



Services for November

1st	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
2nd		All Souls Day	
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
3rd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
4th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
5th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
6th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 7th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
8th	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
11th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
12th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
	7.30pm	Confirmation	<i>St. James', East Hill</i>
13th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 14th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.45am	The Parish Remembrance Day Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.45am	Remembrance Day Service	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
15th	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
18th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
19th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
20th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 21st	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
22nd	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th	6.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
25th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
26th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
27th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 28th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Advent Readings & Music	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
29th	9.30am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

LEST WE FORGET

Over the centuries thousands of men - and many women - have given their lives fighting for our country. They fought for various causes, some just and possibly some not so just, as well as in defence of their country, monarchy and ultimately their family.

The Act of Remembrance as we know it today began after the First World War and although it symbolically remembers those who fought and fell in the two World Wars, it now encompasses other conflicts so that we can remember those who died in them as well. Some people suggest that Remembrance Sunday should be brought to a halt - we have remembered long enough. How can that be when our men and women in the Armed Services are to this day being required by our leaders, whether we agree with them or not, to risk their lives in our name? We should honour them and remember them on 11th November and on Remembrance Sunday each year.

The world now is affected by terrorism and the fear of it. The current mess that is Iraq has almost certainly been brought about through the 'war' on terror; war increasingly involves civilians as well as soldiers. There is little hand to hand fighting as in previous wars; it is now conducted more and more from the air and by missiles from the sea and the land

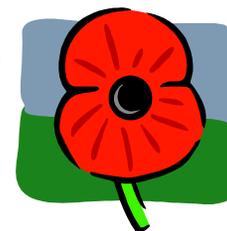
- all very remote. Space may one day be used - what a horrible thought.

My nephew, aged 18, joined the Life Guards this year. He is now a fully paid up member of the fighting force of our country. One person who learned of his career decision told me that his parents should have prevented him from joining the army. How do parents prevent their adult children from doing something they have been determined to do for many years? In any event how far do parents' rights go in this regard and when do they end? Indeed if everyone was persuaded against joining the Forces our country would be left defenceless. Both my great uncle who died on the first day of the Somme and my father who was the sole survivor of a crash in the Stirling bomber he was in would have been proud of him, as we all should be of anyone serving our country.

So let us wear our poppy with pride and not forget on Remembrance Day the men and women who have sacrificed their lives that we and our descendants might have a better place in which to live.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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MARGERY WEST



Margery came to Great Bromley from Fryerning, near Chelmsford when, having married Stan, he became the Village Policeman, living for a time in a Council house before moving into the Police House. It was during these early years that Joy, Jean and John were born and brought up.

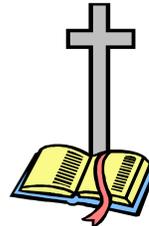
When Stan reached the rank of Sergeant at Colchester Police Station they had to leave the village but returned after a brief stay in Colchester when Stan was able to retire. They bought a piece of land adjacent to the Church where they built their home, Fryerning

As soon as they first arrived in Great Bromley, Margery became very active in the village, remaining so when they returned and for the rest of her life. She was a faithful member of the Friendship Club, the WI and the Pantomime Group being closely involved in the costume department and also acting as the official Prompter. With Stan they both took on the responsibility of being caretakers of the Village Hall spending a great deal of time and effort in their care of it. Loving children as she did, it is no surprise that she spent time in St George's School helping children with their reading.

As well as her village interests, Margery was deeply involved in the life of St. George's Church. Over the years she was an enthusiastic member of the Church Choir as well as being a Flower Arranger and Sacristan responsible for dressing the Altar, washing the Altar linen and caring for the choir robes. With all her other interests Margery found time to be a member of the Parochial Church Council and for a time was the Church Treasurer. Both she and Stan were very much involved in the work of the Seven Rivers Home from the time it opened taking great pleasure in talking to, and helping, the residents whenever she could. It was therefore fitting that Margery was able to spend her last weeks being cared for herself by the staff of the Home.

