar which will be printed in January.

We thank GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP for Sponsoring this month's magazine. Please support our sponsors.

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

- 5 WI Christmas party, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Concert by Colchester Institute Choir, St George's Church, 7.30pm
- 8 The Fabs, Ct Bentley Village Hall
- 13 Ct Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 17 & 18 Carol Singing round Gt Bromley, meet in Church Meadow, 6.30 pm
- 18 Invitation to view new School plans, St George's School Hall, 3.30-6.00pm
- 20 Friendship Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12 noon
- 21 Christmass Readings & Carols, St Mary's Church, Little Bromley, 7.00pm
- 23 Christmass Readings & Carols, St Mary's, Ardleigh, 6.30pm
- 24 Christingle Services, St Mary's Ardleigh & St George's Gt Bromley, 5.00pm
- 24 Midnight Mass, St George's Church, 11.30pm
- 25 Christmass Eucharist, St. George's, Gt Bromley, 9.30am
- 25 Christmass Eucharist, St Mary's, Ardleigh, 11.00am

### JANUARY 2002

- 11 Sponsored Firewalk, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club 9-12
- Beauty & the Beast' Pantomime, Village Hall

### FEBRUARY

- 19 Cricket Club A.G.M., Copley Dene, 8.00pm

### MARCH

- 2 Tom Collins Jazz Band, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 The Walsingham Organ', Eastern Angles Theatre Company, Village Hall

### ST GEORGES ROOF REPAIR FUND

We are delighted to be able to say that GCG Environment Trust (established by Bucbricks) has agreed to make a further donation £10,000 (in addition to their previous donation of £5,000) towards the cost of repairing the rest of the great medieval roof-structure of St Georges Church. The contribution is likely to be worth even more than its generous monetary amount, because it will surely demonstrate to other grant-making bodies that local charities (Ardleigh is, after all, not so very far away from Great Bromley) are willing to support our cause. The fact remains that we need to raise a further £70,000 or so during the next year, so please rally round. The Silent Auction held in the Village Hall on 20th October would have been more profitable if more people had turned up for it. The fact remains that those who did come along got some wizard bargains, that everyone had a good time, and that the event raised more than £650 for the Repair Fund. Thanks go to all the people who contributed in so many different ways to the success of the evening. *John Clapham*

### GT. BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Management Committee met on 13th November. Peter Wenden was Chairman. 11 members were present, apologies received from two. During September we had a visit from the Tendring District Council Health & Safety Officer and her report was considered by the committee. A few points were raised and will be dealt with shortly to enable us to comply with current good practice. We have also been visited by Tendring's Licensing Surveyor to check the hall as part of the annual review and renewal procedures for the Public Entertainment License. His report is not yet to hand but we are generally aware of his findings which will be addressed. We are very pleased that the repair and painting of the outside of the Hall is well underway (weather permitting) and by the time you read this may well be completed. Messrs K P Dixon of Colne Engaine, ably assisted by Messrs Arthey and Rob, have applied their professional skills to good effect. A great effort has been made to restore the outside so that we may have the Hall to use for many years to come. The sponsored walk raised £1000. A great effort and a very large thank you to all that took part or supported it in any way. The Car Treasure Hunt in which 16 cars took part raised £186 together with a raffle on the day. Very many thanks to all who took part or supported it and to Dean Dasley for his organisation. By the time you read this, you should have all visited Father Christmas at the Christmas Fayre! In the New Year 2002, the Great Bromley Pantomime Group will be performing at the Hall in early January. "Beauty & the Beast" will open on Wednesday 9th January, the proceeds of the

night being split between the Ipswich Children's Hospice and our Village Hall. Please try and support our local Pantomime Group.

Brenda and Richard at the Cross Inn have offered to run a Quiz evening also in January.

On Saturday, 2nd March, there will be a Jazz night at the hall from 7.30 until 11.30pm with the Tom Collins Jazz Band. Tickets, £6, are available from Dean Dasley or Beryl Hurst. Book early to avoid disappointment.

