

The Bromley Messenger

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Little Bromley goes Bonkers over Conkers

Wednesday, 6th October saw the 1st Little Bromley Conkers championship at the Haywain pub where locals battled it out and Mark (the conkeror) Ashmore was crowned the winner

THE FIRST PAGE

This month, on 14th November, we remember with grateful thanks men and women, past and present, who have laid down their lives for our country. We should also remember those who are wounded in such a cause and those civilians who are also hurt doing important work but who seem to be rarely acknowledged. On page 23 you will find a piece by Hugh Frostick who is researching into the names of all those featured on our war memorials. Some war memorials round the country have been updated recently with the names of those who have died in recent conflicts and it is good that their communities recognise their

sacrifice.



Hugh, on his recent trip here, also did a bit more digging into the living memory of the Bromleys' past by visiting some of our long

standing residents and hearing their stories. I hope one day he will write his book but in the meantime we will just have to be patient!

The parish council have announced, sadly, that there will not be a Fun Day next year due to lack of help but give us hope that something will be planned for 2012 which is the year of the Olympics and, something I hadn't realised, the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is a shame when the community does not pool its strengths and get together as a team to be able to organise an event. However, on an individual basis, the scarecrow competition was a success and you will find throughout the magazine various pictures of scarecrows. Well done to Saffie, Leilah and Samuel for coming first with their dancers and to everyone else who made a scarecrow. What fun it was spying them as we went about the villages. They certainly made me smile whenever I spotted one. Maybe the policeman scarecrow could move around the lanes so as to make people think of their speed a little bit more, as cars do go too swiftly along narrow lanes presumably thinking they are never going to meet anyone coming in the opposite direction.

Leonie Henderson

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THE BROMLEY SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2010

It seemed like such a good idea, lots of scarecrows to brighten the villages over the two harvest weekends. Well, we were right!

We started off with registration forms and posters to get interested parties to enter. After a slow start and a little prompting, the scarecrows started appearing. With all in place by the 25th September, I then had great fun finding all the lovely additions around the villages.

There have been cowboys, a robot, horse riders, a footballer, a knight, a clown, several school children and a policeman (who certainly slowed down traffic). We had firemen, builders, a motorbike rider and some strictly come dancing scarecrows. There were princess rabbits, vicars and soldiers, there was even a



runner, but he ran away (sadly, with some help). We had scarecrows at least 6' tall and little ones only 12" high.

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who took part. We hope everyone enjoyed seeing the entries around the villages and in the church meadow and they made you smile.

With scarecrows in place, Jenny Nicholls, Father Robert and myself got ready to judge. It was very, very hard to choose.

On Sunday 3rd October the prizes were awarded just prior to the Little Bromley Harvest service. Father Robert did a lovely job of presenting the prizes to those present.

⇒1st Prize went to Saffie and Leilah Sutherland and Samuel Grainger for their **Strictly Come Dancing Scarecrows**.

⇒2nd Prize went to Sarah Endean and Sophie Allam for their **Horse rider**.

⇒3rd Prize went to Samuel Dewey for his **Cowboy**.

Everyone else who took part received a certificate.

A 'scared crow' sneaked into the competition and it's a good job he wasn't in the running or he might have got the sympathy vote and won!

Photographs of all the entries are in the Great and Little Bromley Churches to look at. Any money over from the entries will go to the PCC.

As with any new venture a few minor mistakes were made, but when we hold our next Scarecrow Festival in 2012, we will do better. We will be having an Olympic theme so you can start planning for it now.

Carol Cordwell

FLOWER ARRANGING AFTERNOON

On Saturday 2nd October between 2 and



5pm, we had St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley open ready for our flower arrangers. A few of our regulars were away but we were pleased to welcome a new face among those who turned up to

work their magic.

In keeping with our theme of using only home grown or local greenery, the church was transformed into a lovely display of harvest arrangements (ready for our Sunday Harvest service). With the opportunity to eat cake and drink tea whilst chatting among the flowers, we all had an enjoyable afternoon. Who said that work and play don't mix!