Many of us will have happy memories of a lovely lady who did not spare herself in her activities in the village and church, as well as being a caring homemaker and a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

In offering our sympathy to Joy, Jean, John and the family, we remember Margery with thanks and pray that she may now rest in peace.
Paul Davis



RENE ROBERTS



It is now some 3 months since Mum passed away. The two of us spent a great deal of time together, sharing our thoughts and mutterings. There is a big gap in my life now and she is greatly missed. Mum had a good life and she enjoyed the last ten years in Great Bromley very much. She and dad were made welcome by the village and after a lifetime in London and the suburbs, they found much happiness here. Dad always felt that he was on holiday and he would have to pack his case to go home and Mum spent many happy hours in her garden in Meadow Close, watching the birds and the prolific and varied wildlife in her pond. It was sad but perhaps appropriate that this was where she left this life, on a warm sunny day in July relaxing between helping me with her granddaughter's forthcoming wedding preparations. As many of you will probably recall, Mum was not afraid to say what she thought and I have no doubt that she would have been hopping mad that she was not at the wedding and was unable to complete the commitment she made to help me. I too am hopping mad that she was not able to be with us but as my daughter married Betty Rowe's grandson, and Mum and Betty were friends, I have visions of a happy celebration held in the hereafter with all the grandparents together.

Now all the frenetic activity in my life is still for the time being, I want to thank all the village people who were unable to come to Mum's funeral for their kindness to her and to us, for the help and friendship shown to her especially when she had her knee replacement in January. My family were stunned by all the floral tributes, letters and donations in memory of Mum that we received. From the bottom of my heart, Thank you.

Tricia Hughes

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parochial Church Council for the Bromley's met on 23rd September.

Fr. Nicolas and the PCC would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Gift Day on September 18th. The magnificent sum of £1,547 was raised and tax relief may well increase this further.

The repair work being undertaken on the roof is on schedule and all concerned have been impressed by the efficiency and co-operation shown by the builders. Henry Fairley has taken photographs of various aspects of the work and these will be displayed in the church.

Once the work on the roof is completed, the next project is the installation of toilet facilities and a meeting room under the tower. A co-ordinating committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Mike Raper and we are now waiting for the architect to give us details of the cost of each phase of the work.

On Sunday, November 28th the Camerata Singers will be taking part in the 6.30pm Evensong at St. Mary's Church in Ardleigh. The Camerata Singers are a very talented group who have contributed to our worship on previous occasions and everyone is invited to this special service.



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 14 October 2004

PLANNING

The Council considered and agreed no objections to the following planning applications:

Manheim Car Auctions, Colchester Road, Frating – additional building works and remodelling of existing site.

The Hollies, Colchester Road – kitchen extension.

Land between Fieldside and Etton, Frating Road – two new bungalows.

The Council considered but objected to the following planning applications:

Old Courthouse Inn, Harwich Road – removal of an existing condition of planning approval to allow use of residential accommodation separate and independent of the public house.

Old Courthouse Inn, Harwich Road – increase width of vehicular access from the B1029 by 2.5 m.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Old Police House, Chase Rd – conservatory plus changes to garage/store.

Tendring District Council has refused the following planning applications:

Barn adjacent to Portlands, Harwich Road – erection of cart lodge.

Site previously known as 'Baldwins', Frating Rd – two new detached houses & garages.

Motorcycles

The county highways enforcement officer is investigating the obstruction of the footpath. The landowner has been asked by the district council to submit a fresh application for planning approval, as the original one did not provide enough information on the proposal. The district council's development committee is therefore unlikely to consider the new application before December or January. The county council has made strong representations against approval.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11 November 2004 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

Tendring replacement local plan: potential private development sites

The district council has forwarded three proposals by private developers to the parish council for its views and those of the local community. These are at the following sites:

- > 70 ha of land between Hare Green, Balls Green and Frating ('Oasis' site) for employment, community and residential purposes, including a minimum of 1000 new houses, (reference 6543).
- > 0.67 ha of land at the Cheshire Home for either conversion or 20 new houses, (reference 7852).
- > 1.38 ha of land behind the council houses on Harwich Road for 41 new houses, (reference 2378).

The parish council will discuss these proposals at its next meeting on 11 November and when it will agree its initial response to the district council. Local residents are invited to attend and make their views known. The schemes can be scrutinised at the Tendring District Council's Weeley offices by quoting the references above.

GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP



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Our setting has trained staff, is friendly and welcoming. It is fully committed to early years' learning. We accept 'nursery education vouchers' funded by the State for three and four year olds, and are regularly inspected by OFSTED to ensure that our educational provision is of an acceptable quality. Our last inspection (December 2003) was with good results, copies of which are available.

