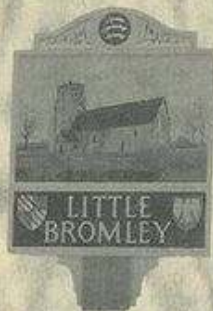
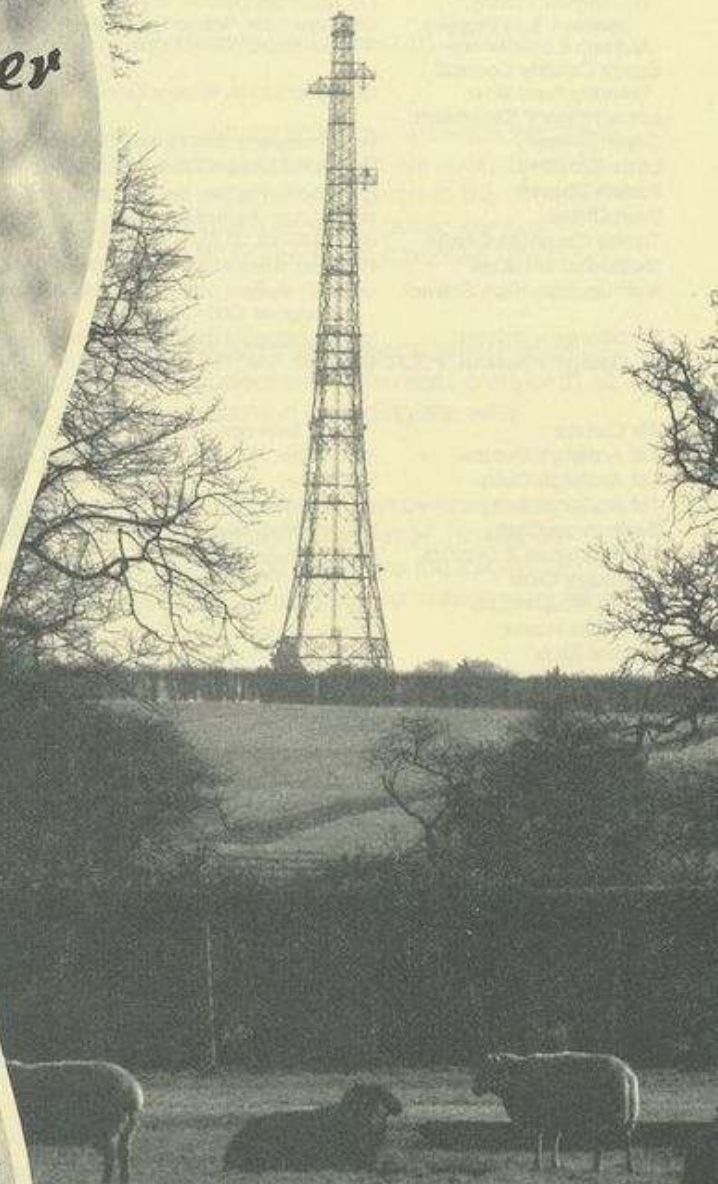


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GREAT & LITTLE BROMLEY



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A NEW PUBLICATION

With the magazine this month you will receive your free copy of 'The Bromley Handy Book' for 2008.

The process of the Village Appraisal brought to light how fortunate we are in our villages with the various facilities and services which are available to us. However, although a certain amount of information is given in the Bromley Messenger it was felt that it would be helpful if as much public service information as possible was brought together into a small booklet which can be kept close by for easy reference.

In the course of its production I have endeavoured to check, where possible, the information given to ensure that it is correct and I am most grateful to all those who have taken the time and the trouble in providing me with suggestions and information.

Should any of you have thoughts as to how it can be improved upon for the future, as the intention is that it be produced again next year, please do contact me. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the information given is correct things do change and errors tend to creep in so please let me know if you spot any.

I hope the booklet proves its worth and I wish you all a happy and peaceful 2008.

Leonie Henderson

**Wishing all our Readers a
happy and peaceful
New Year**

The January Quiz



1. Why is January so called?
2. When is the Jewish new year celebrated?
3. When were Euro notes and coins first used as 'legal tender'?
4. What ceased to be legal tender in the U.K. in 1960?
5. What "brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow"?
6. What is the astrological birth sign of a person who is born on 1st January?
7. Who had a 'one hit wonder' with 'January' in 1975?
8. What was nationalised on 1st January 1947 and 1948?
9. Daily Universal Register changed its name on the first day of January in 1788, by what name do we now know this newspaper?
10. Why does the Tax year begin on 6th April?
11. "Bloody Sunday" was in January, do you remember the date?
12. Which day of this month was The Penny Post started in Britain?

