

# *The Bromley Messenger*

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**CRICKET CLUB**

### **100 Club Winners June**

1st	Mr. Terry Marshall
2nd	Mr. Alistair Robinson
3rd	Mrs. Mary Hart

Congratulations! and thank you for your support

## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS



It has been brought to my attention that Essex County Council, who is taking over responsibility for the issuing of concessionary bus

passes, is carrying out a public consultation to ascertain users' requirements and views. Clearly this is going to affect anyone who uses a bus pass as it may well affect the time of the pass' validity and its general usefulness. You are therefore encouraged to go to the website and complete the questionnaire so that your views are known. Further details can be found on page 29 (Gt Bromley PC also refer to the issue on page 9) including what you can do if you do not have access to the internet.

I often use my bus pass when in London and a trip there recently to view the Quilt Exhibition at the V & A saw us looking out for the differently, and beautifully, decorated elephants sited all over the capital to be spotted as you bussed or walked around. They were sold in aid of charity at the beginning of July. Instead of elephants try scarecrows! Now is the time to start thinking of a 'design' for your scarecrow in readiness for the harvest celebrations (see page 19). Site them perhaps overlooking the road or peaking over the hedge/fence/wall - they will be fun to look out for as you traverse the villages.

Scarecrows were traditionally to frighten away crows from crops. I don't have a crow problem but my brassica crop is under attack from a combination of pheasants and their dust baths, pigeons and caterpillars although the CD discs which hang glinting in the sun and a realistic plastic falcon which glares out

from its ever changing perches round the beds might ensure we get something. I am enjoying the slightly cooler temperatures and with the recent showers a respite from watering the vegetables each evening. Now is the exciting time in the veggie growing summer season when the first potatoes, courgettes, beans, tomatoes etc are being picked although already I have a surplus of courgettes which, if left, quickly turn into marrows! Nothing tastes better than freshly picked produce from one's garden making the hard work worthwhile.



I have been to two very successful events in the heat recently. One was Hampton Court Palace Flower Show and the other was the Tendring Show. Both were great fun and both were hot although the journey to the Tendring Show did not take three hours as it did to Hampton Court Palace (including a ferry boat from Kingston station to Hampton Court) and four hours to return (including a ferry crossing from the Palace to the opposite shore to catch a bus to Kingston, train to Waterloo, the drain to Liverpool Street and then train again to Manningtree).

The school holidays are upon us and for the first time ever I shall have grandchildren to stay for a few days so plans are afoot as to what we shall do. Probably planning our scarecrow ...!

*Leonie Henderson*

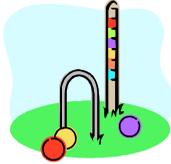
My thanks to Pru Simons, who stepped into the breach at the last moment, for proofreading this month's magazine.



# THANKS

## Motor Neurons Disease Charity Cream Tea and Croquet - a Great Success

A Staggering £700.00 was raised at Forge Cottage on Sunday 20th June, the weather was good to us after the terrible day before.



This was the first of many Fund Raisers for Motor Neurons.

Russell Belcher and Aran Price plan to circumnavigate Britain in a Tandem Sea Kayak capturing the natural elements and power, which they estimate will take 3 months = 3000.00 miles leaving from West Mersea. They are both well trained, extremely enthusiastic and only 22 / 23. Watch this space for other events to support them.

More details on their website [openhorizons-expedition.com](http://openhorizons-expedition.com). A company in Canada are sponsoring the Kayak, and a Kite company in Norfolk are making the harness to pull them along when conditions are suitable.

Good Luck Boys and thanks to everyone for the great support.

*Linda Pinhey*

## Thanks for Fun Day 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2010

A magnificent effort and a welcome amount raised for our general fund at St. George's.

Thanks to all who helped and supported. Overall profits were £53.00 Triply, £65 Strawberries and Cream, £50.80 Children's Activities, £223.24 Bar B Q. Half of all profits are placed in the Parish Council "Pot" to be divided 4 ways and St George's retain the rest, so a good result.

The day was packed with Family Fun and Community Spirit. Thanks also to the organising committee who worked so hard to present such an event.



### BRUMLEYA BLACK WOOL

Produced from Little Bromley sheep with no dyes or chemicals, just pure charcoal coloured knitting yarn. Available in 100gm balls in double knit or chunky.

DK £7 a ball, Chunky £8 a ball.

Please call Natalie on 01205 392322 or 07885 357817 or email [nat@brumleyastud.co.uk](mailto:nat@brumleyastud.co.uk)



## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

### AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION

19th August is open to EVERYONE at the Village Hall from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Come along and bring all those small things you don't need any more or you are fed up with seeing - we will auction it. The takings will be for the Club to help keep it going.

We will have had our outing to Anglesey Abbey so hope you enjoyed the day.

There is **NO** raffle or competition on Auction Day.

*Vicky Griffiths*

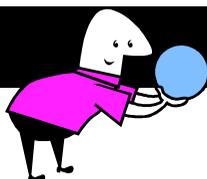


# HUNGARY - HERE WE COME

## Well, she's made it to Hungary, can you help sponsor her?

Grace Smith, aged 10, whose picture, you may recall, was on the front cover of the June 2010 'Messenger' has been selected for Team GB to compete in the Junior World Trophy in Hungary in August. She is expected to raise a minimum of £500 towards the travelling costs. Anyone who would like to help her with this splendid achievement should contact Natalie Smith on 01206 392322, 07885 357817 or [nat@brumleyastud.co.uk](mailto:nat@brumleyastud.co.uk)

The competition takes place at Vesces over 3 days and so far 44 nations have entered.



## CARPET BOWLS

Almost through the Summer League already, one more match to play. All the most recent games were on the downside. We lost three home matches to Clacton-on-Sea 4-5, Walton and Wix 4-5. The away matches were Engaines 3-6, Wix 1-8 and Walton 4-5. All quality games with a lot of interest from the spectators.