This term we have been looking at different countries, one of these being Italy and we will be making some delicious pizzas very soon. The children have also been taking part in some great fun activities, which take place during the playgroup session. Some of our older children went on a walk to post letters, they all behaved wonderfully, but unfortunately a few of them got extremely wet one morning on their way down. However they were all still smiling on their return (unlike the adults!).

We have a new member of staff; Jill, whom we would like to welcome. We hope she enjoys her time with the children and also working along side Claire, Jane, Kaye and Jo.

The night out for the adults had a good turn out as more than 20 of us got together to enjoy an evening at the Court House Inn in Great Bromley. Whilst there,

the landlord and landlady, **Terry & Carole Marshall**, very very kindly donated **£100** to Playgroup and Scally Wags. We were extremely grateful to them for their kindness. Which leads me to my next piece.... On behalf of Great Bromley & Frating playgroup & Scally Wags I would like to **thank** Terry & Carole Marshall for their donation. We are looking to purchase a new piece of play equipment in the very near future, so **thank you** so much for your generosity!

Finally I would like to mention the children who will be leaving us at Christmas, to join School in January. They are: Joshua, Charlie, Alfie, Liberty, Bailey, Zak, Ellie, Megan, Grace, Dan, George and last, but not least, Christian. We hope you have all enjoyed your time at Playgroup, and we wish you well in your new schools.

Just one last thing I must mention which is an apology to Claire, Jane, and Kaye. Last term our Playgroup took part in the Tendring Hundred Show and I failed to mention their names alongside Jo's when I thanked her for all her hard work. So I will rephrase, a **big thank you to Claire, Jane, Kaye and Jo** for all their hard work that went into producing such a wonderful display!
Kelly Buckingham

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MALAWI

Last year I went to beautiful Malawi (*The Messenger*, May 2003) staying with my niece who is an acupuncturist and her husband, a Professor of Medicine and a paediatric surgeon, in the busy Blantyre Hospital. From there I was able, together with their 4 delightful children, to see life at grass roots level where they live in a mixed and equal society. In a small way I was able to be involved in some aid which is much needed in this poor country.

I recently received the following letter from my niece:-
 "It concerns a coloured Malaysian family whose daughters went to the same school as my girls. Nearly 3 years ago things fell apart for them within the space of a few months. Guy lost his house, job, and then his health. He died two years ago leaving his wife Sheila homeless and without any

means of support whatsoever, with three very bright daughters to educate.

A group of friends have worked together to help them in what ways we can; for instance, a family from Italy who lost their child has agreed to support Adele throughout her schooling, and little Emma's primary school fees have also been taken care of. We have helped with their monthly bills, and Sheila has found a slightly better paid job.

However, their living conditions are appalling; they live, two families in a rickety, one bedroomed house (They survived without electricity for about 6 months, unable to be connected before they settled the previous tenants bill; the girls all had to do their homework by candlelight).



We friends all agree that they must once more have a house of their own; we have found possible sites for building and are looking at small houses to buy. A local building contractor will do any renovations for free.

For this we need quite a lot more help. Perhaps some of you who have experienced the wonders of Malawi would like, through your church, work, or other connections, help to raise funds. £1000 has been promised, but we need more.

This is a lovely family, destitute and without support, with bright children capable of going far - one is talking of studying medicine, which she will luckily be able to do here through the College of Medicine. If wished, donors could have updates on the children's progress from us, and indeed photographs and even exchange of letters with the Stokes family".

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Welcome back to you all, we hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays? even though they seem so far away now!

We have lots of activities planned for this term so we hope you enjoy taking part in them.

Nearer Christmas we will be holding another party for the children, details will follow nearer the time.

On 19th November we are having a photographer come into our session who will be offering to take professional photos of your children. They are of fantastic quality so do please come along if you wish to take part. If there are any problems or queries you can contact either one of us as above. It is open to all families with children - there is no age limit!

We look forward as always to seeing you all and those new faces too!

Kelly Buckingham & Tracey Sutherland.



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The AGM was held on 6th October in the school hall; our thanks to all parents and members of staff who attended.

Our chairperson, Debbie Wright, decided to stand down this year after a very successful few years organizing and helping at the events for fund raising. Her enthusiasm will be missed and we give our sincere thanks to her for all her efforts and help.

Sarah De-Guidice has been elected the new Chairperson with Sue Clarke as Vice-Chair.