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RESOLUTIONS

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Let's give of our best in all that we
do.

We do not know yet what does lie
ahead

As into the next year we tentatively
tread.

But if we walk with God along the
way

We surely know we shall never
stray.

Let us be caring, helpful and kind,
Fellow beings have feelings, show
that we mind.

Then at the year's end we can truly
say,

God is the light, the truth and the
way.

Betty Rowe

[From the January 1988 'Bromley
Messenger']



Women's Institute

Our last meeting of 2007 (December) was spent enjoying a very nice party, organised by our hard working committee. All our members had contributed towards the buffet, after which we were entertained by Sue and John Mason with their music. They encouraged us to get up and take part in country dancing the 'Conga' and each table to join in 'Twelve Days of Christmas'.



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

June Willgress

From the Gt Bentley Doctors' Surgery

First of all, a very last minute "Happy Christmas" to everyone. We all hope that you have a healthy and trouble free time, and that you don't need medical help over the holiday. Just in case you do though, a swift reminder of how to access it.

If you just need a quick bit of medical advice and don't expect it to lead to seeing a doctor, you can ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

If you need the attention of a doctor and genuinely can't wait until we are next open, please ring the surgery's telephone number, 01206 250691.



This will get you through to Harmoni, the out-of-hours doctor service, who sort you out one way or another.

Minor injuries (nothing needing an x-ray) and illnesses can be dealt with by the nurse-led service at the Colchester Walk-in Centre, at The Octagon, Middleborough, Colchester. It will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Appointments are not necessary.

Urgent dental treatment is available by contacting 0845 602 5238. You will be assessed by a nurse who will give you the number of the dentist who is on call to carry out any necessary treatment between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

Beyond all this, if you have a critical or life-threatening illness, or suspected broken bones the Accident and Emergency Department at Colchester General Hospital will be able to look after you.

So, 2007 has come and gone with a few notable changes here at "The Hollies". Dr Steiner retired in March and took up croquet. He was replaced by Dr O'Reilly who can occasionally be seen running

around the village at lunch time. Dr Jatoti came in February as our new Registrar and, unbelievably, has now almost finished her year. Dr Hickling finished his contract at the end of March, sadly without being replaced. Last, but not least, Kathy Trim finally handed in her dispenser's badge in June.

Kathy had been with the practice since March 1990, first in the dispensary then later seconded to do the practice's dispensing in the pharmacy. She was one of those really important people who are always beaver away in the background here at the surgery, without necessarily getting the recognition they deserve. Goodness knows how many pills she counted or how many prescription forms she handled during seventeen and a bit years. She certainly left her mark, not least of all by helping to get the pharmacy organised when it first opened its doors in 1997.

Kathy hadn't been at all well for the last couple of years before she retired and I'm sure that everyone will join me in wishing her better health and many years of fun with her daughters and grand children now that she has escaped the practice's clutches.

Finally for this month, may we all wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I wonder if 2008 could possibly be one of those rare years when there is no political tinkering with what we try to do for you. I just have a sneaking suspicion that there is more chance of spotting Father Christmas over The Green on Christmas Eve though. Have a really enjoyable break and watch out for those reindeer!

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

Kitchen Corner

A recipe given to me by Pippa Hardy

Chocolate and Nut cake

250g Demerara sugar
250 g margarine
150g chopped nuts
250g S.R. flour (preferably wholemeal)
100g cooking chocolate, grated
1 small glass of brandy (optional)
4 eggs

Stir the sugar and margarine until creamy, add eggs, then flour, then nuts and grated chocolate and brandy if used.

Grease a large baking tin well, sprinkle with flour or line with paper. Fill with the cake mixture. Bake 300F—325F for about 1 - 1½ hours middle shelf.

Jill Frostick



Gt Bromley & District Cricket Club



November 100 Club winners

- 1st. Lynda Allam
- 2nd. F Griffiths
- 3rd. P Petchey

December 100 Club winners

- 1st. B Hurst
- 2nd. D Hardy
- 3rd. J Taylor

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

Please would you make sure that any Tesco Vouchers you may have collected are handed in to the school by the first week in January. Thank you to all those of you who have collected the vouchers and given them to us.