### Interleague Competition

This was held at High Woods on 23rd May. Gt Bromley was represented by Jayne, Sandra, Pat and Brenda putting in a good performance and Ron Copp, Richard, Derek and Tony also playing well. This was good experience for the newer members in their first taste of league competition.

### The Harold Wagstaff Fours Tournament

This was held at Gt Bentley on Sunday, 27th June. Harold is a well known figure in Carpet Bowls circles and has raised hundreds of pounds for Essex Wildlife over the years and this particular competition was held to celebrate his

92nd birthday. Harold lives for his bowling - it seems to keep him going - as it did our own Joe (almost reaching his century), so there must be something in this game after all.

Our team of Ron Copp, Pam Frostick, Sandra DeRoy and Derek Frostick came home with the trophy and personal mementoes having beating Polstead 11-2, Jaywick 6-3, Nayland 6-3, Lawford 6-2 and Wix 7-6. In Wimbledon terms you could say they won in 'straight sets' which is quite an achievement. Very well done and congratulations to them.

*Nancy Kempster*

## 109 BUS SERVICE

There will be an additional service on the 109 which will commence on 29th August. The additional journey leaves Walton at 9.20 and runs to Colchester via Frinton - Kirby - Thorpe le Soken - Elmstead Market - Colchester Tesco.

The timetable will be printed when it is known.

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH NEWS

There were four members of the public present at the forum to hear Steve Wilcox report that some 70 drivers had been reported for traffic offences within the parish boundary - mainly, of course, for speeding. This is likely to pre-empt more visits from the local police and hopefully more training days for the Traffic Calming Team. More volunteers are needed. WELL DONE TO THE EXISTING TEAM.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the council, after advertising for a replacement councillor decided to invite Steve Wilcox as a newly co-opted member to take his place on the council.

The organisation of the "Firework Nite" was discussed at length and approval was given for cash to be spent ASAP to get the best deals on offers. Sparklers will also be on sale on the night. Steve also volunteered the "Speed Watch Team" to act as stewards on the night. Tony Downes will liaise with the insurance company, police and fire brigade.

Best Guy competition will be organised by Carol Cordwell and prizes have been generously donated by Mary and Stan Roughley (lollipops may be provided for excited parents!)

There will be food available from the mobile "Chuck Wagon". Anita will hopefully organise that.

Charges will be £2.50 for car load, pedestrians £1. Vehicles will be directed to the car parking area and **will not be permitted on the road. Roads must be kept clear in case of Fire, Ambulance or Police.**

Bonfire material should be delivered on Saturday, 30th October between the hours of 08:00 and 12:00. All material gratefully appreciated.

Excellent progress was made for the "Quiz Night" and some 17 tables filled. It will make a grand turnout. A bottle of wine will be awarded to the winners.

We have bought some more plants for the War Memorial.

A letter has been received from Tendring District Council by the Chairman indicating that their investigation and enforcement of the illegal car breaking on the 'Scrapyard' was at an end. NOT TRUE. It is continuing and the Clerk would report the matter to the District Councillor, Neil Stock.

Audit proceedings were approved by the Council.

Tony Downes.

## LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL STOP PRESS

1. A grant of £50 has been generously donated to the 'Firework Fund' by the Friends of Little Bromley Church. Many thanks to you.
2. The 'Quiz Nite' was a huge success and raised the princely sum of £359. Congratulations to Anita, Mark, Carol and the participants who donated food and raffle prizes. In particular, special thanks must go to Dawn and Andy for generously providing raffle prizes, food and the venue to make the evening a huge success. WELL DONE EVERYONE.
3. We have also just received a grant of £200 from 'The Bromley Messenger' towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial. Many, many thanks for this very generous contribution.

# HARE GREEN RECREATION GROUND

The latest safety inspection of the recreation ground identified a number of minor repairs that need to be carried out on the Ground during the next 6 - 12 months and the parish council is appealing for any members of the public that would be willing to give up some of their time and/or lend their expertise in addressing these repairs and alterations.

The nature of the work involves the re-siting of barriers and posts, making good concrete foundations and basic



groundworks including relaying the turf in one of the goal mouths.

If you are willing to help please contact the parish council via the parish council website.

*Cllr D. Hardy*

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Great Bromley Parish Council  
[www.essexinfo.net/gbpc](http://www.essexinfo.net/gbpc)

### Report of a parish council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010

#### Planning

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

**Land east of Hall Road** – stationing of mobile home in connection with the free range poultry enterprise.

**Primrose Farm, Hall Road** – storage barn.

*Tendring District Council has decided the following planning applications:*

11 Meadow Close – Extension (approval).

**Building at Strutts Farm, Parsons Hill** – enforcement notice requiring cessation of residential use by 24/6/11.

**Westward House, Mary Lane North (Camp Road)** – erection of detached dwelling following demolition of existing building (approval).

#### Funday

Although making money was not the primary objective of the Funday there was a net surplus of £1,094 (after costs of

£905) which has now been distributed equally between the following four beneficiaries: the church fabric fund, the village Hall, the cricket club and Hamilton Lodge.

£3,939 in cash was taken on the day and there was further income of £112. Altogether the voluntary stalls took £982 net.

#### Buses

The public subsidy for the 105 bus will be continuing with an additional service being put in place (details to follow). However the bus pass for the over-60s and disabled is being reviewed with a possibility that it will either be discontinued or the times when it can be used curtailed. A consultation is in progress and residents can contribute their views by going to the county website (<http://www.essex.gov.uk/>) and search for 'bus pass consultation'. Responsibility for issuing bus passes is being transferred to Essex County Council in 2011.

