

KATISHA'S KOLUM

Since a hamster rites in a big newspaper I thort I wood be an orther too. Some of you have been kind enuff to enquire of my Mistress how I am, so since it has been sum time now since you hurd from me and sum weeks now since the Incident of the Bread Board and my Broken Toe (completely better now thank you) I thort I wood let u heer about how I am getting on.

Mistress is away on a Wholecloth quilting course so has left me in charge of getting the magazine out. She apoligises for it being a bit late on your doorsteps last month but the printers went on holiday and it may be a day or so late this month because she is making sure I have done it rite when she gets back from her course.

Mistress has been spreding rumors that I make her make mistakes in this magazine. I shall now put you rite on everything and you will see how clever I am. I am now nine months old and a fine looking young cat. I hear them complain that I am eeting them out of house and home although I have managed to add to my diet by catching my own mice and also stealing mice already cawt by the Old Cat. I have also been given one or two dead ones caught overnight in mousetraps to teach me but I no longer need lessons - I am very good at catching vermin. I also try to catch the fesants who roam in the garden but they are bigger than me and very fast so no luck there yet. When I climbed my first tree I found it was very exciting so I went higher and higher until I reached the roof of the coal shed where I climed off the tree and on to the roof. Then I realized I couldn't get down again. Master and Mistress tried to weadle me down with promise of food and I was very hungry and I did try but I nearly fell more than once. They kept going indoors and leaving me there saying I would get myself down but I couldn't get down the tree so went back on the roof. Then it got dark so Master muttering to himself went and fetched a metal thing with slats which he climbed up while I waited purring at the top of the roof for him so that he could carry me down. I then had my supper but I have since

perfected going up and down trees by myself. I have also upset Master and Mistress who spent a morning looking for me when I disappeared the evening before. Master found me in the end in one of the Young Master's bedrooms which I had followed Mistress into. She then went out and shut the door on me. Since I can't miaow I couldn't make them hear me but I could hear them calling my name in the garden and up the road. Master eventually found me when he heard a 'slight' noise and investigated. Gosh was I pleased to be let out and golly was I HUNGRY.

Then just as we were going to press I lern't to swim but I really don't think much of it as a pastime and won't voluntarily do it again. Mistress was gardening fortunately nearby and heard a splash behind her in the deep end of the swimming pool - well duck pond these days - and came to investigate. Mistress thinks I was chasing something and jumped towards it and into the pool which is covered with duckweed which looks just like grass. I was just enjoying life. Anyway, I couldn't get out but I found I could swim very well so she rushed over to pull me out just as the Old Tame Duck flew over to land beside her to let me know that cats don't go into water. The Dog helped by running round and round the swimming pool barking to let everyone know I had fallen in. I was VERY wet and smelly when I was landed on terra firma so Mistress dried me and fed me (as I was HUNGRY after the swim) and then left me to clean myself up which took a little while as I had to do a complete all over job. Master then brushed me and also fed me because I told him I was hungry and Mistress didn't feed me.

I think I shall stick to hunting. I am a good hunter and catch mice, rabbits and the occasional bird although no-one is pleased when I catch the birds but I am a growing kitten and need food.



Stones on the “INCREASE”



One nice spring day in 1960 I was attending a wedding in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and met a gentleman named Stone. I told him that my maiden name was Stone and he fixed me with his bright blue eyes and said, “Simon or Gregory?”

I had just come back from visiting Great Bromley, where I had clutched a photograph of my great -grandfather standing in the doorway of St. George’s in 1893. Filled now with Stone lore I could answer with confidence, “Simon”.

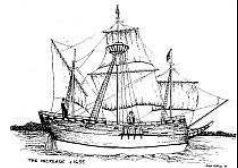
It is a commonly asked question of Stones in America. Which of the brothers, who were baptized in St. George’s in the late 16th century, whose direct ancestors had lived in Great Bromley for three centuries before that, and who, with their families, bravely sailed on two different ships to Massachusetts in the year 1635, were we descended from?

Simon and Gregory Stone and their families were farmers. In Massachusetts they settled into lovely pieces of land on the Charles River and continued farming. Simon Stone’s farm, Mt. Auburn, is now replaced by the bucolic cemeteries, Mt. Auburn and the adjacent Cambridge Cemetery. Many of the rest of the farms the brothers owned are now downtown Cambridge, home of Harvard University.

In 1897 the Stone Family Association was founded in Boston and held regular meetings. By 1914, they appointed a committee for compiling and publishing the genealogies of the descendants of Deacon Gregory Stone and Deacon Simon Stone. They raised money to engage Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett to research the Stone family and he produced two eight hundred-page volumes listing not only names but personal information on Stones from 1320 to 1926. Consequently many members of the family were well aware of their ancestors and their ties to Great Bromley. In April, 1904, the Stone Family Association donated a stained glass window dedicated “To the Glory of God and to the Memory of Simon and Gregory Stone, Brothers, who were born in this Parish, baptized in this church, and emigrated to Massachusetts in New England in 1635, this

Window is erected by American Descendants”. The three panelled window is above the north aisle nearest the chancel.

In the spring of 2000 Fr. Nicolas Spicer, Jean Harding and the community of St. George’s and Great Bromley invited as many Stones as they could track down to come for a weekend of celebration and a medieval feast. Several dozen Stones who had never met and from across America, from California, Alaska, Massachusetts, Kentucky, New Mexico, Texas, New England, and Washington, D.C. arrived for three days of feasting, clambering over the church, making rubbings, photographing and being treated lovingly and warmly as returning family.