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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



Scallywags

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

Mobile Library in 2008



As from January 2008 the county's mobile library will be calling at the following Great Bromley locations on *alternate Wednesdays* (not Thursdays) at the new times noted below:

11.15 – 11.30 am	Cross Inn, Burnt Heath
11.40 – 11.55 am	Hamilton Lodge
12.00 – 12.15 pm	Church Meadow
1.20 – 1.35 pm	Village Hall
1.40 – 1.55 pm	Chase Road West, Hare Green

The visit dates for 2008 are: 2, 16 and 30 January; 13 and 27 February; 12 and 26 March; 9 and 23 April; 7 and 21 May; 4 and 18 June; 2, 16 and 30 July; 13 and 27 August; 10 and 24 September; 8 and 22 October; 5 and 19 November; 3, 17 and 31 December

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The Months of the Year

by Sara Coleridge

January brings the snow;
Makes the toes and fingers glow.
February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen ponds again.
March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.
April brings the primrose sweet,
Scatters daisies at our feet.
May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams.
June brings tulips, lilies, roses;
Fills the children's hands with posies.
Hot July brings cooling showers,
Strawberries and gilly-flowers.
August brings the sheaves of corn,
Then the harvest home is borne.
Warm September brings the fruit,
Sportsmen then begin to shoot.
Fresh October brings the pheasant;
Then to gather nuts is pleasant.
Dull November brings the blast,
Then the leaves are falling fast.
Chill December brings the sleet,
Blazing fire and Christmas treat.

Great Bromley Village Hall Charity Trustees

As we move forward into 2008, may I, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. It is now eight years since we celebrated the Millennium and almost seven since we marked the occasion by opening the Millennium Lounge at the hall.

Over this period (and before), we have had very good support of regular and occasional users which we try to accommodate to the best of our ability. There are

three main areas that can be hired, the Main Hall (100 to 160 people depending on the function), the Millennium Lounge (40 people) and the Committee Room (15 people). They may be used separately or combined, together with the Billiard Room and the kitchen.

Perhaps you would like to join the Playgroup on a Monday morning or play badminton on Monday evening. On a Tuesday evening you could join the Men's Club to play snooker or cards.

Wednesday mornings and afternoons you could again join the Playgroup and in the evenings enjoy a nice Carpet Bowls activity except on the first week when the Women's Institute would welcome you (Carpet Bowls moves to Thursday evening in the first week of each month). Again, on Thursday mornings there is the Playgroup for your pre-school children and on the third Thursday afternoon, you could join in with the Friendship Club. Friday mornings are Scallywags

action time and at a weekend on Sunday mornings, a karate group.

Many other private and public functions like meetings, parties, dances, shows etc, take place throughout the year and we will always try to accommodate your requirements. Our hiring rates are competitive with other halls in the surrounding area and enable the hall to run on a sound financial footing. Some fund raising is undertaken to help the hall and grants are required to pay the major repair and improvement bills.

The next event to note in your brand new diary, is a Dance on Saturday 15th March, when the "Nostalgia" Big Band will make a return visit to the hall for your enjoyment. Tickets will be available in the New Year.

The Village Hall Committee will next meet on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the Millennium Lounge at the hall. To book the hall, contact Mrs Lynda Allam on 01206 230375 who will advise on availability and cost. The Hall may be seen on www.greatbromley.org.uk and click on "village hall".

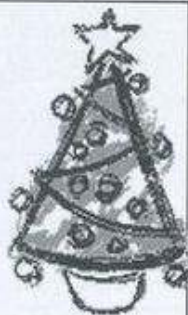
Bevan Willgress



Thanks

Many, many thanks for the wonderful Christmas Tree which was donated for the festivities at St. Georges Church.

Jenny Nicholls



Further Rectory Reminiscences

Rectories - and rectory families - tend to engender good anecdotes. On one occasion, the Bishop of Colchester came to preach at the evening service. After tea, he was rather reluctant to leave the blazing fire, and around 6.15, Father (in his mild manner) suggested that they really ought to be on the move. The Bishop responded, "I am sure, my man, that they will not start without us".

Christine recalls another occasion when the clergy of the Diocese - known as The Forty Thieves - met at the rectory, no doubt for some serious theological discussion but also for lunch and tea prepared by Mother; no caterers could be hired then. There was much hilarity at attempts to ride Father's tricycle and even one or two spillages into the shrubbery.

