



**Services for February**

<b>2nd</b>	7.00pm	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b> The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>3rd</b>	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>4th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>5th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	7.30am	<b>Next Sunday before Lent</b> 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	Evening Prayer & Sermon	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>7th</b>	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>9th</b>	7.00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>10th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>11th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>12th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	7.30am	<b>Lent 1</b> 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>
<b>14th</b>	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>16th</b>	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>17th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>18th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>19th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	7.30am	<b>Lent 2</b> 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	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>21st</b>	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>23rd</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>24th</b>	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>25th</b>	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
<b>26th</b>	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	7.30am	<b>Lent 3</b> 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>
<b>28th</b>	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

**OF MACHINES AND MEN ...**

I have come to the conclusion that modern technology is beyond my ken. Understanding how it works, that is. The using of it is fine - paddling around the keyboard and the menus, using up masses of time that could be spent doing other things, until able and competent to create what one sets out to do.

Recently this household was allowed to join the Broadband Club, technology finally having overcome distances, end of line and other appliances on line. The internet is now much faster to surf and download from but still with the caveat 'when it is working'! We have installed firewalls and instructed the computer against pop-ups and anything else injurious to its (and our!) health.

But still the invisible viruses get through plus the spy-ware employed by companies to watch our habits, all of which slow up the system. We couldn't get the computer to network nor to talk to the phone and as for Bluetooth and getting any new machine on to the system - well, I just resigned myself to being a computer widow while Other Half remained hunched in front of the screen trying

to make everything function.

Then came Christmas. Two sons well versed in computers were at home and with them came their laptops. Let it be said here, computers do not necessarily stop conversation, they just bar anyone not remotely interested in the finer workings of them. The three men chatted away amongst themselves delving deeper and deeper into the

programmes of the machines until 'bingo' one by one the hidden secrets of programmes were revealed and pieces of software started to talk to each other as well. Triumph along with deep satisfaction as each problem fell into place until harmony between Man and Machine prevailed.



I just kept them fed and talked with daughter on the deeper meaning of life and death which we too tried to fathom.

*Leonie Henderson*

If you are on the internet have a look at this - there are others besides us out there!  
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## GARDENER'S CORNER February

**SWEET PEAS:** If you planted sweet pea seeds as I suggested last October, your plants should be well advanced by now - keep the greenhouse or cold-frame well ventilated. More information next month.

**ORIENTAL POPPIES:** Take root cuttings this month and put in pots of sandy soil - place in a cold-frame or cold greenhouse. If you have suckers from shrubs such as lilacs, etc. cut them off below ground level with a root and replant.

**ROSES:** In mild weather roses can now start to be pruned.

**LILIES:** can be planted in pots or open ground this month.

Wishing you a year of success and happy gardening.

*Frank Griffiths*



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Dear Parishioner,

For Christians the season of Lent marks a special time of drawing closer to God, self and neighbour. For the six weeks running up to Easter we are encouraged to look to our lives and how God wishes us to demonstrate His love for the world. Our pattern in this is Jesus who, having been baptised by John, spent forty days in the Judean wilderness before embarking on his three year preaching and healing ministry. (Matthew 3 :13- 4:11).

Scripture says that Jesus was not abandoned at this time, but that the Holy Spirit led him and angels cared for him. So during Lent we do not see ourselves as being orphaned, but actually being led into new growth by God's Holy Spirit. Through extra times of prayer, Scripture reading, works of charity, fasting and abstinence – yes someone near you will be trying to forgo chocolate, smoking or alcohol! - Christians seek to become more aware of what motivates each of us, and prays that God will become the centre of our

lives.

This can only happen in the context of knowing oneself to be a loved child of God led and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Hence Lent comes each year to give time and space to deepen our understanding of this relationship between God, others and self.

Fr Nicolas.