We also lose several valuable members of the committee who have helped considerably over the last few years but we have managed to persuade new members to join. We wish them all well.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre will be held in the school hall on Friday, 26th November from 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to come along. There will be Father Christmas, raffle, decorate a biscuit, sweet tombola and much more. Refreshments with cakes and biscuits will be available.





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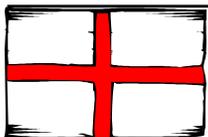
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- **Thursday, 18th November** **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** **8.30 pm start**
 In aid of The British Parkinson's Disease Association £2.50 per head
- **Wednesday, 24th November** **MUSIC NIGHT** **8.00 pm start**
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- **Monday, 29th November** **VIRGIN VIE BEAUTY THERAPY NIGHT**
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- ⇒ **NEVER** put fireworks in your pocket
- ⇒ Read the instructions carefully, using a torch or hand lamp **NEVER** use a naked flame
- ⇒ Light fireworks at arms length using a taper or a firework lighter

- ⇒ Stand well back and **NEVER** return to a firework after it has been lit, it could explode in your face
- ⇒ Ensure that all children with fireworks are well supervised
- ⇒ **NEVER** throw fireworks
- ⇒ Keep all pets and animals indoors
- ⇒ Take care of sparklers, wear gloves to hold them and dispose of sparklers in a bucket of water as soon as they are finished



GARDENER'S CORNER FOR NOVEMBER

If you have pots and tubs outdoors lift them off the ground by placing pieces of wood or stone underneath to allow drainage during this very wet weather we have been having. Also if we have a prolonged frosty period take pots and tubs under cover (if the pot freezes it will crack if it is a clay one).



LAWNS:

After the last cut of the year apply fertilizer.

SHRUBS:

You can still take hardwood cuttings.

ROSES:

Prune climbing roses, use some of the prunings as cuttings

CHRYSANTHEMUMS:

Stools should now be boxed under cover, lightly cover with old potting compost but make sure they have some ventilation to stop mildew..



BULBS:

Plant tulip bulbs. Any bulbs you have planted for Christmas flowering bring indoors.

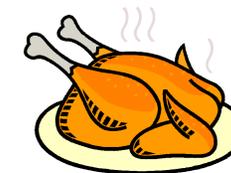
Frank Griffiths

KITCHEN CORNER

CHICKEN WITH LEMON

This is a good way with roasting a chicken that I saw on one of the TV cookery programmes and have used many times since.

Place the chicken on a rack in a roasting tin. Sprinkle with paprika and some crushed bay leaves. Squeeze over the juice of half a lemon then put the shell inside the bird, with salt and pepper inside and out. Pour ½ pt of water into the tin, and roast 1 hour in a hot oven.



Dish up the bird and thicken the juices with a little cornflour.

Potatoes to accompany this:-

Finley slice the potatoes, and put into a dish rubbed over with garlic. Dot with butter, add salt and pepper, then add 5 fl oz (¼ pt) single cream. Bake ½ - ¾ hour.

Jill Frostick

FROM THE PAST ...

OUR POET PARSON



Meditations in Verse by a Country Parson was the 48 page product of the pen of The Revd A G H Gurney, MA, Rector of Great Bromley, 1928-1944.

It was a collection of short poems and hymns, some of which has appeared in *Good Will, The Living God*, and other publications.

The then Bishop of Colchester, Bishop Chapman, wrote a preface and in it said that the volume gave pleasure and profit, help, comfort and inspiration in anxious and difficult days.

The book begins with a Morning Hymn and ends with an Evening Hymn. There are some thirty poems on religious topics.

After Evensong on a summer evening Rector Gurney riding his tricycle and accompanied by his wife and family went on a tour of the surrounding district. Some of you may remember this. A photograph is in *Where the Broom Grows, Great Bromley in old photographs*.

Mr Gurney celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination on 28th May, 1943.