Christine somehow forgot to mention the occasion when all the children were having tea with one of the churchwardens and his wife, a dreary occasion not at all improved by rock cakes, when, as soon as she felt able, Christine announced, "We must go now - we have tea at 4.30". It was the same churchwarden who, having caused some mild offence to Father, arrived at the rectory one day with a sack, covered with ash, over his shoulders

(see Daniel IX, 3). A retired priest who lived in St John's, Colchester, used to walk to the church twice a year in order to preach, but Mother insisted on driving him home afterwards. I well recall how he once contrived to relate how he visited Pisa but could not summon the courage to go up the famous Leaning Tower in case it fell down. Perhaps his theme was the importance of Faith!

Our parents were proud of "the ever-open front door" and all visitors were welcome. Every year at pea-picking time two or three families of gypsies (as they were then called) set up camp on the verge just outside the front gate, and Father, who had an affinity towards them, welcomed them and baptised the latest arrivals. It was typical of Father and Mother that they came to the aid of a husband and wife (and dog) who had been evicted from a tied cottage; they lived in the rectory for some time. Tennis enthusiasts were encouraged to use the grass court and we had tennis parties at a time when these were fashionable, but I was thought to be too young to take part - except as ball-boy - and it was some time before I qualified as a coach. The other six played in junior tournaments at Frinton and must, I think, have set up a record.

Gerald Gurney



Left:
Rev'd &
Mrs
Gurney

Right:
Rev'd
Gurney
on his
trike,
ante
1939



Forthcoming Events

2008

JANUARY

- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
6 Epiphany Carol Service, St Mary's church, Little Bromley, 4.00pm
10 WEA 'Lives of the Great Painters', Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
22 Village Hall Committee meeting, Village Hall,, 7.30pm
27 Evensong with Choir, Gt Bromley church, 6.30pm

MARCH

- 15 WG11 Litter Picking Day
Dance with 'Nostalgia' Big Band, Village Hall

MAY

- 24 Coffee Morning, Village Hall

AUGUST

Friendship Club Auction

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Essex Police Choir, St George's Church



Evensong with Choir

Sunday 27th January
6.30pm
St. George the Martyr



Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 6th January
4.00pm
St. Mary's church,
Little Bromley



WEA Ardleigh

LIVES OF THE GREAT PAINTERS

Course Tutor - Graham Simmings
Thursdays 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm
for 10 weeks

from 10th January 2008
Ardleigh Village Hall,
Station Road Ardleigh
Fee £40



Contacts: Jill Frostick - 01206 250263,
John Terry - 01206 230490

When Vasari published his 'Lives of the most excellent Painters, Sculptors and Architects' in 1550 the modern discipline

of Art History came into being.

This course will examine Vasari's achievements and the impact of his book and the continuing importance of biography as a method of studying the history of art and ideas.

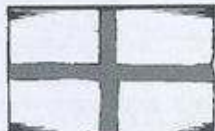
Please do come along to the first session on 10th January 2008 where you can decide if it is the course for you, before paying the Course Fee on the second week.

There will be a slight reduction in the fee for couples. there are also books on the subject which can be borrowed

Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on
7th February 2008 at 7.30pm.

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



Brenda and Richard welcome you to
"THE BROMLEY CROSS INN"

For fine ales and good food, brought to you in a friendly,
welcoming atmosphere and comfortable, homely environment.

Brenda and Richard would like to take this opportunity to thank all friends and customers for their continued support throughout the year, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

EVENTS during JANUARY

- Thursday 17th CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT 8.30pm PROMPT start**
In aid of **EPILEPSY ACTION**. Teams of 4, £3.00 per head includes light supper.
- Wednesday 23rd MUSIC NIGHT 7.45pm PROMPT start**
Sing, play or just come and enjoy an evening of traditional music and light verse. The evening will finish with our usual carol singing—around the Christmas tree if the weather permits—indoors if it is too cold/rainy/snowy!!! Etc.

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Open 6.30pm. We are fully booked for meals, but you are very welcome to come and bring in the New Year with us.

Coffee served from 11.30am

Open for lunches Tuesdays to Fridays and Sundays.

Last orders for food 1.45pm. Evening meals Wednesday - Sunday inclusive.

Telephone 01206 230282

Our website can be found at www.bromleycrossinn.co.uk



GREAT BROMLEY POST OFFICE at The Cross Inn

Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL

Telephone: 01206 231073

Mon/Tues: 9.30am-2.00pm Wed/Thurs/Fri: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Sat: 9.00am-midday

- Please note that there is now a wide selection of cards and wrapping paper available.
- A dry cleaning service is also available.