May I, on behalf of the Committee wish you all an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support of the Hall. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

### CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Civic Amenity Site** Sarah Candy, County Councillor, has been asked to investigate reports that the County Council is looking at sites within the Bromleys to locate a civic amenity site.

**Cross roads near Selectacars** : The extension of the 40 mph speed limit to include the cross road junction has been chased up. Reply awaited from Essex Police.

**Essex County Council land between St Georges Close and Brook Street (B1029)** The Parish council has agreed to take on the grass cutting responsibility of this plot of land from the County council. Residents' opinions will be sought regarding the feasibility of planting trees and shrubs at some later date, providing necessary permission can be obtained.

**Hare Green Recreation Ground** Perimeter hedges have now been cut. The ditches will be cleared to aid drainage.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** The Parish Council has considered the following planning applications and their comments forwarded to the District Council

**1 Meadow Close Conservatory** No objections to this application

**Ivyside, Frating Road** Flat roofed rear extension No objections to this application

**6 Back Lane East Two storey side extension.** Amended plans No objections to this application  
The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held on 13th December at 7.30pm.

### PLAYGROUP

Fireworks were the theme for the first week in November. Some beautiful pictures were made using lots of glitter and sparkles. very popular with the children. We continue our theme this term of professions with a visit from a teacher, dental hygienist and policeman who will be giving the children a talk about their jobs. December is a busy and exciting month with all the preparations for Christmas. As well as the carols and decorations to be made. We are also looking forward to a visit with Father Nicolas who will be telling us the story of Christmas. We finish of course with our Christmas party which is always lots of fun and hopefully Father Christmas will have time to pop in too! We would like to wish good luck to Jordan, Ciara, Holly, Amy, Emily, Haydon, Megan. Gemma and Thomas who will be leaving us to start school in January. The playgroup is happy to announce that they have received confirmation from the Lotteries Commission that their application for a grant has been successful. This much needed Funding will be used to buy new equipment and to help towards the ongoing costs of staff training. Dates 13 Dec Last day of term 14 Jan 02 Return to playgroup 16 Jan Toddler Group returns. Merry Christmas to All from the staff of Gt Bromley & Frating Playgroup.

### CARPET BOWLS

The Club pairs competition for this year has been completed and the run up to the final was a 7-5 win in the semi-final for Dick Wilsher and Pat Petchey over Ron Copp and Derek Frostick, and in the other semi-final a 9-2 win for Linda and Brian Francis over Richard Bates and Bevan Willgress. It was a runaway start for Dick and Pat in the final but Linda and Brian came back to

take two ends and later two more singles but it wasn't enough and after 9 ends they lost 9-5. Secretary Jayne Bates presented the cup to the winners. Latest results in the league, two more matches having been played, was a 6-2 home win against Clacton-on-sea and a complete whitewash on an away visit to Lawford who trounced us 8-0. We hope to do better when we entertain Wix on 14th November.

We Will Remember Them Our representative this year at the Service of Remembrance round the War Memorial was Ron Copp who laid a wreath on behalf of the Club. *Nancy Kempster*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

November was our Annual Meeting, so Mrs Val Stone, Women's Institute Adviser (WIA) came along to guide us through the elections. Mrs Jill Frostick agreed to be our President for a further year and all the retiring Committee were re-elected. Mrs Stone then told us about her job as Editor to the Essex WI News which is a monthly Newsletter that keeps us informed of activities, events, changes, etc, affecting the WI movement. This month we have our Christmas party, which promises to be a very happy event. I would like, on behalf of all our Members, to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very joyous time this Christmas. *June Willgress*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Kevin Marsden's talk on wildlife at our last meeting, with slides, proved how the "global warming" affects many birds which are now coming to this country to spend the winter months with us. Our next meeting is on 20th December when we have our Christmas Lunch, don't forget 12 for 12.30pm, at the Village Hall. We welcomed three new members recently. Where has the year gone?