Carol Cordwell

CARPET BOWLS

The dark evenings are a certain sign that the winter league programme is here again. We played the first match away to Lt Clacton on 29th September. Not a great start, looked like a whitewash until the very last ball of the match - and, with the head against us - Derek (all eyes were on him) managed to turn it into a conversion shot and that gave us two points. A 6-2 defeat didn't seem quite so bad after all.

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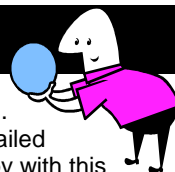
This was held on 15th September. The Chairman said that the Club was running smoothly with no known problems. The present committee were all willing to stand

again and were re-elected.

The Treasurer gave a detailed report and was quite happy with this year's figures. The lady members were given a vote of thanks for their excellent catering for the home matches.

After a long convalescence from his operations, Dick Wilsher came along for a couple of visits. Although not fully recovered, he managed to bowl for an hour or so. It was good to see him back and everyone wished him well and fully fit soon.

Nancy Kempster



CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners *September*

- 1st. Gemma Foley
- 2nd. William Kempster
- 3rd. Harry Hitchcock

Thank you to all our 100 Club members for 2009/2010, and congratulations to all

the winners. May I remind you that membership is now due and that new members are always welcome. Membership is £1 per month or £12 for the year. If anyone is interested in joining the 100 Club please contact Lynda Allam on 01206 230375.



GENEALOGY IN THE BROMLEYS



I was pleased to do some more digging into the past of the Bromleys on a recent trip to the UK and catch up with some locals I had heard of but not yet met for myself. Again, I came back with some marvellous tales! Rumour has it that I'm writing a book on Bromley History - what a great idea, but please don't hold your breath just yet! I have started earnestly collecting photos and postcards – and I

thank all those people who kindly allowed me to scan their photos and even give me some of their old postcards which I shall treasure. One card I turned up myself is that of Balls Green around 1910 pictured here.

With running the local websites (www.greatbromley.org.uk and www.littlebromley.org.uk) I field a

number of queries from people researching their family's past. (I turned up an unknown cousin myself last year in this way – he sent a message to the website asking about Little Bromley Frosticks, and fell off his chair when not only did a Frostick reply, but one who turned out to be fairly close relative!)

Just this week I heard from an Adrian Humm in Wiltshire, who was trying to find records from the 18th Century. I asked if he was related to Arthur Humm and his wife Joy whom I had interviewed in Clacton. When he confirmed he probably was, after seeking Arthur's permission I was able to send on some family photos he had not seen and reveal that Arthur's great grandfather George James Humm was gravedigger at Gt Bromley Church. (Incidentally Arthur said there was a nice photo of the latter with his shovel at the church but he can't find it, so if anyone has it... - the photo I mean, not the shovel.) Further, I was able to offer a connection to my family as Arthur's Aunt Alice married my father's cousin Tom Frostick.) Those are the kind of finds which, to me, make the Family History of our small farming communities so fascinating!

I have long been meaning to extend the genealogy side of our websites and I hope to put up a family name discussion board before very long.

Hugh Frostick, New Zealand





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Great Bromley & Frating
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Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: 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 Mondays & Wednesdays Cost £1.50

For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

We'd like to say a big thank you to the wonderful family and friends of our pre-school children that are so supportive. Last term Mike and Deborah Lawes visited pre-school with their horses, Ben and Cara. Roxanne was very excited to show them to the other children. Everyone enjoyed seeing them, they were very big! This term our 'Letters and Sounds Day' workshop was well attended and the children loved showing their families the fun activities based on promoting literacy and communication skills.

Our 'French Week' was also a great success; the children enjoyed reciting numbers in French and learning some new

songs. We had a morning of cooking when the children had great fun making their own 'croissants'. Thank you to all the relatives who gave their time to help us, it really is appreciated.

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:

Monday 1st November – Pre-school returns after half term break.



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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305



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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.