Please ask for details at the counter.

Museum to go!

The Museum To Go has just taken delivery of its giant board game to add to this exciting FREE resource on the road! Colchester's history is taking to the highway, embarking on a new long and interesting journey into people's lives and communities! This is all due to Colchester museums securing £100,000 of external funding from the Designation Challenge Fund Phase 4. This fund will launch a project that will take collections out in to hard to reach audiences and community in a creative and innovative way. Museum to Go is Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service's van based, community focused mobile museum.

Caroline Mc Donald Museum to go project officer says, 'It is a fun, innovative, exciting resource that seeks to engage non-museum users with a surprising experience of their past. It aims to be the opposite of a traditional museum experience and to shatter preconceptions.'

The Museum to go is free, friendly and fun! Especially for communities in Ipswich, Colchester, Maldon or Tendring areas, our van will bring your history to wherever you are! Discover, touch, smell, play, create, listen and look to find out about the people who lived here before us.

On board the museum will be objects that showcase the environment, life and people of Essex, telling their stories from the prehistoric to modern period. The museum will be supported by lots of activities and things to touch, see, smell, play, discover and question.

The museum will focus around the pod or discovery unit which will always be staffed with an enthusiastic and knowledgeable

member of museum staff! Our discovery pods have four main themes: Life, Meals & Medicine, Rubbish, People, and a fifth, smaller theme will be reminiscence boxes for use with the elderly in care homes.

This will be supported by other activities and a second enthusiastic knowledgeable member of staff.

These include a height chart, timeline game, dial-a-hat, dressing up, magnetic gallery, historic games (such as skittles) a wormery to explore layers of history, a skeleton interactive to explore how evidence survives and art activities. There will be a 'dig deeper' corner where more in depth information will be available for those who want it and a laptop which will also provide other info as well as the chance to explore 'Virtual Colchester' or take on the Romans in the game 'Rome-Total War!' (Kindly donated by Creative Assembly – must give them a name check!)



We hope to work with local groups to provide specific activities to meet their needs, whether this be art activities, more formal talks or more specific requirements. The museum is fully flexible and can be booked for a minimum of two hours up to a whole day and can visit at weekends and evenings. To discuss your needs or to book:

Call the team on 01206 507846
Email museumtogo@colchester.gov.uk

Tending Community Transport Colchester Hospital Hopper

The Timetable

PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE ONLY OPERATES MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

Hospital Hopper Bus Service Revised Timetable 2006/07	
Roaring Donkey, Holland on Sea Station Road, Clacton	09:00 11:20 14:40
West Cliff Theatre, Tower Road, Clacton	09:07 11:27 14:47
Three Jays, Jaywick	09:11 11:31 14:51
Bishops Park School, Jaywick	09:17 11:37 14:57
St Oysth Coach Stop, Kings Arms	09:21 11:41 15:01
Great Bentley Village Hall	09:28 11:48 15:08
Colchester General Hospital	09:37 11:57 15:17
Colchester General	09:58 12:18 15:38
Great Bentley Village Hall	10:15 13:35 15:55
St Oysth Coach Stop, Kings Arms	10:28 13:58 16:18
Bishops Park School, Jaywick	10:47 14:07 16:27
Three Jays, Jaywick	10:54 14:14 16:34
West Cliff Theatre, Tower Road, Clacton	10:58 14:18 16:38
Station Road, Clacton	11:03 14:23 16:43
Roaring Donkey, Holland on Sea	11:08 14:28 16:48
	11:13 14:33 16:53

The times shown above are approximate and may vary owing to traffic congestion and the individual needs of our passengers. We request that you be patient if the bus is a little late. Our drivers strive to keep to the times listed above, which are subject to review.

PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST BUS LEAVES
COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL AT 15:55 (3:55 p.m.)

How do I register?

To register simply telephone 01255 436962 for an information leaflet and registration form. Alternatively, you may wish to visit our offices to discuss your transport needs. Tending Community Transport, Harringham Chambers, 61 Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1SD.

How much does it cost?

£6.20 return fare. 3-10 single (2007 rate). The fare will increase with effect from 1st January 2008 in line with inflation. Guide and hearing dogs are welcome and travel free. Escorts are welcome and pay the same fare as the passenger they accompany.

Tending Community Transport Dial-a-Ride

Dial-a-Ride (DAR) is a wheelchair accessible, door-to-door transport service tailored to meet the needs of Tending District's elderly, frail and disabled people.