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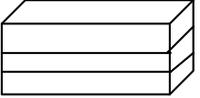
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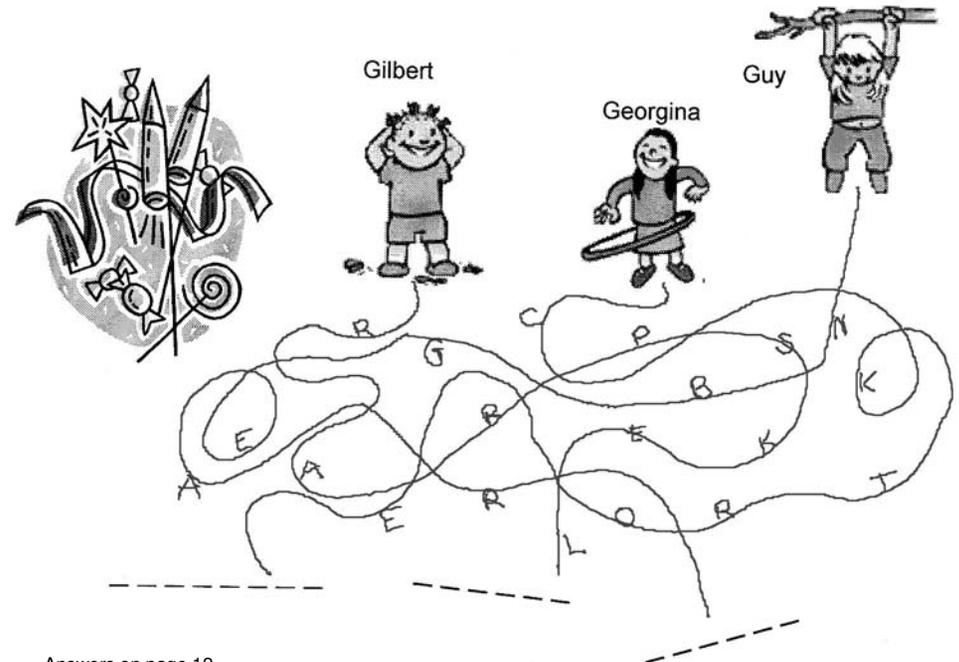
CHILDREN'S PAGE

CATHERINE WHEEL BISCUITS

1. Set the oven to Gas Mark 4, 180°C. Sieve 160g plain flour into a mixing bowl and stir in 50g caster sugar.
2. Add 125g softened butter, cut up into small chunks, and rub it into the flour and sugar until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.  the
3. Add a few drops of milk, then use your hands to form mixture into a dough.
4. Divide the dough into three equal pieces and add a drop of different food colouring to each one. Knead the colours in well, then roll the balls out into 15cm squares.  few
5. Brush the top of each square with milk and place one square on top of the other. Roll them up into a tube, then cut the roll into 16 slices.
6. Lay the biscuits on a baking tray. Pop them in the oven for 15-20 minutes.

LETTER TRAILS

Follow the trails and unscramble the letters to find out what each child's favourite firework is.



Answers on page 12



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Melanie Hunnaball came to our
October meeting and gave us a very
informative and occasionally amusing talk
called 'A funny kind of job for a woman'.
She is a Director, along with her husband
and son, of Hunnaball of Colchester, a
Family Funeral Group of seven businesses
in north Essex and south Suffolk.

She told us of her experiences and how
almost every funeral is different, with most
relatives wanting the best possible for their
departed loved ones. There are several
choices of funeral available nowadays, the
traditional ceremony, cremation, a horse
drawn hearse is becoming popular or
maybe a woodland burial. All need
understanding and usually some advice.
Travellers' funerals are very much a
traditional part of their lives.

Mrs Hunnaball showed us photographs of
the various types of coffin available these
days made from material such as wood,
cardboard,
metal and
wickerwork.
The funeral
directors and
their staff must
always
remember to
carry out their
service with dignity, thus ensuring that the
ceremony runs smoothly on each and
every occasion.



We thought Mrs Hunnaball's talk was very
interesting as it gave us an insight into a
service which is not often talked about.

Our November gathering on Wednesday,
3rd November at the village hall will be our
Annual Meeting when we elect our officers
and committee for the coming year. Mrs
Susan Gunson, WI Adviser, will be present
to guide us through the election process.

We hope you will come along and support
the WI and the Village Hall at their jointly
run Christmas Fayre in the Hall on
Saturday, 20th November at 2.00pm, all
proceeds will be split equally between the
two.

June Willgress

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We had a jolly afternoon at our
September meeting when Mr Knight
gave a talk on Country & Western
Music with tapes to which we could join
in and Mrs Knight did a little dancing for
us.



Our next meeting
will be on Thursday,
18th November -
BE THERE to hear
the final details of
the Christmas
lunch.

A British Legion
wreath will be
placed at the
memorial on behalf of the Club.

Competition: A DUCK ornament.