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### February dates

2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm The Bromleys PCC  
9<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
7pm Parish Eucharist at S Mary's, Ardleigh  
23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm Seven Rivers Chapel  
The Bromleys' APCM  
27<sup>th</sup> 11.45am in S Mary's  
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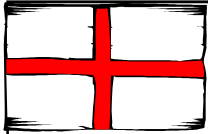
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**Thursday 17th CHARITY QUIZ 8.30pm PROMPT start**  
 In aid of The Gateway Club. Teams of up to 4. £2.50 per head includes light supper

**Wednesday 23rd MUSIC NIGHT. 8.15pm start**  
 Sing, play or just come along and enjoy an evening of good music and entertaining recital.

**Saturday 26th ‘AN ALRESFORD GARLAND’ 8.00pm PROMPT start**  
 Brian Ford’s renowned one-man show which includes traditional and original songs and verse from Alresford and the world! Entry is free - there will be a raffle and a collection for the Honduras Rainforest Conservation Project.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** bookings now being taken. 2 sittings - 12.30pm and 1.45pm. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The “Bromley Cross Inn-Mates” calendar has raised a whopping £831.50 for the Essex Air Ambulance Fund. To the “Inn-Mates”, the producer and the buyers we say a huge thank you for your magnificent contribution. It was great to do (and very hard work) and a great result.

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The money will go to Make a Wish and The Little Haven Childrens Hospice. We shall also be fund raising for the Tsunami disaster later in the year, watch out for details. Thank you again and we wish you all a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Len Christodoulides



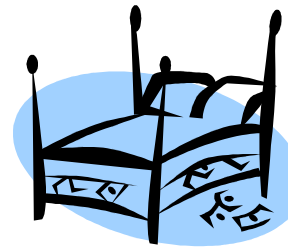
**FROM THE PAST ...**

**THE CREDITORS ARE IN!**

William Hughes, carpenter and shopkeeper, of Great Bromley, deposited a deed of bankruptcy with Mr Chapman, solicitor of Manningtree, in April, 1815. Mr Jackson, auctioneer, of Colchester, sold everything Hughes possessed on 7th July, 1815.

In the sale were the following: “A quantity of oak and elm boards and planks, oak slabs and scantling (*beams under 5 inches square*), ten oak and elm trees, 20 small oak timbers, 4 six-bar gates, 4 long ladders, 30 bundles of lathes, 100 alder poles, a large assortment of locks, a quantity of nails, a grindstone, a sawpit, etc.”.

In Mr Hughes’ shop were “a various assortment of handkerchiefs, shawls, printed cottons, tablecloths, a few lots of groceries, in tea, sugar, soap, candles, cheeses, etc., tea canisters, pewter measures, etc.”



The household furniture comprised “4 post- and tent-bedsteads, with cotton hangings, good feather beds,

bolsters and pillows, quilts and blankets, 6 neat cherry tree chairs and 2 elbow ditto, to match, a mahogany dining table and other tables, pier and dressing glasses and mirror, a Scotch carpet, wainscot bureau, mahogany chests of drawers, neat chamber chairs, deal dresser, a good 8-day clock, Bath stoves, fenders and fire irons, good linen in sheets, tablecloths and napkins,

etc, 2 silver table spoons, one dozen tea ditto, pair of sugar tongs, good brewing and washing coppers, a quantity of pickled hams and pork, 2 fat hogs, 2 horses, a taxed cart, and a variety of other articles as will be expressed in catalogues to be had at the Black Boy, Bromley, and of the Auctioneers, Colchester”.



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*John Appleby*

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## NEWS FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERY

### GREAT BENTLEY SURGERY

Having suggested last month that just after Christmas perhaps wasn't the best time to start giving things up or losing weight, this month we can offer anyone who wants to stop smoking some real support.

On 10th February, Tendring PCT's Smoking Cessation expert is starting a series of special sessions to help people who genuinely and seriously want to give up the dreaded weed. The sessions will be here at the surgery on Thursday afternoons and patients will get individual support and counselling, which will give them an excellent chance of succeeding.