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THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

It's almost like old times at present, with Dr Hunt sending back occasional text messages from remote, exotic locations as he takes a few weeks off to try out his motor-biking skills on another continent. It's 2010, so it must be South America this time. He has made it as far as Bolivia so far, having left in his wake a near revolution in Ecuador (he's such a stirrer) and visited the fabulous Machu Picchu in Peru. He has also tackled Death Road in Bolivia and if you want a taste of what that is like, try Googling it and looking at some of the pictures and videos that come up. You'll then be as convinced as I am that he is secretly barking mad.

We have had the great pleasure of Dr Jatoi's company over the last few weeks. She was, of course, our Registrar a few years ago and is covering some of Dr Hunt's work during his absence. She has fitted back into the practice brilliantly, just as though she has never been away.

At present, we are wrestling with the bits that relate to GP surgeries in the new government's White Paper on the future of the NHS. It is obvious that we are going to be going through yet another upheaval, the most significant effect of which will probably be that we – the GP surgeries, or Primary Care as we are collectively known – will be expected to control the purse-strings for huge sums of public money over the next few years.

There is no way on earth that we could afford the management and administrative structure to cope with this on our own, so we and other surgeries locally will be forming a consortium to tackle what lies ahead. That way, we can share resources, especially the human type, and have some hope of making a good job of it.

Without wishing to sound political, I'm very uncertain of what the benefits to the average patient will be of the new structure. In theory, it is intended to free up more money for patient care by reducing bureaucracy – all Primary Care Trusts will disappear in 2013. However, I have a terrible feeling that even more administrators will suddenly migrate to the NHS and form a new tier, many of them involved in trying to keep money within the ever small units that seem likely to evolve, rather than allowing it

to flow freely through other areas of what is supposed to be our **National Health Service**.



I worry too about the amount of money, originally allocated to the NHS for patient care, which seems certain to disappear into the pockets of "experts" who will jump on the bandwagon by coming up with business planning services, questionable training packages, and quickly thrown-together technology all of which are guaranteed to make our new tasks easier. Our record in the NHS for being suckered into buying into these things is pretty awful. I can only hope that the purse-strings being in the hands of people at the front end of the care process rather than the theorists and political hopefuls higher up the chain will mean that not so many stupid, spurious or completely unworkable ideas see the light of day.

Obviously I shall try to keep you up to date through these pages with what is going on and how it will affect your surgery.

Briefly, a few reminders.

- We are still booking flu and pneumonia jabs for people who are eligible.
- If you can't get here for an appointment, you can let us know any time of the day or night on 01206 255071.
- Please let us have your mobile number if you have one so that we can text appointment reminders to you.

Finally, there has been a black cloud hanging over the surgery for the last few weeks following the terribly sad death of Molly Starling, who worked here as a medical secretary from 1984 until she retired just two years ago. She was a lovely, gentle lady who really cared about what she did here at the surgery. Everyone will remember her as being unfailingly kind and patient, however busy and frantic things got around her. We missed her when she retired and that feeling is intensified a hundredfold now. Our deepest sympathy goes to Norman, her children and the rest of her family.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

LITTLE BROMLEY SPEEDWATCH

You may have noticed that there is a Community Speedwatch operating in the village organised by volunteers who live in the village, sponsored by the Parish Council and supported by the local police. Whilst not everyone might be in favour of a speed watch, it is hoped that people will support the goal of the Community Speedwatch which is to improve the quality of life in Little Bromley. Some of you maybe interested to understand what the Speed watch is doing and why. This newsletter has been written to provide information to the local community.

Why a Speedwatch?

Traffic through the village is increasing partly because more commuters use Shop Road as a short cut. Many motorists exceed the 30mph speed limit by a considerable margin. Recently a school bus with many children on board was seen doing 45 mph. along Shop Road! Accidents, though uncommon, do happen: last month there was a collision in Shop Road attended by an ambulance. A speed watch is one of the speed calming methods, approved by Essex County Council and the police, that can be employed to improve road safety and reduce noise pollution. There is evidence that a speedwatch can also help to reduce crime such as house breaking as criminals do not like having their details recorded.

The financial cost is small compared to other road calming measures such as road humps and it is less intrusive.

What are the Aims and Objectives of the Speedwatch?