During a visit to Washington, D.C. in 2001, Fr. Nicolas met with fellow Englishman James Warren, Esq. and set up a non-for-profit organization, The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Churches, so that Americans could contribute to a fund which could help St. George’s repair it’s double hammerbeam ceiling or be useful in other ways, if wanted. The fund has raised over \$35,000 (almost 18,000 pounds sterling) for the church.

Fr. Nicolas and Jean Harding have returned to the States every other fall since then, this last year bringing along the Hills as well. Stones again travelled from across the states to meet with them and learn news of Great Bromley. We found an inn on Cape Cod owned by the Stone family since the 1930’s and we stayed there, looking eastward “across the pond” sharing family information, pictures and stories about what the Stones have been up to. One cold October, Jean Harding was the only one of us brave enough to have a swim in the freezing Atlantic.

During last autumn’s visit there were excited dreams about the possibility of another visit to Great Bromley.

By now, many of us Stones feel we have a second home in Great Bromley.

Susanne Page

VISITING STONES

I am presuming that Susanne Stone Page will have beaten me to it in writing about her forebears, how they left Great Bromley in 1634, and how indeed we are so closely linked with many of them again. Oddly enough, to coincide with the anniversary of the early settlers in America, I have recently been there staying with Susanne and Jake in their lovely Colorado home, where by the way, mountain lions and bears are known to challenge them and their stock, which includes 6 dogs, 5 chickens and two guinea pigs. These two very special people are authorities on the Hopia small Indian tribe who live in Arizona in the Indian reservation.

I was extremely privileged to be taken there by Susanne and to visit the Hopia, be welcomed in their homes and to witness a sacred dance which is performed by Kachina dancers in the plaza of the first mesa, which is an earthen square around which are built typical houses of stone and earth. This is one of 3 mesas inhabited on high cliffs for protection, above the desert. These dancers were unrecognisable as people, masked and at times quite frighteningly dressed in ritualistic garments, when they execute their celebratory or prayerful ceremonies for two days; at this time of the year for rain.

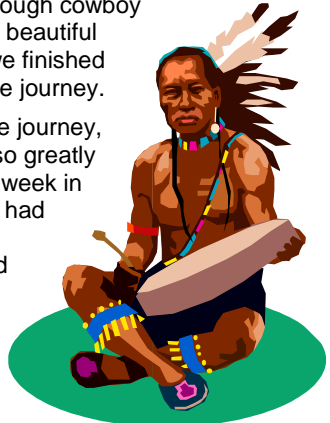
On this occasion some 50 or so dancers were arrayed with antelope horns, obscuring their heads, indicating that they were of a particular, possibly deer clan, ornamented with eagles or turkey feathers, and jangling shells or beads around their waists. To drumbeats they distribute gifts, food and Kachina dolls representing the spirits of their ancestors to women and children. The dolls are made secretly by the elders of the clan or village, of cottonwood and decorated with symbolic forms. I felt very humbled by

the presentation of two of these dolls to me, the smaller one indicating that I was accepted into their tribe. The wife of the artist told me in detail of her marriage and the long ritual preparations, and showed me the garments made by the groom and his family. This is a matrilineal society where the man follows the wife's clan, and children also. There are schools there now, with education high on their list of priorities, they being an intelligent people

The desert below is sparse, and corn needs to be planted very deeply, the roots sometimes lengthening to 6 metres to reach moisture, planted in clumps to withstand the desert sandstorms and winds (which we experienced on our journey). They are a very industrious people, handgrinding the corn baking very special "biki" breads from blue corn, raising melons and peaches, and hunting for rabbits and small animals for food. We left them as the rain began to fall, turning into sleet as we tried in our small car to cross the Rocky mountains. Blocked by snow, we had to turn back to the last village, some 50 miles back, and found another route next day to take us up though Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, marking the spot where the 4 sacred mountains meet. Finally into Colorado through cowboy country, and beautiful mountains we finished our 1700 mile journey.

A memorable journey, contrasting so greatly with my first week in USA which I had spent in sophisticated New York .

Jean Harding



FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

Great Bentley Surgery

Just for a change I'm going to start on a good, positive note this month, and it proves again that we do actually take notice of people when they make suggestions.

There have recently been patient satisfaction surveys carried out at both the surgery and the pharmacy. (Thanks again to those who took part.) One common theme in responses was that you obviously want The Green Pharmacy to start opening on Saturday mornings again. The doctors and Sarah, our pharmacist, have talked this through and it has been agreed that we will do this, on a trial basis, from the beginning of July.

We will be providing the full range of services there from 9.00am until 1.00pm each Saturday. This includes dispensing acute prescriptions and handing out repeat prescriptions previously ordered. There will be a qualified pharmacist available to give expert advice on medication and minor ailments. And of course the shop will be open, with its excellent range of "over the counter" medicines, cosmetics, toiletries, baby goods, gifts etc.

I have to stress that Saturday opening is on trial. It will only become a permanent feature if the pharmacy is actually used on Saturday mornings. It costs quite a lot to have it open and it needs to pay for itself. We have done our bit by listening and acting. Now it is up to everyone out there to "use it or lose it."

A little bit more now about the new NHS national computer system. We still don't know a lot about it, but some details are gradually becoming clearer.

The idea is that everyone's medical

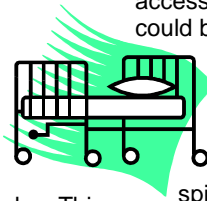
records are to be held on the so-called "spine" - a huge (and very expensive) new national computer system. It will enable any medical professional who happens to be looking after you, wherever you are in the country, to check on your history and see if you have any illnesses, allergies etc that they need to take into account when treating you.