**The next meeting** of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at Great Bromley Village Hall.

# GT BROMLEY WORKING GROUP REPORTS

## WG 5 – Hazardous Roads

With the 2010 bird nesting season now coming to an end it is timely for landowners and householders to trim their roadside hedges and trees, where appropriate, to ensure that these are not presenting a hazard to road users and pedestrians. From a recent survey of roads in the village it is clear that most of the unsatisfactory areas identified in previous years have been rectified and the landowners concerned are thanked for their efforts to make our village a safer and tidier place in which to live. However some overgrowth still remains which will require attention in the coming weeks.

Given that the highway boundary varies in width from location to location, it is difficult to generalise as to how roadside hedges and trees should be cut back by landowners, but the following general guidance from Essex County Council may be helpful:

Roadside verges should have a clear minimum width of 450mm at all times from the road edge. This means that hedges should be cut back at least one metre from the road edge to allow for vegetative growth.

Hedges should be cut back regularly such that there is no overgrowth of metalled footways. This includes brambles during the growing season.

Trees overhanging the road should allow a minimum clearance of 5.1 metres above the road surface, including on the road edge/kerb line. There should be a minimum clearance of 2.4 metres above footways.

Where the highway boundary is more than 1 metre from the road edge, then hedges may need to be cut back more severely. A useful guide is the position of road signs, which are properly surveyed in when installed. If a road sign is obscured, then almost always the hedge is encroaching on highway property and should be cut back.

WG 5 volunteers will be visiting landowners and householders in the autumn to discuss those hedges and verges which are still considered to be a hazard. Further information/advice can be obtained from me – telephone 01206 250263

*Martin Frostick*

## WG 13 – Tree Planting

A second hot summer in a row has taken its toll on some of the village trees planted out in the last 4 years but losses so far are limited to about 65 trees and shrubs, thanks to copious watering by WG members and landowners.

*Martin Frostick*

## WG 7 – Village Pond Restoration

The village pond is located opposite Pond Farm in Hall Road, just south of the Cross Inn. The 2006 village appraisal indicated that many parishioners would like to see the pond area tidied up and some of the excessive vegetation removed. WG 7 volunteers intend to undertake restoration work on the pond later this year, commencing in September with the removal of the unwanted and invasive non-native New Zealand pygmy weed (*Crassula Helmsii*) which is slowly strangling the pond and its associated wildlife. Work to clear some of the Bulrushes and scrub will follow later in the year, as will restoration of the hedge above the pond on the western side. The restoration plan has not been finalised yet so if there are any other ideas or suggestions from parishioners as to what they would like to see undertaken at this site they would be welcomed for consideration. A small number of volunteers submitted their names in connection with this project in 2007 but more volunteers are needed to undertake the work; if you would like to help then please contact me - telephone 01206 250263.



*Martin Frostick*

# ST. GEORGE'S (C OF E) SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald  
Telephone: 01206 230305



Classes 1 and 2 had enjoyed their trip to Abberton and Alice Stanmore (Year 1) writes:

"When we went to Abberton we met Ali, she is our leader. Ali is very friendly. We went pond dipping and we had to make sure we didn't fall in the pond! We went on a camouflage trail to find some caterpillars. It was really different coloured wool but looks like caterpillars. Abberton is fun. I learnt a lot about mini beasts and colours at Abberton and had some fun."

Class 4 visited the Natural History Museum and Billy Johnson (Year 6) writes:

We had to be at school at 7.50 am on 21 June for an early start. When we arrived in the capital city we drove past lots of famous buildings and soon reached the Natural History Museum. The first part of our visit was the blue zone and that's where the dinosaurs and other animals are. There were three other zones, green, orange and red. The next bit was about space and earth. In this section there was lots to learn and it also had an earthquake room. There was a section about plants, flowers and environmental bits. Then human biology about how muscles work and other exhibitions. We all had a great time and an adventure of our own!



The welcome ceremony held for our Ghanaian Headteachers was a fantastic occasion and hugely enjoyed by all who attended. Our partner headteachers were overwhelmed by the warmth of welcome and the kindness showed to them during this reciprocal visit. All pupils and staff found that the visit really brought alive the whole aspect of global diversity.

We were delighted that the netball, rounders and the scatterball teams won the cluster tournaments. Well done to all who took part and many thanks to those that voluntarily lead the clubs.

We wish you all a relaxing and safe summer holiday.

## NATURE QUIZ



All these creatures enjoy eating blackberries. Do you know who they are?

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Answers on page 14



Registered Charity No. 1030641

# Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating  
Ofsted Inspected

Website: [www.littledragonspreschool.org](http://www.littledragonspreschool.org)

Email: [littledragonspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littledragonspreschool@gmail.com)

## Great Bromley Village Hall

Monday & Wednesday 9.15-11.45am & 12.15-2.45pm      Tuesday & Thursday 9.15-11.45am

Children 2-5 years.    £8 per session

(In addition to the above a contribution of £1 per session is required for 'setting up'.)

Lunch time session available Mon & Wed. Cost £1.50

For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June we took part in the 'Barnardos Toddle'. The weather was glorious and children and staff looked great dressed up in their pirate outfits (this years theme). We had a lovely time 'toddling' round the field in time to the music. A big thank you to all who participated and for the money you raised.

We ended the term with a 'Teddy Bears Picnic', the children enjoyed planning and making food and decorations for the



event. Many teddies also joined us on the day, which was great fun.

A small presentation was held for the children that are leaving us. We would like to say goodbye to Bethany, Elliot, Leilah, Lilly and

Sophie. We shall all miss them very much and wish them many happy days in their new school/ pre-school.

May we wish everyone a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.

As from September we are extending our sessions, we shall now also be open on a Tuesday morning.

We take children from the age of two years. For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us on the above number.

We also offer a 'home visit' to families of children prior to them starting pre-school.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September - We are hoping

to take part in the Colchester Carnival

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Start of Autumn Term

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Staff Training Day

**MATERIAL** for the **SEPTEMBER 2010** edition of 'The Bromley Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by **14th August, 2010** please.