You would also get all the encouragement and help that both the surgery and the pharmacy can provide.

This really is a brilliant opportunity to quit smoking once and for all, BUT, will-power is still the essential key to success, so you have to be absolutely determined to kick the habit for good to be included in the scheme. It will be a complete waste of time for anyone who is half-hearted about it.

If you feel that the time is right for you, make an appointment to see one of the doctors or nurses here and they will refer you for the initial session.

The aftermath of the Asian earthquake and tsunami has certainly shaken everyone and the response to appeals for aid donations has been fantastic. Here at the surgery, proceeds from our book stall are going to the official appeal fund for the next few weeks at least.

Additionally, we are holding a grand raffle to raise some extra money. Lots of really good prizes have been donated

already, including a grocery hamper, boxes of biscuits and sweets, perfume, a teddy bear and the inevitable (and very welcome) bottles of booze. Tickets, which are on sale here at reception, cost 25 pence each or five for £1.00. All prizes are being donated, so every single penny raised will go to the appeal.

Please have a go at the raffle. The prizes are excellent and the cause couldn't be more worthwhile. The draw will be made here at the surgery on 28th February and provided you give us a phone number, we'll let you know if you are a winner.

On a sad note, we'll be saying "farewell" to Dr Dewa shortly as he finishes his spell with us at the end of January. We are very grateful for all the work he has put in during his six months here. The time has gone very quickly. Unfortunately, there are not enough GP Registrars in training at present and now it's our turn to manage without one for a while. I think that Dr Hunt is looking forward to a break from all the necessary teaching sessions for a few months though. He has been doing them continuously for seven years, so maybe he deserves a rest.

We had a visit from the PCT's Qualities and Outcomes Framework team in December. They came along to check that we are doing all we can to look after people properly and that we are complying with various rules and regulations. They are a bit like the Ofsted inspectors who go into schools, so Bonnie one of our practice nurses reckons they should be called "Offsick".

Anyway, we got what we thought was a pretty good report, so we must be doing something right. If you have a different view though, or want to suggest a way in which we can improve things, please let me know.

One final item this month concerns the

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pharmacy. After a lot of thought and consultation, it was agreed with the PCT that as very few people use the pharmacy on Saturdays, it wasn't worth opening that day. So from 1st January, you might have noticed that they stopped

doing so. Hopefully, this won't cause too much inconvenience and people who used to collect medicines etc on Saturdays will now be able to do so during the week.

*Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager*



## GIVE THEM SPACE

Share the road - it won't kill you



**Sometimes, using the road can be a total nightmare.** Some people seem to think they have more right to use the roads than others - but all of us are just trying to get somewhere. If we were a bit more courteous and patient, using the road would be a much better experience.

When was the last time someone thanked you on the road? When was the last time you thanked someone? If we are all more courteous to each other, using the road will not only be a much less stressful experience but a safer one as well.

Horse riding is a popular pastime enjoyed by all ages. Every year over 5000 riders take a road safety test to equip them for using the road. Riders and drivers have equal rights to the road. A bit of mutual courtesy and consideration will make road usage a happier and safer experience.

### Road Users:

- Give horse riders plenty of space and be ready to stop at all times
- Be aware that horses are unpredictable and sensitive to noise. They may panic if scared by loud music, car horns or revving engines
- Pass wide and slow when overtaking a horse
- Take note that horse riders often travel side by side in pairs for safety
- Look out for horses being led or ridden on the road
- Respect riders asking you to slow down

- or stop
- Look out for horse riders on roundabouts:
  - Signalling right means they will continue round the roundabout
  - Signalling left indicates they will turn off at that exit
- Beware of horse riders turning right. Riders keep to the left hand side because it is safer than positioning a horse between lines of traffic
- Horse riders are often youngsters, so take extra care.

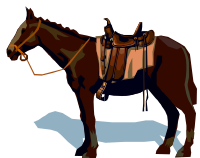
Drivers remember - Treat all horses as a potential hazard and expect the unexpected!