So far, so good. The principle of utilising all available technology to improve patient care seems eminently sensible. However, some people are concerned about possible insecurities in the system, the worry being that hackers could gain access to personal information which could be useful to unscrupulous insurance companies or employers.

Certainly, it seems that all names and addresses will be traceable by any NHS staff member who holds a "smart" card giving access to the spine, which is a little concerning.

I'm reserving judgement on the whole scheme at present. I want to know a lot more about what is involved and the safeguards built in. The Department of Health has promised to write to everyone living in areas where the spine is about to be activated, giving a lot more information before their details are added.

It seems that it will be some while before we in the Tendring area are affected, but anyone whose immediate reaction is that they don't want their personal details to go onto the spine can now lodge their objections in writing via the surgery. We understand that this stops the medical records that are held on our computer system here becoming accessible via the spine. However, and anyone who has already lodged their objection needs to note this, we are told that it does **not** stop names and addresses going onto the spine, nor does it seem to bar hospital records being accessible. I imagine that



you need to contact any hospitals which have looked after you if you want their records to be blocked.

Things will no doubt become clearer as the new system develops. I expect and hope that objections and concerns now being voiced will change the whole way that it works so that everyone eventually has the privacy that they are entitled to. As and when further information becomes available, I shall pass it on.

Finally, some of you are missing out. Anyone who is already aged 65 or over, or who will be by 31st March 2008, is

entitled to a free pneumonia jab courtesy of the good old NHS. We still have well over 400 people who haven't yet taken us up on this really good piece of healthy protection. If you are one of them, why not give us a ring and arrange an appointment with one of our nurses. The jab only takes a minute and could save you from a really nasty illness which can be fatal – even in summer.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

GOING SMOKEFREE – ARE YOU READY?

Are you ready to go smokefree?
From 1 July 2007, all enclosed public places and workplaces in England must become smokefree.

The new law will cover:

- all offices, factories and shops
- pubs, bars, restaurants and membership clubs
- the public areas of hotels, B&Bs and residential care homes
- taxis and public transport
- work vehicles that are used by more than one person

The law will mean that indoor smoking rooms, still common in workplaces, will no longer be allowed, so anyone wishing to smoke will have to go outside instead.

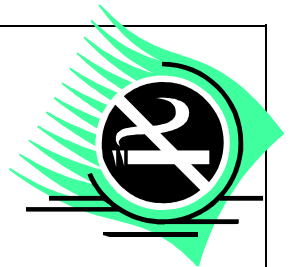
All smokefree premises and vehicles will be required to display no-smoking signs.

Help is at hand

If you are unsure of how this new law will affect you, or what you will need to do to comply, help is at hand.

Will Hooper has recently joined Tendring District Council as a Smokefree Project Officer and will be able to help with any queries you have about the legislation.

He can be contacted on 01255 686753 or by e-mail at



whooper@tendringdc.gov.uk.
Information is also available on
www.tendringdc.gov.uk and
www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 14 June 2007

Planning

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

Parsons Hill – fell dead horse chestnut tree

Greshams Farm, Harwich Road – change of use of agricultural building to commercial

Crossways Centre, Frating Road – erection of canopy

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Harwin, Frating Road – extension and alterations (revision of existing approval)

Hallbrook House, Hall Road – extensions and modifications

The Firs, Chase Road – extensions and modifications

Bush Farm, Hall Road – withdrawal of application for stable block

Hare Green recreation ground

The playing field has been inspected by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and found to be largely satisfactory. No immediate remedial safety work is required.

2006-7 annual report and accounts

The council approved its annual report and accounts for 2006-7 and these have now been placed on the parish council website

(<http://www.essexinfo.net/gbpc>). The accounts are presently being audited. Key council documents, such as

minutes and agenda, can be found on the website. Most of the council's other documents can be obtained from the clerk under the 'freedom of information' protocol.

Policing

PC Ali Driver is now the neighbourhood beat officer for Great Bromley. She is based at Weeley Police Station and is a full time police officer working between the hours of 8am and 2am. PC Driver can be contacted by telephone on either 07967 466876 (mobile) or 01255 221312.

A police 'Neighbourhood Action Panel' has also been established for 'Tendring Rural South'. The panel will try to ensure that the police and local communities work together to identify and resolve law and order problems. The parish council will be represented on the panel and will report on its activities.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 July 2007 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

Ken Bromfield

Email: gbparishcouncil@tiscali.co.uk

Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 19th July 2007 at 7.30pm.

For the venue please contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 391015.



WORKING GROUPS LAUNCHED – BUT VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED!

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered already to participate in one or more of the working groups. Five working groups were launched at the parish council meeting on 14 June, as listed below. The leader of each working group is shown in brackets and additional volunteers wishing to participate should now contact the leader direct (contact details can be obtained from the parish clerk if required). The leaders will be contacting members of their working group shortly to arrange initial meetings.

WG 4 - Neighbourhood Watch (Chris Phillips)

WG 5 - Review of road hazards (Martin Frostick)

WG 9 - Church Meadow and closed churchyard projects (Fred Nicholls)

WG 11 - Village Spring Clean and litter picking (Brenda Perry)

WG 13 - Tree Planting (Martin Frostick)

WG 16 - Hare Green Recreation Field Improvements (Chris Phillips)

There have been no volunteers at all for some working groups. As a result, and to rationalise activities, the parish council has decided to regroup the activities planned for WG 17 (provide a village information centre in Church Meadow) into WG 9. The parish council would like to launch further working groups at its meeting in July and welcomes any further volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact the parish clerk or myself as soon as possible.