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For details of availability and costs for **ADVERTISING** in the 'The Bromley Messenger' please contact the Treasurer on 01206 251264

Our June Meeting was a garden meeting held on a lovely balmy summer's evening by the very kind invitation of Ann and Henry Fairley. Members and guests were able to look around the very well stocked garden and listen to the plans for the future with their personal guide, Henry. He explained what the garden had been like when he and Ann first moved in and how things had developed over their first years there.

Jenny opened the meeting with very special thanks to the Quiz team who had done so well in the County Final, coming a very commendable third. Jill and her team were thanked for her excellent Member's meeting with £50.32p being added to the funds from this evening. Ann was thanked for organising the W.I.'s part in the village Fun Day.



Jenny then told the members and guests that the beautiful village sign that was made for the Constable Group Meeting had been

framed by Jean and was so well admired that the Parish Council wanted it to be hung in the main hall. A plaque is to be made commemorating the event with the members' names who participated on display.

We also heard that a long time friend to the W.I., Dorothy Roberts, would be retiring from her role as Fund Raiser for E.A.C.H.

Have you ever "Swished?" You don't know what you are missing. What fun

was had taking items we no longer needed, and swishing (swapping) for another item we did need!! Anything that wasn't swished was given to charity or the donor took the item home.

We enjoyed some lovely refreshments provided by the committee. The winner of the competition for a corsage was Annette. Vote of thanks for a wonderful evening was given by Sue.

In August we will be enjoying an outing to Bury St Edmunds and the next meeting will be on 1st September when our speaker, Terry Tabour, will talk on 'My life in ladies underwear'. 7.30pm, the Village Hall. All welcome.

*Joy Rolfe*

## Well Done Gt Bromley W.I.

In the steamy heat of the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Jill, Jean, Annette, Sue, Joy, Joyce, Mary and Jenny travelled to Boreham Village Hall to compete in the Final of the W.I. County Quiz event.

Although extremely hot, the little grey cells of the team were on good form, scoring excellent marks throughout each round. We were thrilled to arrive in third place with a score of 193 ½ just pipped by Buckhurst Hill with 195 and Sandon, the winners with 196. A very good close result - well done Great Bromley!! Thanks to all those in the team.

Other teams competing were Halstead, Hatfield Broad Oak, Langham, Bulphan, Cold Norton Hall Green (Hutton) and Shoebury.

Team members are looking forward to next year's challenge – if you like a quiz evening come and join us.



# *Forthcoming Events in 2010*

## **AUGUST**

- 4**     **WI outing**  
**11**     **Knit & Knatter, Pondfields, Rectory Road 2-4pm & 7.30-9.30pm**  
**14**     Ardleigh Horticultural Society Annual Show, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2pm.  
**18**     Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm  
**19**     Friendship Club Auction, Village Hall, 2.00pm  
**22**     Candlelight Service, St Mary's Church, Lt Bromley, 8-8.30pm  
**26**     Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 1**     **WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm**  
**7**     Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
**8**     Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm  
**11**    Ride & Stride Cycle Ride  
          Heritage Open Day at St. Mary's church, Little Bromley  
**23**    WEA course, History of Iraq, Ardleigh Village Hall,  
2.30pm  
**25**    Harvest Supper & Folk Music, Village Hall  
**24-26** The Haywain Third Annual Beer Festival



### **WEA Ardleigh Branch**

Autumn Term 2011

#### **The History of Iraq**

Tutor - Frances Boardman  
Venue - Ardleigh Village Hall  
Starting Date - Thursday  
23rd September 2010.

The course will be for ten weeks

Time 2.30 p.m. and finishing at 4.15 p.m. (a fifteen minute tea break included)

The fee will be £44.00 per person

The course tutor has written the following about the course:

"Many empires have ruled what we now call Iraq. Hittites, Persians, Greeks, Moslems have all coveted this land. The Sumerians may have been the first to use writing 5,000 years ago and produced a wonderful corpus of literature still relevant today - "The battle-club does not find out his name, it just finds his flesh." They produced beautiful jewellery and artifacts and invented metal working and beer, yet they were no match for those more aggressive who swept through the open plains of the Fertile Crescent.

Some of the earliest wars took place here and it has been fought over repeatedly ever since; it arguably has the most fought over frontiers in the world. Our measurement of time, seconds and hours, our seven day week, times tables and a wonder of the ancient world come to us from the people who lived and worked, died and were buried in this area. Travel with Hammurabi, Nebuchadnezzar and Gilgamesh on a voyage of discovery through Ur, Babylon, Nineveh and Nimrud on a Journey Through Ancient Iraq."

The 10 week course is divided into ten headed subjects, which are, The Land between Two Rivers, Prehistoric Mesopotamia - Ubaid and Uruk, The Emergence of Writing - Cuneiform, Religious Belief, Ur, Old Babylonia, Assyria/Neo Babylonia, Parthia, The Moslem Conquest and Tribal Conflict.

There will be a half term on 28th October 2010 and the last week of the course is on 2nd December 2010.

For further details of the course please phone Jill Frostick on 250263 or John Terry on 230490

The Friends of Little  
Bromley Church  
2010



**Church** open at weekends  
10.00am-4.00pm

**Sunday, 22nd August**  
Candlelight Service 8.00-8.30pm  
**Saturday 11th September**  
Heritage Open Day & Cycle Ride  
**Sunday 3rd October**  
Harvest Festival from 2.00pm  
Songs of Praise 5.00pm  
**Thursday 23rd December**  
Christmas Carol Service 7.00pm

**Volunteers wanted** to join flower rota for  
weekends Interested? Contact Carol  
Cordwell on 01206 395103

## AUCTION



Thursday, 19th August  
in  
Great Bromley Village Hall  
2.00pm

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## Harvest Supper 2010

This year St George's Church are having  
a Harvest Supper on  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Please join us for a delicious  
supper with entertainment

More details to follow.  
All are welcome, make a date  
now in your diary.