### How horseriders can help motorists

- Always be courteous and thank other road users when they slow down or stop for you
- Ride in single file wherever you can, especially where the road narrows or before a bend in the road
- Show awareness and observation of other road users and consideration when passing others, especially pedestrians.

**Remember** - Some people are frightened of horses.

Share the road is an Essex County council campaign targeting all road users. It aims to reduce accidents by encouraging all groups to be more thoughtful and considerate whilst on the road.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meetings held on 16/12/2004 and 13/1/05

##### Planning

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

- **Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road** – porch.
- **Veranda Cottage, Harwich Road** – demolish and rebuild house.
- **Thatched Cottage, Brook Street** – amended application for garage/store.
- **Arcan, Colchester Road** – amended proposal for detached garage.
- *The Council considered but objected to the following planning applications:*
- **Coppice View caravan site, Carrington Road** – extension to existing building and approval for a second touring caravan.
- **Marks Farm, Frating Road** – extension of garden into agricultural land and conversion of existing stable block to domestic/residential use.
- **'Primrose Farm', Hall Road** – additional farm building incorporating office, rest and wash rooms.
- *Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:*
- **The Hollies, Colchester Road** – kitchen extension.
- **Fieldview, Mary Lane South** – extension.

##### Council finances

The council has approved its budget for 2005/6 and will be seeking a precept of £13,500 through residents' council tax. This is the first increase for four years. Expenditure of £16,000 is planned with the shortfall being met from other

revenues, grants and the council's reserves. About a third of this amount will cover the council's administration costs. The rest will be spent on the following: maintenance of the Hare Green playing field and other council sites, litter and dog bins, playing field and other equipment, flower tubs and community grants. This year the council will also be making provision for the cost of joint representations, with other parish councils, against potential large-scale housing and industrial development in the village. The notice boards will also be renovated.

##### Speeding

The council continues to press for measures that will deter motorists from exceeding the speed limits in the village. The police will carry out speed surveys on Hall and Harwich Roads and the county highways department will install speed-warning markings on Hall Road and Brook Street in the 30 mph limit. A 40 mph speed limit will be introduced on the Frating Road between Balls Green and the Harwich Road.



##### Crime

The village has recently experienced a number of car and other thefts, break-ins and burglaries. Residents are reminded that *all* incidents should be reported to the police.

##### Public telephone box, Brook Street

BT will be removing the Brook Street telephone box, which has been little used in recent years.



##### Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act came into force on 1/1/05 and the parish council has a publication scheme in place for those seeking information about its



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**Future meetings**

The next meeting of the Council will be at  
7.30 pm on Thursday 10 February 2005 at  
the Great Bromley Village Hall.

x See page 11 for the results of the District  
Council by-election

**LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH  
COUNCIL**

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish  
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**GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY**

The Village Hall Management committee  
met for the first time in 2005 on 4th  
January. Unfortunately, due to various  
reasons, six members were unable to  
attend.

Some correspondence was reviewed.  
This is the time each year when The  
Performing Right Society annual review is  
completed and we are invoiced for our  
usage of music at the Hall based on our  
annual income. Also our Hall has been  
re-assessed by the Inland Revenue with  
regard to Business Rates and Tendring  
District Council has suggested we may be  
due for some Small Business Rate Relief  
or Charitable Rate Relief, for which we  
have made an application.

An outside light has been replaced  
following damage done and the handrails  
outside the front entrance have been  
repaired to make them safe should  
anyone choose to rest against them,

thanks to Matt and Ivan for the work  
carried out. The Millennium Lounge  
Window blind we aim to repair shortly.

A little more information is available from  
the Rural Community Council of Essex  
with regard to the Licensing Act 2003  
which is due to be implemented during  
this year. The latest draft of  
our Hiring Agreement was  
given to committee members  
to read (at bedtime).