Martin Frostick

AN AMERICAN ENGLISH QUIZ

What is the British equivalent for the following:

1. Zucchini?
2. Faucet?
3. Billfold?
4. Checkers?
5. Hood (of a car)?
6. Candies?
7. Cookies?
8. Pants?
9. Diaper?
10. Fender?
11. Gasoline (gas)?
12. Vest?
13. Muffler?
14. Jump rope?
15. Kerosene



Answers on page 21



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 - Section 14(2) the following road will temporarily be closed.

16 July 2007 for 5 days - Hilliards Road, Great Bromley for its entire length.

An alternative route is via Stone Road, Mary lane North, Brook Street, Badley Hall Road, Great

With thanks to Ian and Val Harris who devised the quiz

FROM THE PAST ...

Good Advice Then and Today?

From Old St Paul's Church, Baltimore,
1692

Go placidly amid the noise, and haste,
and remember what peace there may be
in silence. As far as possible without
surrender be on good terms with all
persons. Speak your truth quietly and
clearly; and listen to others, even the dull
and ignorant, they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they
are vexation to the spirit. If you compare
yourself with others you may become
vain and bitter; for always there will be
greater and lesser persons than yourself.
Avoid your achievements as well as your
plans.

Keep interested in your own career,
however humble it is a real possession in
the changing fortunes of time. Exercise
caution in your business affairs; for the
world is full of trickery. But let this not
blind you to what virtue there is; many
persons strive for ideals; and everywhere
life is full of trickery. But let this not blind
you to what virtue there is; many persons
strive for ideals; and everywhere life is full
of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign
affection. Neither be cynical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and
disenchantments it is perennial as the
grass.

Take kindly the council of the years,
gracefully surrendering to the things of
youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield
you in sudden misfortune. But do not
distress yourself with imaginings. Many
fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be
gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less
than the trees and the stars you have a
right to be here. And whether or not it is
clear to you, no doubt the universe is
unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be, and
whatever your labours and aspirations, in
the noisy confusion of life keep peace
with your soul.

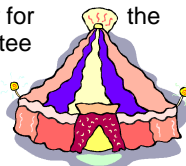
With all its sham, drudgery and broken
dreams it is still a beautiful world. Be
careful. Strive to be happy.

John Appleby

AND 20 YEARS AGO ...

Great Bromley Carnival Day, 6th June 1987

Once again for our 11th Carnival we were
lucky with fine weather for
the occasion. The committee
would like to thank all
who helped in any
way to make the day
such a success.



Thirteen floats took part in the
procession, headed by the Wickford
Youth Band and Majorettes. The winner
of the Adult Float was the Women's
Institute with the Pantomime Group
second. In the Junior Class the
Playgroup won the first prize with S
George's School and the Brownies being
awarded an equal second prize. The
entries were judged by Graham Pass of
BBC Radio Essex and the Rector and
Mrs Davis.

At the Horticultural Show the overall
Junior prize went to S Golding and the
Senior prize was won by Mrs J Wright. A
very interesting display of old farm
implements was provided by Mr James
Wilde. In the evening a very successful

Disco and Dance was held to round off a very happy and successful day.

Jean Wright

S George's School News

The children enjoyed taking part in the Carnival Parade. This year they dressed as animals from Regents Park Zoo. The crocodile had a nasty moment when her head blew over the hedge and one or two of the animals had trouble with their feet - but it was all good fun. Many thanks to all the mums and dads who had been tearing their hair out over the costumes. ...

Carnival

Much hard work goes into Carnival Day,

Thoughts too, will it rain? will it pay?

A celebrity is booked to open it all.

Queens and floats, forms and fixing of stalls,

Horticultural Show to get under way.

Field to peg out, insurance for day,

Dance at night to be catered for.

Satisfying to say 'It went quite well',

Thanks for the helping hands what tell

'We'd surely welcome many more',

For at the end of the day were on our knees,

So give it serious thought PLEASE.

B Rowe

Re: last month



I am the guide -

Sophie. Sophie Golding. I am still in the area, living in Mersea, working in Colchester as an accountant, happily co-habiting with a

partner of 14 years.

I am still in at least Christmas card contact with Tracy. She went to Brighton university to study teacher training and has not come back. She married Steve Harris 29.7.99 at Gt Bromley church and they live near Brighton, Burgess Hill to be precise. They now have 2 children, Dan who is 5 and Jodie who I think would be 2 or 3!

I'm afraid I can't remember who Claire would be!

Sophie Golding

Sophie Golding and Tracey Mason

were the two Guides who won prizes in the Elmstead Division Handcraft Show in 1987 and gained their Artist badges the following week. Sophie is now a qualified accountant and lives and works in Colchester. Her parents, still here in the village, are Peter and Joy Golding. Tracey Mason qualified as a Primary

School teacher and is now married with two children and lives with her family in Brighton and her parents are now in Bradfield. The third Guide to gain Artist badge was probably Claire Twilley, but we had several Claires in the company at different times and I cannot be sure.

I have a photograph of several of those who took part in the "Biggest Kim's game". Vivien Chapman, District Commissioner and Eileen Roberts, both from Dedham, belonged to Stour Valley Trefoil Guild. Hazel Swinscoe and Jenny Davies were two of the three District Rangers who came with their Guider. Claire Fisher and Hazel Swinscoe were both Young Leaders with the company and the Guides that appear in my photograph were Sophie, Tracey, Claire T. and Marina Green. Several other Guides also took part in Kim's game.
Joan Landon. Guide Guider 1972 - 1989

[Thanks to Sophie Golding and Joan Landon for replying above in respect of my query as to who were the Guides referred to last month. Sophie must have been a very active person as she is referred to again through winning a prize at the Horticultural Show in 1987.—Ed.]