## Seven Rivers Cheshire Home AUTUMN SALE

Ladies clothing, shoes, toys, cookware,  
china, jewellery, greetings cards,  
stocking fillers & a wide range of gift  
ideas

at Great Bromley Village Hall  
on Tuesday, 5th October

10.30am to 3.00pm

Entry £2

Refreshments including coffee, cakes &  
sandwiches will also be available

## THE BROMLEYS SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Feeling a bit gloomy  
with the thought of  
winter  
approaching? Brighten  
up your village by  
building a scarecrow for  
all to admire.



Great and Little  
Bromley invite you to  
**design and make a scarecrow** in time  
for their Harvest Festival celebrations.

25th/26<sup>th</sup> September  
St George's, Great Bromley

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October  
St Mary's, Little Bromley

Contact Carol on 01206395103 or Jenny  
01206230688 for further details  
Registration forms will be available (£1.  
Donation) from September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010.

## CABARET EVENING

on  
16th October in Great  
Bromley Village Hall  
With **Memphis Elvis**



Tickets £15 per head including meal  
Bring your own drink  
Tickets available from committee members  
in September

# THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Calling all HGV, PSV and taxi drivers – and anyone else who needs an annual medical done at the surgery to enable them to continue working or pursue a particular hobby.

Over the last few years it has become more and more difficult to fit these medicals into the doctors' schedules, especially during holiday times. As you will all realise, the medicals are **not** done as part of NHS services, but as a private arrangement. When appointments are short, sick people who are being seen as part of our NHS duties must take priority – for obvious reasons. It is sometimes impossible to fit people in for half-hour, private service medicals at short notice. As a last resort, it used to be possible to get your medical done at The Oaks Hospital in Colchester, but I understand that they no longer do them at all.

Everyone who needs an annual medical is fully aware of when it is due. The same date comes around every year. Please, if you need an occupational or hobby-related medical, make sure that you book it well in advance. Don't wait until a few days before it is due, otherwise we might have to turn you away, and if that has consequences for work, holiday plans or whatever, I'm afraid that is your problem. It is no good getting stropky with, and trying to browbeat, the receptionists, as has happened a couple of times recently, if they can't give you the appointment that you need. If surgery time is already completely full up with sick people, then you should have made arrangements much sooner for what is a private, non-NHS, chargeable service.

On a more positive, brighter note, another of the new-ish services that we can now offer is working well and we would like to get more patients taking advantage of it. It is called "Repeat Dispensing", and allows people who are stable on their regular medication to request more than one monthly prescription at a time. The prescriptions are then held by your pharmacy of choice and can be dispensed more quickly when you give them notice that new supplies of medication are needed without having to post, deliver or e-mail a monthly request to the surgery.

Unfortunately, the system really is only suitable for patients who don't have regular changes to

their medication or the dose taken. However, in many cases, provided the doctor is happy, we are able to issue enough prescriptions to cover three months – sometimes even more – which cuts down on an often irritating chore of getting an order to the surgery. It sometimes also means that the pharmacy can give you more than one month's medication at a time, which can be handy if, for example, you are going away on holiday.

One thing that I have to mention at this point is that the system is not a way of avoiding or reducing prescription charges. We are still told to prescribe most medicines in 28 day batches, and if you pay for your prescriptions, you will still incur a charge for each 28 days' worth of every item which you need. Regrettably, this is a government tax which neither we, nor your pharmacy, can waive or vary. However, the system certainly helps to make life a little easier.

If you feel that you might fit the criteria mentioned and would find Repeat Dispensing helpful, please let us know next time you are in the surgery or need to order your medication. One of the doctors can then consider it for you. There is a very simple form to fill in to get things started – it's as easy as that.

We are now heading into the holiday season and you might be glad to know that we have arranged some extra help to take the pressure off appointments on some of the days when doctors are away.

A lot of you will remember Dr Nambi, who spent six months here as a registrar not long ago. He will be doing a couple of days a week for us throughout August. Similarly, another former registrar, Dr Jatoi, will be helping us out in September and October when Dr Hunt is off on another of his extended trips. More of that one another month.

It will be great to see both of them here again as they are now, of course, fully qualified GPs who are extremely good at their job – we know that because we helped train them!

*Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager*

## IN THE GARDEN IN AUGUST

If you have a greenhouse or cold frame do not let them stand idle during the autumn and winter months.



In the cold frame **plant** spring cabbage and cauliflower.

In the greenhouse border **sow** winter lettuce and winter radish. Why not try out of season vegetables in the greenhouse border such as beetroot, carrots and turnips.

Main crop **onions** should be planted this month to stand over winter, then transplanted to the permanent bed in spring for pulling from June or July. If you planted **shallots** then this is the

month to harvest them. They can be stored or pickled.

During this very hot weather it is better to leave cutting the **lawns** until we get some rain and the grass has recovered (as it will).

Keep **dahlias** well watered, like potatoes they need a lot of water.

Towards the end of the month propagate **lilies** from bulblets.

Take semi-hard cuttings of **heathers** with a heel.

**Raspberries** - cut down the canes that have fruited to ground level and tie in new growth.

*Frank Griffiths*

## KITCHEN CORNER

A recipe from the WI College kitchen This has proved very popular in my family!

### LOIN OF COD

with mozzarella, pesto and tomatoes  
Serves 2

2 pieces cod about 5oz / 150g each

Cherry Tomatoes

Small jar green pesto

4½oz mozzarella cheese (half fat)

Lightly grease a gratin dish, lay fish on the bottom, spread with pesto and cover

with the mozzarella thinly sliced. Scatter over halved cherry tomatoes and bake in pre-heated oven 15 minutes 190°C, 375°F.