To improve the quality of life in the village (reducing noise pollution and making it a safer place to live) by encouraging motorists to drive safely and respect the speed limit.

What powers do volunteers have?

Volunteers record the details of vehicles that are travelling too fast through the village using guidelines laid down by the police. These vehicle details are passed to police who take appropriate action.

What training are volunteers given?

All volunteers attend a training course run by the police before undertaking a speed watch. The less experienced volunteers work with those who have more experience.

If you want more details or would be interested in joining the group, please contact Little Bromley Parish Council whose details you will find in the Bromley Messenger.



RURAL BROADBAND UPDATE

As mentioned in a previous Messenger, Great Bromley Parish Council is investigating ways of bringing reliable and affordable high speed broadband to Great Bromley. As part of this project a submission has been made to a potential supplier to assist them in possibly obtaining a grant from the East of England Development Agency to fund the necessary infrastructure to provide a wireless solution to the village. Discussions have also been had with another supplier who is sponsored by Essex County Council and is currently rolling out a wireless solution to the Dengie peninsular. They hope to be expanding into the Tendring area soon.

Longer term, over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK which they are calling "BT Infinity". As our local exchanges are not on the rollout plan "The Race to Infinity" gives us the opportunity to fast track this area to get BT Infinity next. This will be done by way of voting for your local exchange.

The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by December 31st 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their

area. BT will also donate £5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

You are encouraged to enter your details here to get faster broadband to Great Bromley: <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/home> (This link is also available on the Great Bromley website).

The more who respond the greater the chance of success and as such the Parish Council has approached neighbouring Parish Councils to ask them to encourage villagers to enter their details. Great Bromley parishioners access either Ardleigh or Great Bentley exchanges so it is important that these and neighbouring villages also register their interest.

Neil Skinner



IN THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

Where has the year gone? November is the month to make the last cutting of the lawns, sweeping up the leaves to be placed on the compost heap and dig any spare piece of ground to leave rough for the frost to break it up.

Give the wooden handles of all tools a wipe over with linseed oil, metal parts with

any type of oil. Either have the lawn mower serviced before laying it up or make a note to have it done in the spring.

Divide and replant any overgrown clumps of perennials, fork over the soil and apply a handful of bonemeal to the square yard.

These are my last 'Gardening Tips' for 2010 but I shall be back in February, so for now I wish all the gardeners that read the articles in the Messenger a good Christmas and a better New Year.

Frank Griffiths

DIGITAL SWITCHOVER

The government has now announced the dates that analogue TV in this region will be switched off. BBC2 will cease to broadcast to analogue viewers on 6th July 2011 and BBC1, Anglia, Channel 4 and Five will cease two weeks later on 20th July 2011. After this date viewers who do not have a digital receiver will no longer be able to view these channels.

Viewers who have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky or freesat on all of their TV sets will not be affected by the switchover. However, if you haven't yet got digital TV in your home or you have a service like Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you will need to take action to continue receive BBC1, BBC2, Anglia, Channel 4 and Five.

Freeview, BT Vision and Top Up TV users will need to retune their equipment. Other viewers will need to obtain a digital receiver either in the form of a dish and receiver for Sky or Freesat services, or a digital receiver for Freeview. The latter tend to come as part of new TVs but can also be purchased separately. In certain circumstances a new aerial may be needed to obtain Freeview services.

The Government has announced a Help Scheme for some people who may have

difficulty in going digital. This scheme is being funded by the BBC licence fee. If you are eligible you will receive equipment, help with installation and follow-up support, either free or for a subsidised fee. The Help

Scheme is available to people who are aged 75 or over, or registered blind or partially sighted, or entitled to certain social security benefits.