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GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Some of you will have noticed that work has started on the pavilion extension and hopefully by the start of the new season we will have a very smart lounge area complete with bar.

In the long term this will bring more revenue into the club thus enabling us to provide better facilities for training sessions and therefore further developing our youth section. The finance for the building works has been made possible by members and club associates making interest free loans to the club which will then be repaid from the bar revenue and any retrospective grants that we may receive.

We are still, however, short of our intended target and would ask anybody who might be interested in getting involved either financially or on the construction side to contact Matt Foley on 01206 251780 or 07712 577601 or alternatively Phil Allam on 01206 230375.
Matt Foley

The Quiz night held at the village hall raised £501. A very big **THANK-YOU** to the generosity of all those who attended and helped to raise this money for club funds. A team of the Lawson family were the winners, runners-up were Allam's and friends and third was Mary Hart's team. Thank-you once again.
Phil Allam

100 CLUB WINNERS SEPTEMBER.

- 1st. Harry Hitchcock.
- 2nd. Mrs. Louise Carver-Hardy.
- 3rd. Mrs. Mary Raper.

OCTOBER

- 1st. Mr. T. Marshall
- 2nd. Mrs. D. Lording.
- 3rd. Mr. J. Seaman



CARPET BOWLS

We have made a good start in the lower league this season beating Lt Clacton at home 8-0 and winning 5-3 away to Gt

Bentley.

We entered a team in the Ida French Memorial Cup on 10th October. Andrew, Jayne, Linda and Pauline won 4 out of 5 of their matches, as did Wix who took 2nd place over Gt Bromley's 3rd by virtue of winning more shots. Outright winner was Lawford. They won all five of their games. 24 teams took part.

We all wish Tom, our up-and-coming youngest member a good college trip to China and to Pam and Derek also off to 'foreign climes' for a holiday this month. We shall expect great things from them (hopefully) when they come back refreshed. Good luck.

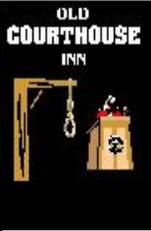
Nancy Kempster

RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION



The Tendring Group of the Ramblers' Association has a walk on **Sunday, December 5th.** which uses the public

right of way (Great Bromley FP No.17) crossed by the controversial motorcycle circuit to the north of Boudge Hill Wood. This is a walk regularly programmed by the Group from Elmstead Market to Ardleigh and back. The route is from the free Car Park in Elmstead Market at 10.00 am over the A120 to the B1029 opposite the Seven Rivers Home. Any concerned villagers are invited to join us on the whole walk or just to Church Meadow, where they would have to have their own arrangements for transport back to Elmstead Market. The walk to Gt. Bromley is about two miles across fields and the redundant road bridge. Boots are essential. This is your chance to see the situation for yourselves. If you have any questions telephone the leader on 01206 230791.



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GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Management Committee met on 14th September at the Hall. Their next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, 9th November at 7.30pm.

This is the time of the year when we make our application to Tendring District Council to renew the Public Entertainment Licence for the Village Hall. The process usually starts in September and takes until December provided there are no hiccups along the way. However, this will be the last time of the current procedure as during 2005 the system changes as Tendring, along with countless other local authorities implement the provisions of The Licensing Act 2003.

The Act brings public houses, clubs, village halls, community centres, church and school halls, supermarkets, restaurants, off licences, hotels etc., under the powers of the local authority for the sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment for which licences must be obtained. Apparently, staff at Tendring have been working on the Act for some four years in conjunction with other districts in Essex to produce a policy and implementation procedures to effect the changes this coming year.

We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Noy, formerly of Lawford, who has donated an electronic organ to our Hall.

This gift is much appreciated and will enhance the musical capabilities available to those able to play the instrument. We wish them well in their move to Suffolk.



Fund raising is always on the committee's agenda. We hope for your support at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 20th November commencing at 2.00pm in the Hall. All money raised will be split equally between the Hall and the WI. We are looking to bring back the Glen Miller Big Band sound to entertain you again in the spring of 2005 so watch this space for the actual date to note in your diaries (have you purchased one for 2005 yet?).

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Pavements are for People, not parking

The pavement is an extension of the road, and there are many users, parents with toddlers/or pushing pushchairs, wheelchair and scooter users, visually impaired, people with hearing loss and the elderly - all have the right to **Share the Road**.