Serve with warm new potatoes and green vegetable or salad.

*Jill Frostick*

## ANSWERS TO THE NATURE QUIZ

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|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Badger                | 7. Starling         | 13. Yellowhammer |
| 2. Greenbottle Fly       | 8. Fox              | 14. Roe deer     |
| 3. Wood Mouse            | 9. Chaffinch        | 15. Common Wasp  |
| 4. Hedgehog              | 10. Magpie          | 16. Song Thrush  |
| 5. Blackbird             | 11. Comma butterfly |                  |
| 6. Red Admiral Butterfly | 12. Dormouse        |                  |

# GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 301310



It's all happening in August with the kitchen upgrade starting in the second week of August with the work expected to go on for 8 -10 working days. The

Kitchen will be out of use during this period to all Hall users. New cupboards, wall cupboard, electric range cooker, new fridge, extractor fan, stainless steel work tops, new flooring and a warming cupboard are all in the spec. It will really help in keeping our Village Hall up to date and attractive to hirers. The painting of the outside of the Hall after the new roof will also be complete by this time. The new storage shelves should be fitted over the summer in the old committee room behind the stage with the present storage shelves being extended and secured for the play group. The central heating system is to be given a complete overhaul with new digital thermostats and time clocks. The expectation is that the overhaul will finally save us the heating problems that we have suffered lately.

The Hall will look good on the outside and be bang up to date and smart on the inside as well as costing less to run in the long term.

The figures for the Funday takings were just shy of £4,000 with the Village Hall receiving £570. Well done again to all.

We have heard about budget cut backs and deficits so it is highly likely that over the next few years that funding for Hall improvements will be as rare as rocking horse .... Therefore we will need to support our Hall by attending local events and we, as a Committee, will need

to work harder for you the Village.

16th October is the night for the Cabaret Evening with Memphis Mario – Elvis Tribute Act. Tickets (available from the first week in September) will cost £15.00 per head, including meal, and obtainable from any committee member, but you will need to bring your own drink.

The Christmas Fayre is booked for December 4th

Forth coming events in the pipe line are: another Alternative Quiz night, an open day for user groups to show their wares and Oly Day who did last year's Cabaret Night is being sought out for next year. (Anybody who missed him last year missed a very funny night but don't take my word for it, ask anyone who was there especially Jill Christmas!)

A very big thank you to Pendis Richardson for giving up his time to audit the Village Hall accounts. You may remember that we looked for a very long time to find a volunteer to do this job and Pendis agreed to do the job, so thank you again Pendis.

It has been agreed that Village Hall Committee meetings will be held every other month on the first Tuesday starting in July. Forthcoming meeting dates are September 7th, November 2nd, January 4th, March 1st and May 3rd.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support and please put the forth coming event dates in your diary. Let's all make the most of our Village Hall in 2010.

Next Committee meeting Tuesday, 7th September at 7.30pm.

*David Beech*

# BOOK CLUB

## Future reads (August- September)

*Plain Simple* by Jodi Picoult is our next read.

## Currently reading (July-August)

Our current read is *Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger. I chose this book because I loved *The Time Travellers Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger and wanted to see what her other books are like.

The story follows two, more than identical twins, that have no interest outside their suburban home, until they get left a

London flat from a mysterious and estranged aunt. With that the twins became entangled in a complex web of the lives of the other flat

owners, Highgate Cemetery and the history between their mother and aunt. "*Her Fearful Symmetry*" is a delicious and deadly twenty-first-century ghost story about Niffenegger's familiar themes of love, loss and identity. It is certain to cement her standing as one of the most singular and remarkable novelists of our time."

## Books we have just completed

We have just completed *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry. It may seem like each month we read a book that we all liked, and what can I say? But this was another book that we all enjoyed. The interlocking characters and complex relationships mean that we think rereading this book would be beneficial, to further weave the stands of

story together. That is not to say that it was an indigestible read but rather that by the last page you want to further know the characters, and what befalls them, by reading it all over again. The heartbreak and confusion of the main character made it a "very interesting and moving read" with the gradual unveiling of the 100 year olds complex life. The story is crafted to unfurl gradually and develops character and especially atmosphere very well. We also found it revealing of Ireland throughout the 1930s. Another read that I think we would all recommend.

*Small Wars* by Sadie Jones was another good read, and we all agreed that it was very readable and entertaining. It was thought that *The Outcast* (another novel by Sadie Jones) was more enjoyable. We all found it very moving and it got us thinking about other wars and our current understanding of post traumatic stress. We realised how different war time life must have been before this was an accepted condition and the heartbreak that could come hand in hand with this going undiagnosed.

The writing really drew you in and we found that some of the detailing was so intense that the horrific imagery (and sometimes even the described smells) haunted you for days after. The story started slowly so you could really get to know the characters, the pace increased and then there was action with each turn of the page. Although I personally enjoyed this read I think that the characters are actually quite forgettable in themselves, but maybe that means that Sadie Jones has achieved a high degree of realism!

*Clam Beech*





# ESSEX POLICE

## Incidents for Great Bromley for June Suspicious Circumstances

**x 2** - Chase Road - (Males on foot exchanged items for cash with males in a car)

**Missing Persons x 3** - Harwich Road - (Ashfern House)

### July Newsletter

Firstly there is a new phone number for the council Anti-Social Behaviour helpline: **01255 686 359**

### WARNING FOR RESIDENTS OVER CHIMNEY SCAM

**This has not happened in Chelmsford yet, but best to be forewarned.**

Essex County Council Trading Standards is warning householders in Basildon and Benfleet that doorstep rogue traders are currently operating in the area.

Trading Standards has received reports from residents about a trader currently seeking business by knocking on doors and telling residents that their chimney looks 'dodgy'. The trader has also been observed kicking a chimney to damage it, and then informing the householder that it is dangerous and about to fall through the roof.