We are bringing back the Big Band sound  
"Nostalgia" to entertain you on Saturday,  
19th March. Please book this date in your  
diary and ensure you reserve your tickets  
by calling Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578.  
Tickets are £7, bring your own nibbles  
and drink.

The committee next meet on Tuesday, 8th  
March at 7.30pm in the Hall.

*Bevan Willgress*



## CARPET BOWLS



Not a good start to the New Year with league matches. On 5th January we visited Silver Dawn at Clacton and lost 8-0. Admittedly a couple of the games were lost by only 1 shot but it was a loss whichever way you look at it. As visitors we were playing on unknown carpets, but here apparently, you have to take time to understand the 'Gremlins' in the flooring. A bowl would wend its way and then suddenly take off at a tangent, almost going sideways. Apart from that it was a good evening followed by a superb supper.

On 12th January we played Clacton-on-Sea at home and managed to win 8-0. They have some good players and were giving us several anxious moments, although the result sounds a bit one-sided.

Recently Derek Frostick and Andrew Childs played in the first round of the Essex County Bowls Singles Championship at Braintree. Derek won 1 of his 3 games - his scores 6-9, 5-8 and 9-6 were not quite enough to go further. Andrew won 2 of 3, 7-8, 10-7 and 12-4, enabling him, on shots, to play in the finals on 3rd April. There will be 40 players competing to be Essex County Champion, the winner will then represent Essex in the England Champion of Champions and the Eastern Counties Champion Competition.

**Good luck to 'Our Andrew'.**

Nancy Kempster



## CARD

### Campaign Against Rural Destruction

As you are aware we are currently opposing the Tendring District Council Local Draft Plan part of which aims to include a vast development of housing and industry on prime agricultural land covering approximately 27 hectares. The site is located in the Frating Hare Green area behind The Book Store. TDC has already received over 6,000 objections for the first stage but we must continue with our objections. There will be a public enquiry later in the year and it is vital that your views are considered. In order to be adequately represented CARD may need the services of a barrister, therefore FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. Our local MP, Mr Bernard Jenkin, is supporting our objections and has already, on our instigation, raised the

issue in the House of Commons saying "the people of Great Bromley Elmstead and Frating do not want a new town imposed on rural Essex. Rural North Essex is not for sale".

CARD successfully opposed a similar proposal by Wimpey Homes in 1996 and in order that we can achieve another victory we urgently need your support. Our first fund raising event will be a Quiz night to be held at Great Bromley village hall. The evening will include a raffle for which any prize donations will be gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there. If you can help in any other way please contact our chairman, Jenny Willson, by e-mail to [card.campaign@tesco.net](mailto:card.campaign@tesco.net).

## ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald

Telephone: 01206 230305

The PTA are trying to raise funds this year to help build a pathway for the children around the school. The cost of this project will be around £15,000. Thank you to everyone for your continued support this year.

### Forthcoming events

On Saturday, 19th March the Quiz night will be held in the School Hall starting at 7.30pm. This is always a fun night. Tickets will be £5 per person including a cheese platter. Teams of around 6-8 people. For more information and tickets please contact the school office.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Funny Feet

You will need: cardboard/cereal packets, balloons, marker pen, colouring pens, scissors, newspapers

1. Draw a pair of feet joined from the big toes to the heels on the card and cut them out.
2. Make a small hole near the heels. Blow up a balloon, tie the end and push the knot through the hole. Use the marker pen to draw a face on the balloon. You can also decorate it with gummed paper shapes or even woolly hair.



If you make several balloon people you could play the following game with your friends:



Line up your balloons on a starting line. After a starting signal, everyone flaps their balloon with a newspaper to the finishing line. The first one to cross the line wins the game.