LETTERS



A friend sent us a copy of the June Bromley Messenger. Looking through it, I came across a picture of the radar pylons at Great Bromley, which brought back many memories of my childhood.

During the war, I lived at Hiskey's Farm, Little Bromley, from the age of eight years. I remember, one morning, (I was about ten years old at the time), walking across the field near Hillyard Farm, when I heard a noise and looked up and saw a German aeroplane, all black, going very slow, at about the height of the pylons (350-400 feet), coming straight over me. The nose of the 'plane was like a big greenhouse and I could see a man in it. The guns at the pylons didn't fire and it went out towards Manningtree, and followed the River Stour out to Harwich

where it got a hot reception from the guns there. I could see this, as the land is very flat. We, at various times, used to get airmen coming to the door, asking if we could give them a few

eggs as they were going home on leave. We always did, although we should not have done, really.

I thought that there were four steel pylons and early on they dismantled one of them, which went up to Scotland. After the war, the site became empty and a caretaker lived on the steel pylon site.

One day, myself and a friend, Guy Sams, decided to climb the wooden pylon that stood on its own, near park Farm. We got about halfway up when we saw the caretaker coming down the road on his bike, so we scuttled down, jumped on our bikes, and raced up the road. We never did try it again; we would have got a good view from up there.

My wife, Marion, lived at Burnt Heath, and we still have several friends in the area and come back, on occasions. Our children attended the village school at Gt Bromley; the Headmaster, at that time, was Mr Hammond. Mr Deere ran the Post Office and the Rev. Mr Ransom was the Rector.

*Edward Barratt
Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex*

[Does anyone else have childhood memories of the pylons? - Ed.]



GREAT BENTLEY FARMERS' MARKET



Wednesday 11th July
2pm - 4pm

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MOONWALK 2007



I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me for the moonwalk. It was a great blister free experience which took 8 hours to complete.

Pictured with me are my team mates Sue Bilby and Jane Randall. Our sponsorship together with funds raised from a coffee morning, quiz night and a pink day at Roach Vale primary school, where Jane and Sue are both teaching assistants, has reached the grand total of £2,200 for cancer research and cancer care.

Dinah Jones

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

As from July the mobile library service will be fortnightly with different times and additional/changed locations. Details as follows:

Visit dates for the rest of 2007: 12 & 26 July, 9 & 23 August, 6 & 20 September, 4 & 18 October, 1, 15 & 29 November, 13 December.

Locations and timings

Cross Inn, Burnt Heath	9.35 - 9.50 am
Church Meadow	10.00 - 10.15 am
Village Hall, Parsons Hill	10.25 - 10.40 am
Chase Road West	11.05 - 11.20 am

There is no mobile library service for Little Bromley

Home Library Service

If age, disability or caring prevents you from visiting the library the service's trained volunteers can bring the books, spoken word, music or information to you. If you would like this service, or know of anyone living in the villages who would, then contact either the Manningtree or Clacton libraries on 01206 392747 or 01255 421207.

Forthcoming Events

JULY

- 7 Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 8 Colne 25 Bike Ride, starting Colne School
- 9 Sports Day, St George's School
- 12 Gt Bromley parish council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 PTA Summer Fun Day, St George's School
- 19 Lt Bromley parish council meeting, venue ring Clerk, 7.30pm
- 24 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fr Nicolas' Farewell party, Ogilvie Hall, 6.30pm
- 8 Heritage Open Day/Bike Ride, Lt Bromley Church, 9.00am
Lt Bromley Fete, Mulleys Farm, 12 noon

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

- 17 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall 11.00am

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH



Heritage Open Day
8th September 9.00am-6.00pm
(also Bike Ride and Lt Bromley Fete)

Harvest Festival Service
23rd September 6.30pm

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

13th October
11.00am Friends Annual Meeting
7.30pm Music Concert

Little Bromley Fete



To be held at
Mulley's Farm,
Bentley Road,
Little Bromley
on
Saturday 8th
September 2007
12 noon to 3pm.



Entry fee/ticket holders
entitled to a Barbeque Meal
and glass of wine/soft drink
£5.00 adults, £2.50 children under 12.
There will also be a special prize for
the lucky ticket holder.

Should you have any items you wish to
donate
or require tickets
Please telephone: 01206 395103 or
01206 391015 or 01206 391345.



The Little Bromley Fete is organised by
the Little Bromley Parish Council and the
Amenities Committee. We are always
looking for interested people who would
like to help us to make these events a
success or join us on the committee.

If you have a little time to spare to help at
the Fete or would like to donate any items
please contact us on the above telephone
numbers. We are always pleased to hear
from YOU.

COFFEE MORNING

7th July
Village Hall

10.30am—2.00pm
To include light
lunches

*In aid of Village Hall
Funds*



COLNE 25 BIKE RIDE

Sunday, 8th July

This year the Rotary Club of
Brightlingsea & District are holding
this event for the third time.

There are 3 lengths: 5 miles, 25
miles and 40 miles.

You can enter either
for
the fun of it or obtain
sponsorship for your
charity or
sponsorship for the
Rotary Charity.
Starting at the Colne
School, entrance

fees apply depending on
which distance and if a family or not.



Ring John Holding 01206 303135 or
go to www.brightlingsea-town.co.uk
then Rotary Club for entry forms.



Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

At Great Bromley Village Hall.
Monday & Thursday 9.30-12 noon
Wednesday 9.15-11.45am
& 12.15-2.45pm

Session Tel No: 0785 7503103
(Lunch time session also available)
Children: 2years-6 months to 5years.
£5.00 per session. Ofsted inspected.
For more details/visits, please contact
Group Secretary-Debbie on 01206
250183

St. George's (C of E) School, Gt. Bromley

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

School in the Community

By the time you read this the PTA will have held their Children's Quiz and the "learners" (latest name) will have held their annual "sponsored run a mile for a pound". Monies this year will be going to pay for new markings on the hard play surface. A farewell lunch for Father Nicholas will be held on 18th July to acknowledge his pastoral work and support to the School over the years prior to his departure in September.

Good luck to Gabrielle, Charlotte, Felix, Leeanne and Erin - who are leaving us to go to school. We will see everyone else back on the Monday 10th September when our topic will be 'Opposites'. If you would like your child to join us, please do not hesitate to call on the numbers above.



From everyone at Playgroup, have a fabulous summer holiday!!



A tea party to thank all the "helpers" will be held on 5th July at the School, a way of showing the School's appreciation of all the hard work done by all sorts of helpers over the year.

Len



Sallywags

At Great Bromley Village Hall
Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30am
0-5years.Parent and child group.
Activities/themed sessions/play
equipment etc.
For more details or visits please
contact 01206 230625

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Olga a Russian Student working as a volunteer at Seven Rivers is looking for some part time work e.g. babysitting , housework etc. own transport
Tel No. 07747357585 CRB checked, reference available.

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee met on 5th June with our new chairman, Frederick Nicholls, and nine members present. We were pleased to welcome Neil Skinner who was introduced by the chairman and with the agreement of those present was co-opted on to the committee.

There have been several new pieces of government legislation passed in the last few years which could affect the running of our village hall. For example, the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005, the Charities Act 2006, are under the jurisdiction of Tendring District Council as the administrative authority.

From 1st July 2007 the Village Hall will become a No Smoking Building as the Smoke Free Regulations take effect in England. Your co-operation is sought to refrain from smoking in any part of the village hall (including the toilets).



Failure to comply could result in you and us being liable for a fine.

You will see when you visit the village hall that a white picket fence has been erected at the edge of the south car park and the grassed area. The reasons are twofold: one, the Playgroup must have a fenced area so they can play outside when the weather is suitable, and two, to keep vehicles off the grassed area when conditions are poor.

The committee has agreed to hold the hire charges at current levels for the next year to 31st August 2008. Charges were last raised from 1st September 2006 (September to April are winter rates, May to August are summer rates).

The Village Hall committee are organising a coffee morning at the Hall on Saturday 7th July from 10.30am until 2.00pm. Come along to see us on the day - various stalls, raffle, tea, coffee and light lunches will be available. Cakes and other raffle prizes will be gratefully received if anybody could help.

The Christmas Fayre will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 17th November, 11.00am until 2.00pm. Any money raised will be shared equally between the village hall and St George's church this year.

The committee next meet on Tuesday 24th July at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Bevan Willgress

FRIENDS OF LT BROMLEY CHURCH

Flowers and Music 18th June was much enjoyed. The day was sunny, the local flowers were amazing, and the music hailed as our best ever with lovely guest performances by Janina Morris (clarinet/sax) and Ellie O'Grady (soprano).



Thanks to John Appleby who opened the festival with a fascinating talk about the history of the village. Thanks to all those who helped with the marquee, the cleaning, the flowers, the refreshments, the music, and to the Parish Council for sponsoring Friends' events.

We raised £600 for the Churches Conservation Trust.

Gregory Frostick

CRICKET CLUB



100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JUNE

1st.	Mr. James Wild.
2nd.	Mr. Frank Griffiths.
3rd.	Mr. John Taylor.

THANKS

Very many thanks to all who helped with the Raffle for the Flower Festival - to everyone who sold and bought tickets; so very kindly provided prizes and especially to Vera who nobly folded hundreds of counterfoils for the drum. The raffle raised £1,500 toward the Flower Festival and was popular in spite of the very un-cooperative weather over the weekend!

AND ALSO

THANK YOU to all who supported the Plant and Garage sale in May. The weather was not very kind but we still managed to raise £675.50.

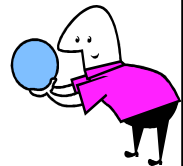
James and Ann Wild

CARPET BOWLS

Three latest results from the singles summer league, 3 wins –8-1 against High Woods, 6-3 against Wix (home) 5-4 against Engaines (away). This puts us at the top at present, but must bear in mind that the other teams have matches in hands. On Sunday 13th May, our triples team, Andrew, Jayne and Linda represented Essex in the Eastern Counties Championship in Cambridge. The competition included Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, all the points were added together with Cambridgeshire having the highest number, winning the whole event. Six counties competed, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Our trio played well in all their games so must have made their mark to help Essex gain third place in the Championship. It was good experience for them, ready for Blackpool (big one), the result of that will be in next month's issue.

This year the annual dinner was held at the 'Snooty Fox' when 23 members and their guests wined, dined and of course "chatted a lot".

Nancy Kempster



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Bentley Home Delivery Service

We have a vacancy in the Bromley Road area of Frating for a holiday relief newspaper deliverer.