The trader quotes an excessive price for repairs at first, and then offers a discount as they are not charging VAT.

Trading Standards is following up complaints received about the activity of this trader and is advising residents not to deal with doorstep traders to avoid having unnecessary work carried out.

The representative for the County Council says: "... If you are looking to have work carried out on your home, you can use the Buy with Confidence Scheme to find a reputable trader, or ask friends, family or neighbours for recommendations. Get all quotes in

writing with full traceable addresses, don't pay more than a small deposit up front and ask to check the work the trader has done for other customers."

If you have been the target of a doorstep rogue trader and would like advice, please call the Trading Standards service at Consumer Direct on 08454 040506. If you require work, to be carried out on your property, use one of our Buy with Confidence Trading Standards approved traders. Call Consumer Direct for a list in your area or go online to [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk).

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"We are, as is most of the nation, suffering catalytic converter thefts from vehicles on a regular basis. They are stolen for the scrap value of the metal inside them. Following are a few tips you might like to consider particularly if you leave your vehicle in a remote location." says Tony Ellis

### Theft Prevention for Catalytic Converters

The catalytic converter is an emission-controlling device that is a part of the exhaust system of many automobiles and trucks. It uses a platinum-iridium catalyst to oxidize pollutants before they can be released into the air, and it converts carbon monoxide into carbon dioxide. The platinum on the converter makes it a valuable device and theft is a common concern. Protecting your catalytic converter from theft needs to be a priority.

### Protecting the Car

A thief can't get to your catalytic converter if he can't get to your car. Keep your car stored in a garage if you have one available. If not, park in well-lit areas at night and try to park close to buildings once the sun goes down. If your car is isolated, it makes it easier for

a thief to crawl under the car and saw the converter off, which can be done in seconds. Avoid parking too close to stairwells in parking garages since these make for easy escape routes for thieves.

### **Securing the Converter**

Some converters are only attached to the car exhaust using bolts, and this can make them even easier to remove. Have an auto shop weld the converter in place to make it more difficult for a thief to remove. Alarm devices, which are sensitive to vibration, can also be secured to the undercarriage of the car. When the car vibrates as the converter is being removed, the alarm goes off. A sensor can also be triggered if an unauthorized person slides under the vehicle. Another option is called a "cage clamp" which is basically a cage device that locks in around the converter to make it more difficult to remove. The cage can be cut through, but it takes more time and effort than most thieves will want when there are other easier targets nearby.

### **Additional Tips**

If you have multiple vehicles, use your vehicle that has the lowest clearance

underneath to block the vehicle with the higher clearance. SUVs and trucks are popular targets because the chassis are higher up and the thief can slide under the vehicle easier. Blocking that access with a lower-riding car makes that more difficult. Install additional security lighting in your driveway or around your garage. Monitor the news to be aware of any recent trends or increase in converter theft. Google alerts can help you do this easily. If you live in an area with high crime or if there has been a rash of thefts, consider installing a security fence around your driveway. One way of recovering a stolen converter is to etch a serial number on it. It won't prevent theft, but you can report the number to police if it does get stolen and they can trace it through local metal buyers

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## **Concessionary Bus Pass Consultation**

1 July—30 September 2010

Essex County Council will be responsible for issuing your concessionary bus pass from 1 April 2011 and would like to know your opinions about your bus pass.

For more information and to request a survey please call 0845 743 0430 or visit any library or council office in Essex.

You can also complete the consultation online at [www.essex.gov.uk/buspass](http://www.essex.gov.uk/buspass)

*"... For all applicants the County Council is required to provide a minimum offer of free travel on bus services between 0930 and 11 on weekdays and at all times at weekends and on bank holidays.*

*At present all districts offer a 0900 start,*

*2400 finish Monday to Friday, all-day travel Saturday and Sunday and a companion pass, extending the free travel offer for those unable to travel without a companion so that the companion also travels free. Some district councils also offer additional services, such as a limited value of taxi tokens in place of a pass, but these are not offered by all authorities.*

*We are therefore asking you what you find most useful about your pass at the moment so that we can make an informed decision about what the County Council offers from 1 April 2011. ..."*

*(See also comments in Gt Bromley Parish News on page 9 -Ed.)*



## WALKING IN ESSEX

Walkers website gets better – and goes National

Walking in Essex [www.walkinginessex.co.uk](http://www.walkinginessex.co.uk) is a website packed with useful information for walkers.

With more than 430 walks to download and print, free, and details of around 100 guided walks every month, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Now, after three years hard work, John Harris has taken the concept Countrywide. Walking in England [www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk) has thousands of walks to download and print – and all free of charge!

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in England has brought it together in

one place so whether you are walking from home or away on holiday you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Did you know that walking for just 30 minutes a day can help you to:

- Feel good (you will feel fitter, your body will be more toned, and you will feel better about yourself).
  - Have more energy.
  - Sleep better.
  - Reduce stress (have you ever noticed how it's difficult to walk and worry at the same time?).
  - Reduce your blood pressure.
- Manage your weight.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

Leonard  
Cheshire  
Disability

## SEVEN RIVERS

### *The Postman Cometh!*

Recently a group of twelve drama students from Colchester Institute came to give us a performance of a drama they had written themselves especially for the residents of Seven Rivers.

The play began with a postman making his rounds, delivering letters. The focus then changed to different groups of people with letters being the common thread. There was the old lady who loved reading the letters to her bored husband, regaling him with stories of long lost friends and relatives – he eventually wrote her a letter to say goodbye!

There was a mother who had received a letter about her daughter's poor performance at school, an argument followed only for the mother to find that her daughter had actually been busy doing something productive after all.

Another story was that of a boy who was

writing to a girl he was interested in (boys? letters? What ever happened to texting??). His friend supposedly 'helped' but he too liked the girl and it all became complicated until the object of their attentions declared she preferred girls so they were wasting their time anyway!