Motorists

- ▶ Parking on the pavement causes an obstruction and can force someone onto the road - putting them in danger.
- ▶ A wheelchair user needs a clear metre to pass a parked car
- ▶ Children and the elderly are vulnerable - do not force them into the road.
- ▶ Visually impaired and those with hearing loss need space too
- ▶ Remember that parking on pavements can cause an obstruction and can mask pedestrians from passing traffic

Pavement users

- ▶ When passing anyone else, make sure that you allow as much room as possible
- ▶ If you use a wheelchair or scooter, be considerate. Everyone has the right to use the pavement safely - never allow your vehicle to intimidate others.
- ▶ Remain alert to the needs of others
- ▶ Be prepared for the unexpected.

Share the road is an Essex County Council campaign targeting all road users. It aims to reduce accidents by encouraging everyone who uses the road and pavement to be more thoughtful and considerate.



NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERY

GREAT BENTLEY SURGERY

THE HOLLIES, THE GREEN, GT BENTLEY

First job this month is to apologise to anyone who has been affected by the fiasco over flu jabs - especially those whose appointments have already had to be cancelled twice. It wasn't our fault. Honestly!

I have no doubt that most people will know from the media that one company's vaccine was refused a licence this year, leaving a national shortfall of 2.4 million doses. Yes - as luck would have it, it was the company we had ordered from. I can't be too hard on them as they have supplied us reliably for 10 years that I know of. They have never previously let us down, even when other companies had similar problems to those they are experiencing this year. It has still been a terrible nuisance though.

We will, we are promised by a different company, receive full supplies from early November onwards, so please bear with us and we'll get everyone's jabs done as soon as we can.

I thought that some of you might be interested in a new service that we are piloting in conjunction with The Green Pharmacy, courtesy of funding from the Primary Care Trust (PCT). Joe Knatt, the Superintendent Pharmacist, is going to be offering patients aged 75 or over who are taking four or more items of medication monthly, an in-depth review of what they are taking, what it does for them and when they take it.

The reviews will be by invitation only, and will usually take place on Thursdays in a private consulting room at the Pharmacy. However, if anyone who is asked to take part cannot get to the pharmacy, Mr Knatt is quite willing to see

them at home.

The good news is that the review doesn't cost anything, (the PCT is paying as we are piloting it at their request) and it doesn't involve a medical examination. The doctors are really pleased about the scheme because, as a pharmacist, Mr Knatt is the real expert on the best time and way to take medication as well as on how different drugs can interact together.

If you are offered a review, please do take advantage of the opportunity.

We'll be welcoming a new nurse to the surgery on 1st November. She is Judy Woraker, who joins us from a practice in Colchester where she has been working for ten years. She has a special interest in asthma, so will be an ideal replacement for Jayne Brown. She also has excellent experience in Family Planning and Women's Health.

Jan Williamson, our Nurse Practitioner is rather spooked by similarities between her and Judy. They both have the same initials; they trained at the same time, and not only are their children the same ages, but they are too ... (no, I'm not telling unless I get the right offer!)

Whilst on the subject of nurses, I'm delighted to say that Bonnie Beard has just been upgraded in recognition of all the extra work that she has been taking on lately.

Bonnie has been with us for almost two years now and her role has developed far further than we had originally anticipated, mainly because of her great enthusiasm. Her upgrading is well deserved.

Jan, Bonnie and Judy should make up an excellent and experienced nursing team. They will provide ideal back-up for the GPs and help to keep the pressure off them as the practice seems to get ever bigger and busier.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager





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NOVEMBER

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Ramblers' Association Walk, from Elmstead Market, 10.00am
Guy Fawkes Fireworks Party, The Cross Inn, 7.00pm
- 10 Christmas Workshop, Gt Bentley, 7.30pm
- 11 Remembrance Day
Coffee Morning, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 10.30am
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Remembrance Day Sunday service, St George's church, 10.45am
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 19 Photographer comes to Scallywags
- 20 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Royal Hospital School Band concert, Ardleigh Church, 7.30pm
- 26 St George's School P.T.A. Christmas Fayre, School Hall, 6.00pm
- 28 Camarata Singers, St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, 6.30pm
- 29 Virgin Vie Beauty Therapy Night, Cross Inn, 7.45pm

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RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION

5th December

The Tending Group of the Ramblers' Association meet 10.00am in the free car park at Elmstead Market for an 11 mile (or less if desired) to Ardleigh for pub or picnic lunch. For more details ring 01206 230791



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