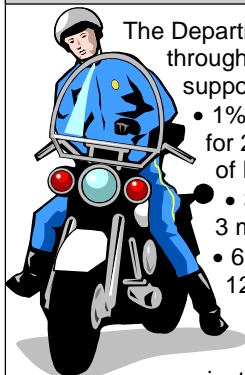
Applicants should be reliable and accurate and prepared to work seven mornings per week when required.

The position is likely to become full time and permanent shortly.

If you are interested please call Terry on 01206 791839.

>> TAKE CONTROL

GIVE YOUR MACHINE THE SKILLS IT DESERVES



The Department of Transport will be running a motorcycle campaign throughout the summer which the Casualty Reduction Board will be supporting.

- 1% of vehicles on Essex roads are motorcycles, but they account for 25% of all the killed or seriously injured accidents on the roads of Essex.
- 38% of riders killed in 2004 had owned their bikes for less than 3 months
- 61% of riders killed in 2004 had owned their bikes for less than 12 months.

Before deciding on a course, it is worth finding out just where you are at and what you need to know and there are plenty of organisations that can help. Assessments are carried out by professional riders who know how to analyse your riding and come up with a programme that is right for you - no point learning how to get you knee down on a track day if you are a dyed in the wool two-up tourer, and vice versa.

The following organisations will point you in the right direction for a professional assessment:

- The Police's 'Bike Safe' programme (www.Bikesafe.co.uk)
- The Driving Standards Agency (tel: 0115 901 2500)
- The Motorcycle Rider Training Association (tel: 01788 538303)
- British Motorcyclists Federation (tel: 01274 545552)
- Royal society for the Prevention of Accidents (tel: 0121 248 2099)
- The Institute of Advanced Motorists (tel: 0208 996 9600)
- or check The Yellow Pages



Road Safety

MATERIAL for the **AUGUST 2007** edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by **Monday, 16th JULY, 2007**

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'The Bromley Messenger' Accounts

Statement of Accounts

	2005/2006	2006/2007
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Donations	18.53	77.00
Advertisements	2201.50	2880.79
Sponsorship	<u>905.00</u>	<u>899.00</u>
Total	3125.03	3856.79
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing	2407.61	2977.77
Postage	29.40	44.70
Expenses	60.38	282.80 *
(deficit) /surplus	<u>627.64</u>	<u>551.50</u>
Total	3125.03	3856.79

Bromley Messenger Reserve Fund 31st March

Balance as at 1st April 2005	2731.73	2006	3359.37
Surplus	627.64		551.50
Balance as at 31st March 2006	3359.37	2007	3910.87

Honorary Treasurer L.B.Christodoulides MBE

Comments

Yet another successful year, with another surplus, we have increased the number of pages to accommodate extra articles and advertisements.

We celebrated our 21 years with a thank you party for the helpers and contributors past and present and you will notice that expenses are higher than usual (*£202.69 for party) to pay for this event.

We had a volunteer to audit the accounts, Kate Beauchamp, to whom we are most grateful.

The management committee has reviewed the comments from the V A and has started to implement some of the findings, which you should notice over the next few months.

Thanks as always go to our sponsors, advertisers, editor, proof-reader, deliverers, and printer for their support in making the Bromley Messenger something to be proud of.

If you have any questions on the figures please contact me.





WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our June meeting was our Members' Meeting which was arranged by ordinary members to enable the official committee to have a welcome break. Pippa Hardy (Convenor), Jill Frostick and I were the evening's committee.

Mr Allan Hardy was our 'surprise' speaker. He explained that with three friends he raises funds for "The Home Support Trust", which is a free service for needy people, in the Frinton and Walton area. They all go together on sponsored walks in Scotland and so far have achieved twenty of these.

Allan described the amount of items they take with them: food, cooking and washing utensils, clothing, a supply of water and, of course, a "Wee Dram" for night time. Not forgetting their tents, cameras, four boxes of sundries, they find J-cloths are handy for washing, drying and a "makedo" sun hat. All this comes to about 56lbs each.

They take an overnight sleeper to Glasgow and then on to Fort William with the intention of walking across to Montrose on the east side of Scotland. Allan gave us an amusing account of their journey, illustrated with beautiful slides of the Scottish mountains, lakes and even some snow. On one such

venture, having obtained permission, they visited Balmoral Castle.

Unfortunately, one of the group damaged an ankle and the others did what they could for him,

bandaging him up and sharing his load, whilst he struggled on amid snow and rough terrain. Further on their way they visited the highest distillery in Scotland where they met a walker aged 84! Eventually they arrived at their destination, Montrose.

After refreshments, which were traditionally Scottish i.e. shortbread, dropped scones, flapjacks and oatcakes, we held an auction. Pippa Hardy was our Auctioneer with Hazel Greenleaf as her assistant.

As July will be our Birthday Meeting, we are paying "Green Island" a visit.

June Willgress



KITCHEN CORNER

ROLLED PAVOLOVA

A different way to serve this classic dish for a party - Serves 8

4 egg whites
2 teasp vinegar
1 small tin sliced peaches, drained
8 tbsp castor sugar
1 teasp cornflour
Coconut or split almonds
½pt whipping cream

Beat egg whites stiff. Add cornflour while continuing to beat, then vinegar and 6 tbsp sugar. Beat till stiff and glossy. Fold in remaining 2 tbsp sugar. Spread the mix evenly on to a Swiss roll tin which has been lined, greased, sprinkled with water, then sprinkled with almonds or coconut. Bake 15 mins at 350°F / 180°C. Turn out onto greaseproof paper sprinkled with sugar.

Gently peel off the paper and cool for 10-15 mins. Then spread with the whipped cream and peach slices, roll up lengthwise like a Swiss roll.