It was an unusual production but quite enjoyable once you got into it. The team had clearly worked hard to put the show on for us as a part of their course. We thanked them all warmly and wished them every success in their future dramatic careers.

Colin File



# 21 THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar, I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love the flowers. That tells me you have taste and taste means there are nice things inside. Those toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. I really do look for newspapers piled up in the porch and I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, ask a neighbour to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it is set.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink and the windows on the first floor, which often access the master bedroom and your jewellery. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella and you forget to lock your door. Understandable, but understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. Don't take me up on it.
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table and the medicine cabinet.
11. Helpful hint: I almost never go into children's rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. Find it at: [www.faketv.com/uk](http://www.faketv.com/uk).
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosey neighbours.
16. I'll break a window to enter even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbour hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
17. I'm not complaining but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems. I'll drive or walk through your neighbourhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your holiday on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk in.

*From Neighbourhood Watch June Newsletter*

## SUPPORTING SUE RYDER CARE

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Lizzie Helps and I am the London Fundraiser for Sue Ryder Care. I am writing to ask if Great Bromley Parish Council would be able to support our charity in providing expert and compassionate healthcare to both individuals and their families.

Sue Ryder Care provides end of life and long-term care for people living with conditions including; Cancer, Stroke, Brain Injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Dementia, Huntington's Disease, Parkinson's Disease and Motor Neurone Disease.

Founded in 1953, the charity has a long and distinguished history of delivering care and today operates hospices, neurological care centres, homecare and community based services nationwide. In response to a large percentage of people's preference to be cared for at home, Sue Ryder Care is increasingly focusing on developing community-based services that support people to retain independence and live well in their own homes for as long as possible.

Each year we need to raise £74 million, to continue providing exceptional care, as it is the policy of Sue Ryder Care that no charge should be made to our individual patients for their care. We therefore rely heavily on the support of community groups and individuals

such as yourselves.

There are many ways that you could help us, whether it is choosing Sue Ryder Care as your charity of the year, holding a collection or raffle, or involving your members in organising a fundraising event. With any fundraising that you wish to undertake we would of course support you in every way.

I have attached a Supporter Pack to this email, and If you would like any further information about Sue Ryder Care please do not hesitate to contact me on 0207 492 0746 or [Lizzie.Helps@suerydercare.org](mailto:Lizzie.Helps@suerydercare.org). I would be happy to pop down for a chat about how you could get involved

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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Sue Ryder Care, London now has a new Facebook Page. Follow the link to become a fan!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sue-Ryder-Care-London/137388156273932?ref=ts#/pages/Sue-Ryder-Care-London/137388156273932?ref=ts>

## TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

You may be interested in this funding stream from the BIG Lottery Fund. Grants of between £300 and £10k are available to provide opportunities for children to learn about nature through play. These grants are available to not for profit groups (including Community Interest Companies), Parish Councils, Schools (as long as the whole community benefits) and health bodies. Please pass on to anyone else.

For further information, please visit BIG's website:

<http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

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# THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

Very often the best experiences in life are all over too quickly. Those times when we experience real beauty, wonder, joy, peace and love just do not seem to last long enough. Try as we may we cannot prolong them; but the memory of them can often keep us going when life seems hard going, dull and boring.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> the church keeps the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord: we recall that time when Jesus went up Mount Tabor to pray accompanied only by his closest friends, Peter, James and John ... 'And while he was praying the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white. Two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah'. (Luke 9v28)

For those three privileged friends it was a deeply moving and beautiful experience – so wonderful that they naturally wanted to prolong it. Peter says: 'Master, how good it is that we are here. Shall we make three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah?' But it was not to be: they had to return to the plain below where there was work to be done, in particular a distressed epileptic boy needed to be healed.

Bishop Leslie Brown writes in 'The King and the Kingdom' –  
"Peter had to learn the lesson, which Jesus had known from the beginning, that the divine glory was not something to be grasped and retained for yourself. If you have a great spiritual experience, it will probably be of short duration, and you have to find God's reality not only on the mountain top, but in the hot and dusty plain as well... the contrast between the peace of the mountain and the anger and noise of the crowd and the poor child was very great. God was there too, however, and his glory was shown in

the compassion and love of Jesus as truly as in the shining glory on the mountain".

Thank God for all those times when you felt you were 'on the mountain top', when you felt especially close to him and aware of his glory and beauty and love; treasure these times in your heart and you will, I hope, find that they will strengthen and sustain you when you have to tread your own personal 'via crucis' (way of the cross) ... just as the Transfiguration of Jesus must have helped those close friends of his to walk along that path that was to lead to Calvary.

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:

Give us strength so to hear his voice and bear his cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
Who is alive and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(Collect for the Transfiguration)

Love to you all,  
*Fr. Robert*



**Baby Dragons  
Parent and  
Child Group**

Come and have fun with your child at Baby Dragons every Friday Morning between 9.30-11.30am  
Fun and exciting activities for children aged from 0-5 years.  
at Great Bromley Village Hall  
Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Essex CO7 7JA  
07857 503103

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROM-



## Church of England Services for August

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	7.30pm	Patronal Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary - 11th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 5th September</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>14th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

**Holy Communion** every Friday at 11.00am at Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Great Bromley.

## CHURCH SHED

Our shed was in a sorry state! Holes in the floor where the rats came and went. Leaks in the roof where the rain came through. Very kindly Peter, Henry and Fred have refurbished and re-roofed the shed, it has also been freshly painted with a suitable Harvest Brown stain. A splendid shelf inside now holds some of the flower arranging vases and baskets etc. Three sturdy boxes stand in an orderly fashion and contain such things as

oasis, dishes and candles, very necessary for our flower arranging ladies.

Thank you chaps for all your hard work, it is very much appreciated by the flower arrangers, P.C.C and wardens.