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**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

We started the new year 2005 with a very nostalgic talk by Mr Roy Walker entitled “Growing up in the Dutch Quarter of Colchester”. However, he first asked us how many Colchesters were there in the world today; the answer is eight! Mr



Walker is a retired school

teacher and works as a Blue Badge Guide in Colchester, also inside the Castle and Hollytrees museums.  
The Dutch Quarter is a square area just off the town centre bounded by the High Street, Maidenburgh Street, St Peter's Street and North Hill. When the weaving industry began to decline in the town, Flemish weavers started to come over and about 200 families settled at first. The numbers increased with time to about 500, although they were Flemish, they were known as Dutch weavers.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We ended the year with a tea party followed by a jolly sing-song with our entertainers.

It was discussed and decided that we would not have a Sale this year in April but another fund-raising event will be organised later.



The competition for February will be a **FRIDGE MAGNET**.

We are very sad to report the death of Mr Rudd. “Freddie” was a member for many years but due to ill-health could not continue to attend. All members send their condolences to Ida and Simon - we are thinking of you.

Vicky Griffiths

Mr Walker was born in 1936 and grew up in the Dutch Quarter, saying how things have changed in his lifetime. Most of the houses and factories either no longer exist or have been modernised, some of the area being re-developed during the 1970s. Everyone enjoyed the evening going down memory lane.

Our next speaker is Andrew Tokeley, telling us of “New Seeds for the Garden” on Wednesday, 2nd February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be pleased to see you if you would like to join us then.

June Willgress

**KITCHEN CORNER**

**Cheesy Potato Bake**

Serves 4  
900g/2lbs potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly  
450ml/¾pt milk  
salt and pepper  
large pinch grated nutmeg  
1 clove garlic, halved  
100g/4oz Emmenthal or Cheddar cheese, grated  
15g/½oz butter

Lightly grease a shallow baking dish, pre-heat oven 220°C/425°F. Put potatoes and milk into saucepan, sprinkle over the nutmeg and seasoning. Bring to the boil and simmer 10-15 minutes till tender. Rub the cut garlic firmly over the inside of the baking dish. Transfer potato slices into the dish and add ¼pt milk. Sprinkle over the grated cheese, dot with butter and bake 20 minutes till cheese melts and crust is crisp and golden brown.



Jill Frostick

# Fortcoming Events

## FEBRUARY

- 2 The Bromleys Parochial Church Council meeting, Seven Rivers Chapel, 7.00pm  
WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm. Ring clerk for venue
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 19 Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.3-pm
- 22 Cricket Club AGM, Copley Dene, 8.00pm
- 23 The Bromleys' APCM, Seven Rivers Chapel, 7.00pm
- 26 'An Alresford Garland' Show, The Cross Inn, 8.00pm
- 27 St Mary's, Ardleigh APCM, 11.45am

## MARCH

- 19 Dance to 'Nostalgia' Big Band Sound, Village Hall
- Quiz Night, School Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Easter Day

## APRIL

- 10 Suffolk Concert Band, St Mary's church, 2.30pm
- 16 Church Coffee morning at Criffel, Dead Lane
- 22 Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 St George's Day
- 24 Rotary Club Race Night, Wivenhoe

## MAY

- 7 Plant Sale, Ilex Farm
- 18 Rotary Club Golf Day, Frinton Golf Club
- 28-30 Flower Festival, St George's church



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## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 23rd  
in the chapel at Seven Rivers.  
starting with the Eucharist  
at 7pm  
to be followed immediately by the  
business meeting.

### + STOP PRESS + STOP PRESS + NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Following the death of Mr Gordon Jessop, Mrs Rosemary Heaney has been elected as one of the two District Councillors for the Elmstead, Frating, Great Bromley & Thorrington Ward. Mr Ian Dimmock (Conservative) continues as the other District Councillor.

The voting was as follows:

<b>Mrs R Heaney</b> (Conservative)	577 votes
<b>Mr M Mannings</b> (Liberal Democrat)	345 votes
<b>Mr G Morgan</b> (Labour)	125 votes

The turnout was 28.5% of an electorate of 3690.

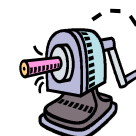
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