Further information can be found by calling 08456 50 50 50 (Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm.) or by going to: http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/when_do_i_switch/anglia/sudbury

Neil Skinner

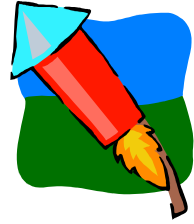


WG 11 - LITTER PICKING SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

The autumn litter pick will be held on the above date. If you can spare some time between the hours of 10.00am and midday to help tidy up our village, please be at the car park of either the Cross Inn, The Old Courthouse or the Snooty Fox at approximately 9.50am, grab a litter pick and a plastic bag and follow your team leader. It's a mucky job, but you may be surprised how much fun you can have whilst getting involved in a community

activity. PLEASE NOTE - to comply with insurance regulations, you must be fit, between the ages of 15 and 70 and be wearing protective, high visibility clothing. Some high vis jackets are available and will be on site, but if you have your own, please do wear them. You may also wish to bring along any garden tools that may be helpful to you for litter collection. Look forward to seeing you.

Forthcoming Events in 2010



NOVEMBER

- 2 Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Firework Display, Little Bromley, Barlon Road, 6.30pm
- 6 Village Litter Pick morning, *see page for details*
- 7 Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Police Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm
Ardleigh Horticultural meeting, The Cycling Granny, Ardleigh village hall, 7.45pm
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Remembrance Sunday
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 20 Charity Bingo Night in aid of Motorneuron Disease, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 27 Lawford Craft & Farmers Market, Venture Hall, 10.00am

DECEMBER

- 1 Police Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 4 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- 6 Ardleigh Horticultural meeting, The Good Life Pt 2, Ardleigh village hall, 7.45pm
- 16 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 23 Christmas Carol Service, St Mary's church, Lt Bromley, 7.00pm

2011

JANUARY

- 4 Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 WEA course (Vienna - Centre of Musical Excellence), Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm

The Friends of Little
Bromley Church
2010



Church

open at weekends 10.00am-4.00pm

Thursday 23rd December
Christmas Carol Service 7.00pm

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



Motorneuron Disease Association

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

All Welcome

SATURDAY 20th

November

Great Bromley Village Hall

7 for 7.30

10 Games £6.00

Bring your own Drink and

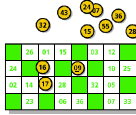
Nibbles Raffle

(Any Prizes Welcome)

Tel Linda Pinhey (Sweet Success)

01206 230126

Table Booking Advisable



LITTLE BROMLEY FIREWORK NITE

on

Friday 5th November 2010

6.30pm in Barlon Road, Lt Bromley

Enjoy the fireworks and bonfire

- Treat yourself to a burger from the mobile 'Chuck Wagon'
- Buy some sparklers
- Enter our 'GUY' competition
- and win one of our lovely prizes,
- with a special one for the 'Best Guy'.

Large parking area

- ◇ A car load for only £2.50
- ◇ Pedestrians £1

Bring any bonfire material to the site at Barlon Road, Little



Bromley

on Saturday 30th October between 8am and 12noon

If you would like to help, volunteers are always appreciated.

For further details contact:

Carol on 01206 395103 or

Major Downes on 01206 391015.

Sponsored by Little Bromley Parish Council



Learning @ Life

WEA Ardleigh Branch

Spring Term 2011

Vienna - Centre of Musical Excellence

Venue - Ardleigh Village Hall

The course commences on 20th January 2011 and finishes on 31st March 2011 with a half term on 24th February 2011

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 is Peter Goodwin who we have had before and does an excellent course.

His information for the course at present says:

"Vienna - hub of the musical universe for 300 years.

Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven, Brahms, Mahler, Schoenberg and the music of the Strauss family are all explored in this 10 week Course."

For further details please phone

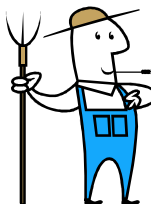
Jill Frostick on 250263 or

John Terry on 230490

Lawford Craft and Farmers Market

at the Venture Centre
Saturday 27th November
between 10am - 2pm

For more information of how to book a table contact Cindy on 07521646434



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Great Bromley Parish Council

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 14th October 2010

Planning

The Council considered the following planning applications:

Land at the rear of Roseland, Colchester Road – Stable building and change of use from agricultural to domestic and paddock (no objections).

Land between Fieldside & Eltone, Frating Rd – four three-bedroomed chalet bungalows, (renewal of existing but expiring approval). Objections on the grounds of over-development.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Land East of Hall Road – Mobile home in connection with free-range poultry enterprise.