For more information about services for disabled people visit the Essex Coalition of Disabled People (ECDD) at <http://www.ecdd.co.uk/home>, or see our Links page for details.

This service is also for people of all ages who find it difficult or impossible to access public transport (subject to seat availability).

Dial-a-Ride operates Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

How do I register?

TCT is a registered charity and operates under a small bus license called a Section 19 permit. This license enables TCT to carry passengers who are registered members.

Registration is a simple process. Telephone: 01255 436962 to ask for an information leaflet and registration form. If you have difficulty completing the registration form, our team is on hand to help you. Once registered you may book your transport.

Alternatively, you may wish to visit our offices to discuss your transport needs. Tending Community Transport, Harringham Chambers, 61 Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 1SD.

How do I book a journey?

Once you are registered please telephone 01255 436962 to book Dial-a-Ride.

Our bookings team will help you. They will need to know your name, address, your destination, the time you have chosen to be collected from your home and the return destination and time. For example, you may wish to be taken to the supermarket and picked up at the library for the return journey. The choice is yours.

We will do everything we can to ensure that our transport services are tailored to meet your needs.

What happens if I am not offered the booking of my choice?

If we are unable to offer you the journey of your choice, we will offer you an alternative. If we have no alternative, we will contact other schemes who work in partnership with TCT and seek their help on your behalf.

How much does it cost?

DAR customers pay an annual membership fee (£7.50 at 2007/08 rates). This helps to cover some of TCT's administration costs. We are a registered charity and must raise funds to provide our services. Fares are paid direct to the driver on the day of travel. Ring 01255 436962 for up-to-date fare information. Please do not tip Dial-a-Ride drivers who are paid employees. You can better help

<http://www.dial-a-ride.org/pages/transport-services/dial-a-ride.php>

13/1/2007

Church Notes

The Parochial Church Council met on December 3rd. High on the agenda was a discussion about the church fabric and how to fund the cost of essential and very expensive repairs. As if to reinforce the urgency of this, a few days after our meeting two clerestory windows (these are the high windows above the nave) blew in during heavy winds. Grants towards repairs may be available but we also agreed that it is important to enlist the support of all those in the village who value St George's for its undoubted historic and architectural importance, in addition to being a place of worship. There will be more about this in the February edition of the *Messenger*.

The 'new facilities' were also discussed. Last year we obtained permission to build a toilet, kitchenette and meeting room, but at the moment we are far short of the sum needed to finance even Phase 1 of the work. We considered whether it might be possible to simplify the scheme in order to provide the essentials from the money that has been raised. We were interested in an article in a recent diocesan publication showing photographs of the way in which these facilities have been provided in other churches in the area. Copies of this article are in the church if anyone is interested.

There is no further news about the appointment of a new priest but we hope to be able to give further information in the February *Messenger*.



NHW Bulletin for Tending

News update

There has been a high value burglary in Briar Road, Great Bromley as well as a theft from a motor vehicle from premises a couple of doors along. A vehicle belonging to another resident was also loaded up with goods stolen in the Ardleigh burglaries but was left at the scene probably due to being disturbed. Also left at the scene was a stolen Transit. There has also been a burglary at Great Bromley Cricket Club.

The Police were alerted by a NHW Co-ordinator whose outside alarm was activated by intruders on the driveway. A dog unit was on scene very quickly but the perpetrators had already left the scene.

This update was sent through by NSO PHILLIPS

Well done to the NHW Co-ordinator who contacted us.

Parish Council News

Great Bromley Parish Council

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 13 December 2007

Planning

The Council considered the following planning applications with no objections, except as indicated:

Greshams Farm, Harwich Road – change of use of agricultural buildings to general industrial, storage or distribution usage.

Little Paddocks, Frating Road – three permanent wooden chalets (objections)

Morants, Colchester Road – retention of open shelter and raised decking

Alvi, Mary Lane South – new roof/loft extension plus rear extension

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Hamilton Lodge, Parson's Hill – demolition of four buildings and the erection of four detached bungalows for residential care purposes

Land between Fieldside & Eltone, Frating Road – four chalet bungalows

Land adjacent to Sunnyside, Ardleigh Road – new dwelling

Denique, Mary Lane South – detached garage

The Planning Inspectorate has allowed the following appeal and granted planning permission:

Former post office and stores, Brook Street – appeal against Tendring District Council's refusal to allow the replacement of existing building by a domestic dwelling.