It's time to wish all our members and everyone who reads the Messenger a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and with hopes the NEW YEAR will bring PEACE to everyone. *Vicky Griffiths*

### THANKS

I think that many grateful thanks from all the village of Little Bromley should go to the people who have very generously and magnanimously offered to completely fence in the whole of the churchyard with more picket fencing at their own expense. So many people were interested in the discussion that only 16 people turned up, including the Parish Council, the Rector and other church officials.

### THANKS from DR MICHAEL GEORGE

What a send off?! Everybody's generosity has been overwhelming. I wasn't able to count the number who came to the party in the Village Hall but I can well believe the reported number of 200. I'm glad my hand stood up to all the shaking. The regret of course is the necessity of having to say goodbye to a great number of long term friends. You make a few over 34 years.

Dora and my family join me in my very grateful thanks to everybody who contributed to and/or helped with my leaving do in Gt Bentley Village Hall and the organisation of the collection. We knew nothing of the latter. We were even issued with a special copy of the October edition of the Great Bentley Parish News which had been altered to exclude any mention of it. Finally a big thank you to everyone who made our life and work such an enjoyment in Great Bentley and the surrounding villages. Life is going to be very different.

\* Thank you to the Post Office at Great Bromley which acted as a collection point for Great Bentley's collection for Dr George's leaving party. Having visited ten or more on my round I realise what a lifeline to villages they are. I was met with a cheery and helpful response which made my task all the more pleasant. *Mary Maskell*

### THANKS

Many thanks to the six stalwarts who came along to the Church on Saturday morning 10th November to assist with the clearing of gutters and drains as well as tidying up hedges and pathways in the Churchyard. We would like to help maintain the premises in this way on a quarterly basis and if you would like to assist please call Mike on 231203.

### St George's School, Gt. Bromley

December is a busy month in the school with three performances of the Christmas play at the Village Hall and a trip to the Mercury Theatre to see Jack & the Beanstalk. And in between all this, the children have to work too! HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all our readers.



### FROM A FLY-LEAF

Mr Fred Orman succeeded his father-in-law, Mr Humm, as Church clerk and kept a book with various notes which the late Miss Flo Orman showed me. The book was supplied by McKelvie of Greenock so was probably one given to Mr Orman by the Rector.

Here are a few extracts that I noted at the time --

“Revd Fenn preached his first Sermon at Great Bromley (Dec 22nd (18)89”

“Revd Shaw Preached his first sermon at Great Bromley Nov 10 (18)89”

“Smallest congregation I ever saw in this Church was on Dec 1 (19)12 when there were 3 Grown up (sic) and 2 Children, 3 Men in the Choir”

“Revd Wardle Preached at Great Bromley his first sermon March 16, 1913”

“Preached his last sermon April 28th 1929”

*John Appleby*

### THE BROMLEY CROSS

Thursday, 13th December - CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT in aid of RIDING THERAPY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN. 8.30 pm start. Teams of four- £2.00 per head, light supper provided - raffle.

Wednesday, 19th December - CHRISTMAS MUSIC NIGHT Play, sing or just listen and enjoy. We will end the evening by singing Carols by candlelight around the Christmas Tree on the patio.

NEW YEARS EVE - PARTY NIGHT. This year. FARMER DICK will be pleased to welcome everyone from the farm to celebrate the New Year - all the animals. milkmaids. shepherds, ploughmen etc - even the scarecrow and the village idiot will be welcome. Regret no under 14s.

### FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioner,

“Oh, we can't go there, they don't decorate the place before Christmass Eve”. A comment recently overheard from someone planning a Christmass carol service. That's right, our Churches aren't fully decorated until Christmass Eve because the Church keeps a season called Advent in the days running up to the 25th. Advent is the time of preparation for the feast of Christmass. Just as I need time to prepare to celebrate the feast properly by buying presents. sending cards and stocking up on the food and drink, so spiritually I need some time and space to prepare myself to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This space is given to us by simplifying our externals in worship like music and flowers, and concentrating on looking forward, anticipating the beauty of the coming feast. Reading and listening again to the Old Testament foretelling the birth of a king :and the ushering in of His kingdom, one of peace and justice. Sometimes in December I feel a bit like King Canute (the one who tried to stop the tide coming in) or Mr Scrooge saying "Humbug" to Christmass. Having had this period of expectation and preparation though heightens even more my pleasure and excitement come Christmass. Then I will celebrate and feast, “deck the halls with bows of holly” because I'm celebrating the birth of the one I believe to be God come to earth as man. Then in Church I'll be singing carols for three weeks, but then sadly I'm competing with the sales and “Well that's over for another year!”

We do eventually decorate the Churches and I'd like to extend a welcome to you to any of our celebrations, but particularly to any of these.

Friday 21st 7pm Christmass Readings and Carols at S Mary's. Little Bromley

Sunday 23rd 6.30pm Christmass Readings and Carols at S Mary's, Ardleigh

Monday 24th 5pm Christingle Services at S Mary's Ardleigh and S George's, Great Bromley

Monday 24th 11.30pm Midnight Mass at S George's, Great Bromley

Tuesday 25th 9.30am Christmass Eucharist at S George's, Great Bromley

Tuesday 25th 11am Christmass Eucharist at S Mary's, Ardleigh

When Christmass comes, have a happy and peaceful one. God bless.

*Fr Nicolas.*

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



1st	9.00am	The Eucharist for a good keeping of Advent	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	7.30am	<b>ADVENT 1</b>	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Advent Carols and Readings	St. George the Martyr
3rd	9.00am	The Eucharist for Missionaries	St. George the Martyr
5th	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Hamilton Lodge
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist for the Children's Society	St. George the Martyr
6th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Christian Unity	St. Mary the Virgin
7th	11.00am	The Eucharist for our Bishops	Seven Rivers
8th	9.00am	<b>The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</b>	St. Mary the Virgin
		The Eucharist for the Benefice	
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	7.30am	<b>ADVENT 2</b>	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
10th	9.00am	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
12th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for the Housechurches	St. George the Martyr
		<b>Ember Day</b>	St. Mary the Virgin
13th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for vocations to the Religious Life	St. George the Martyr
14th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Spiritual Directors	St. Mary the Virgin
		<b>Ember Day</b>	Seven Rivers
15th	11.00am	The Eucharist for penitents	St. Mary the Virgin
		<b>Ember Day</b>	
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist of Our Lady of Walsingham	St. George the Martyr
	7.30am	<b>ADVENT 3</b>	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
19th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for priests	St. George the Martyr
20th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Operation Shoebox	St. Mary the Virgin
21st	11.00am	The Eucharist for all who travel	Seven Rivers
	7.00pm	<b>A Service of Carols and Readings</b>	St. Mary's, Little Bromley
22nd	9.00am	The Eucharist for shop workers	St. Mary the Virgin
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	7.30am	<b>ADVENT 4</b>	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
24th	9.00am	<b>A Service of Carols and Readings</b>	St. George the Martyr
	3.00pm	The Eucharist for our keeping of Christmas	Hamilton Lodge
	5.00pm	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>	at both Parish Churches
	11.30pm	<b>Christingle Service</b>	St. George the Martyr
25th	8.30am	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	St. George the Martyr
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
26th	11.00am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
		The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
		<b>S Stephen</b>	St. George the Martyr
27th	11.00am	The Eucharist for Christian witness	St. George the Martyr
		<b>S John the Evangelist</b>	St. Mary the Virgin
28th	7.00pm	The Eucharist for Evangelists	St. George the Martyr
		<b>Holy Innocents</b>	Seven Rivers
29th	11.00am	The Eucharist for family life	St. Mary the Virgin
		<b>S Thomas Becket</b>	
30th	9.00am	The Eucharist for all in authority	St. George the Martyr
		<b>HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY</b>	St. George the Martyr
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. George the Martyr
31st	9.00am	The Eucharist for the New Year	St. Mary the Virgin