Wrap it in a tea towel and chill in refrigerator for at least two hours before serving.

Jill Frostick



News from The Belfry

Local ringers have recently been involved with two celebrations of longer ringing. On 21st April a full peal of 5040 changes was rung in two hours, fifty five minutes. This involved three local ringers, Barry Bloyce, Philip Erith and David Wenden, two former ringers at Great Bromley, Simon Rudd and Adrian Semken and David Sparling of Thorrington, a former Master of the Essex Association. The peal was rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells on 13th April 1907 and included the same seven methods rung then. It also welcomed the Bishop of Chelmsford to the Patronal Festival.

A shorter quarter peal of 1260 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung in forty seven minutes on Sunday 27th May for the

Songs of Praise service at the Flower Festival.

Local ringers, Barry Bloyce, Derek Bloyce, Sue Orriss, David Wenden and Bevan Willgress were joined by Steven Clark of Thorrington.

If anyone would like to learn this ancient art, do come to the tower at 8.00pm on Fridays or contact David Wenden. You will be most welcome.

David Wenden



S GEORGE'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the recent flower festival. The response to the appeal to make it a real village event was truly marvellous with contributions made from most of the village organisations and businesses, and from the youngest members to the oldest. Despite the atrocious weather a good spirit made the weekend fly past. £3790 was raised, for which the Parochial Church Council is most grateful. Thank you. Fr Nicolas.

Worship questionnaires.

Please return completed questionnaires to Church, school, or Post Office by July 2nd. Spare copies are available from Church if you've missed out on one. Thank you.

CHURCH NOTES

The Parochial Church Council met on 14th June when the following matters were discussed.

It is the policy of the Church of England that 10% of the income of a church's General Fund should be given to charity. Charities that have benefited from donations from St. George's include the hospice and organisations working with homeless people and those in inner cities. The PCC agreed that this practice should continue but wished to make it clear that anyone wanting to contribute to the maintenance of the building but not other church activities, can make a donation to the Fabric Fund, which is completely separate from the General Fund and from which no charitable donations are taken. Further information can be obtained from Fr Nicolas or the treasurer, Guy Everington (tel 230956).

Fr Nicolas leaves Gt Bromley in early September and thought is already being given to the process of appointing a new priest. In relation to this, an Open Meeting is to be held on Thursday, 19th July when the Bishops of Colchester and Richborough will speak on the issue of women priests. The meeting will be in the church and will start at 7pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Finally, village residents are reminded of the questionnaires which were distributed with the June edition of *The Messenger*. The questionnaire was drawn up in response to information that emerged in the Village Appraisal and everyone is urged to complete it, as it will assist the PCC in making crucial decisions about the future of the church's ministry in Gt. Bromley. The forms can be returned to the church, rectory or the school.

An American English Quiz

THE ANSWERS

1. Courgette
2. Tap
3. Wallet
4. The game of draughts
5. Bonnet
6. Sweets
7. Biscuits
8. Trousers
9. Nappy
10. Car bumper
11. Petrol
12. Waistcoat
13. A scarf or car exhaust
14. Skipping
- 15.. Paraffin



THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS



Dear Friends,

Fr Nicolas is to move to a new parish in Worksop, Nottinghamshire. His **last service** as Priest to Ardleigh and the Bromleys will be on **Sunday September 2nd**. Do please come and join us and help make this a service he will remember for years to come.

We would also like to invite you to a **farewell party** for Fr Nicolas in **Ogilvie Hall, Lawford on September 1st**. The party will start at 6.30pm so hopefully all ages will be able to attend. Do **please fill out the slip below** and return it to one of the Church Wardens or our Benefice Secretary, Jill, at The Rectory, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TS as soon as possible so that we can plan the best send-off party ever!

Many of you will also want to join us for **Fr Nicolas' induction** in his new Parish. We have organised a coach which will pick people up from St Mary's at 10.am and then St George's at 10.15am on **Sunday 7th October**. The Eucharist will be held at St George's that morning at 9am rather than 10.30 to allow as many to go as possible. Please bring a packed lunch as we will picnic in nearby Clumber Park before going on to the service at **Priory Church, Worksop at 3pm**. The coach will cost no more than £15 per head. Again, let Jill or the Wardens know if you would like a place on the coach as soon as possible.

Finally we would like to give Fr Nicolas a **gift** from all his many friends and neighbours in the area. If you would like to contribute to this fund please contact one of the wardens or put a labelled envelope in the collection plate. We will all miss Fr Nicolas greatly. Please pray for our continued work during the Interregnum and for Fr Nicolas' successor. He will be a tough act to follow!

James Wild	Barbara Hall	Robin Hill	Mandy Pratt
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Names.....

I/we plan to attend the farewell party on Sept 1st at Ogilvie Hall.

Please reserve places on 10am coach from S Mary's on Oct 7th.

Please reserve places on 10.15am coach from S George's on Oct 7th

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for July

Sunday 1st		Trinity 4	
	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	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
5th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi	<i>Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
7th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	3.30pm	Wedding of Michael Carter & Joanne Mutimer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 8th		Trinity 5	
	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	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
9th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
11th		S Benedict	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
12th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi	<i>Old Coal House</i>
13th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
	7.00pm	Confirmation Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
14th	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 15th		Trinity 6	
	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	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
16th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
18th	6.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
19th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi	<i>Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
20th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
21st	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 22nd		Trinity 7	
	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	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
23rd	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
25th		S James	
	7.30pm	The Eucharist	<i>East Hill</i>
26th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
27th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
28th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 29th		Trinity 8	
	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	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
30th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>