Financial matters

The council has agreed its budget for 2008/9 with planned expenditure of £22,000. This will be financed by £14,000

from council tax revenue, £900 from other income and the balance from the council's reserves. Expenditure will include the following: general administration – £6350, community grants – £2500, grass and hedge cutting – £4000, improvements to Church Meadow and closed cemetery – £5700, trees and flower tubs – £1000 and £1500 on other projects suggested by the village appraisal.

The revenue from council tax was raised by 3.7% from £13,500 to £14,000 – the first increase for three years. This represents a cost of about £12 a year for each resident of Great Bromley.

Reservoir

The council has recently received further information on this large-scale project which confirms that its proponents are considering a serious and significant investment. The construction of the 14 acre, 100 foot deep reservoir will involve the extraction of about 300,000 tons of aggregate over a period of at least three years. In order that the 30+ lorries a day can cart away the material a substantial new service road will be built between the reservoir site and Hall Road.

Bearing in mind the concerns voiced by residents the council is working with our county councillor to establish precisely what planning law might be in place to regulate this kind of development.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10 January 2008 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

Ken Bromfield

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Great Bromley Parish Council Working group reports

WG 9—Closed Cemetery

Although the work of clearing graves in the closed cemetery has stopped until next Spring, we have still been busy. There are some trees and hedges to be planted in the near future. A site meeting has taken place in Church Meadow with our group to make suggestions as to the future layout of this area.

Following publicity in local newspapers on Saturday 1st December, a meeting was held in the church with John Appleby. A number of people who have relatives buried in the closed cemetery arrived for coffee and biscuits and a chat with John and members of our group. The meeting

was very worthwhile and a lot of information was gleaned from those people that came along. Sadly only one resident from the village put in an appearance, however it is not too late to share your knowledge, I can always be contacted on the number below. We are very delighted to say that following the meeting one of the people that came along very generously made a donation to church funds.

If anybody is interested in helping this very worthwhile project please contact the leader of the working group, Fred Nicholls on 01206230688.

HANDY PEOPLE

The parish council wishes to appoint one or more *handy men or women* who would be willing to undertake the occasional small scale works or minor repairs, as and when the need arises, but occasionally at short notice. Tasks might include the repair to a gate, fence or notice board and for which the council will pay £12/hour.

If you are interested in this kind of work please apply to the council's Clerk, Ken Bromfield, whose contact details appear on the front cover of this magazine.



Essex Police

UPBEAT - December issue

Some of the Information from the email based newsletter

Burglars

Essex Police is urging residents to leave a light on in their homes and take other simple crime prevention steps to deter burglars over the Christmas period.

The number of house burglaries increases during the late autumn and winter months. A house without lights, during the dark early evenings, is an open invitation for burglars to break in.

For people going away during this time, it's especially important to make sure their home appears to be occupied.

There are a number of measures that residents can take to prevent their homes being burgled and avoid the distress of having their treasured possessions stolen.

- Don't forget the basics - close and lock doors and windows whenever you go out, even if it's for a couple of minutes a

burglar is seldom in your house for longer than a very few minutes!

- Do not leave house or car keys on display or near the front door where they can be reached via the letter box.
- Internally, fit time switches which will turn your lights on when you are not at home.
- Consider leaving a radio on when you're out for the evening and perhaps fit this with a time switch, too.
- Mark valuable items with your postcode using an ultra violet pen. Take photographs of them, just in case. Make a note of serial numbers on electronic items such as televisions and mobile phones. These can be registered at www.immobilise.com
- Use economy bulbs to save energy and expense.
- Externally -fit dusk to dawn security lighting.
- Consider fitting an intruder alarm.
- Fit additional locks if necessary.
- Report immediately any suspicious incidents to the police.
- Don't leave tempting Christmas presents on display where they can be seen from outside.
- Try to arrange for a neighbour to collect your post and newspapers.
- Flatten boxes and turn them inside out when putting out rubbish - otherwise they advertise what's in the house.

Bogus Callers

During the year there have been many incidents across the county where elderly people have had their lives ruined because they were tricked by bogus callers. This Christmas it is important to remind elderly neighbours and relatives to always keep a chain on the front door and do not let any cold callers into their homes. All bona fide callers will have

identification on them and won't mind waiting for you to check them out. And remember it is important never to leave large sums of cash in the house. Some salesmen's pitches can be strong and upsetting to people, especially the elderly and vulnerable residents. There has been a surge in calls whereby strongarm tactics used by traders has upset people. If people don't want callers in their house, then they simply have to tell them straight. If they fail to adhere to the request, then our advice is for people to call us.

Is this caller genuine?

- Stop - Are you expecting anybody?
- Chain - Secure the chain
- Check - Ask for ID and check it carefully
- Do lock the back door before opening the front
- Do ask them to come back another day if you are unsure
- Always arrange appointments
- Try to have someone with you
- Don't believe all callers are genuine
- Don't let anyone in if you are unsure
- Don't believe scare stories or be pressured into a cash or quick sale
- Don't keep cash in the house

If in doubt keep them out and contact your local police station

Drink Driving

Drink drivers are being treated to the same message as other criminals in Essex - "Don't commit crime here or you will be arrested."

Police are warning drivers that if they get behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol or drugs they could face a prison sentence, 12 month ban and a fine of up to £5,000.

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Chief Inspector Tom Diment, Head of Road Policing, says: "Drinking and driving is a crime and one which often results in death and serious injury. We are taking steps to make the roads safer by making sure that those who drink drive are arrested and face the consequences of their actions.

Chief Inspector Diment adds: "This is the traditional time for partying and going out with friends and work colleagues at lunch time and in the evening. We want people to enjoy themselves, but to think ahead and plan alternative transport or nominate a designated driver.

"This is also the time to call a halt to the actions of anyone you know who

consistently flouts the law and dismisses other people's safety by mixing drinking and driving. If you know of someone who is drink driving, then please call Crimestoppers and report it. They are a danger to themselves, to you, your family and others, and they should be stopped." **All calls to Crimestoppers are anonymous - telephone 0800 555 111**

**Merry
Christmas
from
Essex
Police.**



Answers to the January Quiz

1. It is named after the two-faced Roman god, Janus. Janus is the god of beginnings and endings and also of doorways and archways, he is looking forward to the new year and back at the old year.
2. Rosh Hashanah was celebrated on 13th September in 2007 and the date for 2008 is 30th September. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated over two days and begins at sunset on the evening on the first day.
3. 1st January 2002
4. The farthing, $\frac{1}{4}$ d or 0.25 of an old penny
5. January - a poem called Months of the year by Sara Coleridge (see page)
6. Capricorn (an earth sign) is between 23 December -19 January and the rest of January until 19th February is under the sign of Aquarius (air sign).
7. Pilot on 18th January
8. The coal industry in 1947 and the Railways in 1948.
9. The Daily Times, now called The Times.
10. Up to 18th century the year began on 25th March. England changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 and New Year's Day was moved to 1st January at the same time. As the Gregorian calendar (named after Pope Gregory) had been in use in Europe since 1582 an eleven day difference had accrued and to rectify this it was decreed that 14th September would follow 2nd September. This 'loss' of eleven days caused much rioting in the streets of England and the Inland Revenue was unwilling to cause further public fury and so left the date of the tax year as 25th March plus the eleven days which brings us to 6th April.
11. 30th January 1972
12. 10th January 1840 (and also on this day in 1920 The League of Nations was founded).



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As many of you will know, we are an independent charity of over 30 years standing caring for stroke survivors, their carers and families. We would like to

take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our charity over the last year.

Donations range from a plastic milk containers full of loose change to the occasional bequest and donations by standing orders. Some local business and shops kindly display our collecting tins and we are always surprised at how much each one contains. We have a dedicated band of volunteers who kindly donate their time at fundraising events.

All of these sources of income are very valuable to us as the money we receive from our statutory funders unfortunately does not meet the full cost of running the organisation.

Being an independent charity, we can make sure that all money raised directly benefits all the individuals and families we support. Unfortunately Stroke still seems to be a low profile illness which means the public tend to notice the bigger national fund raising campaigns – so please remember us your local stroke charity.

We would be delighted if anyone would like to make a contribution of any kind.

If you would like a collection box, make a donation or set up a standing order, please phone Rosemary Garrey on 01255 815905

**WE WISH YOU ALL A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND HEALTHY NEW
YEAR**

Are you a carer?



Who is a carer?

A carer is someone of any age whose life is affected by the need to help another person who is ill or impaired. It may be a friend or relative and the help given can range from small key tasks to full time care.

Do you need help and advice?

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Services for January

<u>Sunday 6th</u>	THE EPIPHANY		
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	4.00pm	Carols for Epiphany	<i>St. Mary's, Little Bromley</i>
<u>Sunday 13th</u>	BAPTISM OF THE LORD		
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<u>Sunday 20th</u>			
	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>
<u>Sunday 27th</u>			
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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