Badley Hall Farm Badley Hall Road – removal of epicormic growth and crown reduction by 30% of two Willow Trees.

Orchards Frating Road – Single storey front extension.

Oak House Farm, Harwich Road – alteration of vehicular access, incorporation of highway land, erection of boundary fencing and creation of culvert.

Funday 2011

Due to insufficient volunteers and following consultation with certain interested parties it has been decided not to hold a Fun Day in 2011. The Parish Council will next year consider whether to sponsor an event in 2012 to perhaps commemorate the Olympics and/or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In the meantime a number of organisations in the village are likely to hold their own fundraising events in 2011 and parishioners are encouraged to support these wherever possible.

Tendring District Plan 2011-31

A new development plan for the Tendring District is in preparation and residents will have an opportunity of seeing and commenting on what is being proposed by visiting one of the exhibitions being mounted during November. Please see further details given elsewhere in this magazine. Otherwise information is available on the District Council's website at

www.tendringdc.gov.uk or can be obtained by telephoning 01255 686177 or emailing planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk

Big rubbish collection day

The big rubbish collection day on the 9th of October proved to be a great success and Veolia ultimately collected three truckloads of redundant domestic waste and white electrical goods for recycling. 12 households with infirm or elderly residents also benefited from personal collections.

The council's thanks to all who supported this event plus Veolia employees who carried out the hard work and the Cross Inn for providing a reception centre and refreshments for the workers!

Do not forget the litter pick on Saturday 6th November – see the notice elsewhere in this magazine.

Affordable housing

The parish council continues to have discussions with the English Rural Housing Association (ERHA), Tendring District Council and landowners on the possibility of a second development of affordable housing in the village. No decision can or will be taken before a housing needs survey is carried out and this is planned for early 2011. Meanwhile representatives of the ERHA have been invited to talk about this project and answer questions at the council's meeting on 13th January.

Rights of way

At the council's next meeting on 11th November footpath officers from county highways will be talking about how the parish council and residents can be supported in maintaining and improving our footpaths and bridleways. The scheme is known as the 'Parish Paths Partnership' and you are welcome to come along hear what is possible and contribute to the discussion.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11th November 2010 at Great Bromley Village Hall. As always residents are welcome to attend all or part of the meeting.

WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE



If you remember I was asking last year for information about the names on our war memorials. I have been doing some digging and have had correspondence from Mark Ashmore who has been

searching the internet and has sent some very useful information. I also heard from Jim McKay, now in Clacton but brought up in Great Bromley, who was related to three of the men killed in the Great War – Walter Thornton, Albert Bloyce and John

Bourne.

From the Second World War names, all of the men were known of by locals I spoke to. Arthur Sparrow was the brother of my great friend the late George Sparrow; his daughter Maureen provided this photo of Arthur who was killed in Greece. Dick Hayward, Ida Rudd and others remembered Frank Chaplin working on Badley Hall Farm, and also the Polson and Miniken families at the time. There is not the space here for full details of all the connections but in the coming months I will undertake to expand the web pages with all the information I have collated.

Hugh Frostick, New Zealand

FROM THE PAST

How the Jeffery's Lived

Ann Jeffery earned extra money by doing tailoring. She worked at night with special candles with cotton wicks to give a brighter light. Later she had a simple benzoline lamp and later a paraffin one. She baked all the family's bread in a brick oven. Her husband brewed his own harvest beer.

Ann Jeffery (Bradford) wore pattens

because of the bad roads. They cost 1/6d a pair and had toe caps with a ring attached. Clogs were the same but did not have toe caps or rings. The Father wore a duffle smock of thick heavy material.

When Ann had whooping cough her mother put a dead mouse in the chimney and as it wasted away cured the illness - or did it?

John Appleby





BOOK CLUB

Future reads (October-November)

Our next Book Club meeting is to be held on November 2nd at Sam's house. If interested in coming please contact web site for further details. Sam has chosen *One Day* by David Nicholls.

'It's rare to find a novel which ranges over the recent past with such authority, and even rarer to find one in which the two leading characters are drawn with such solidity, such painful fidelity, to real life that you really do put the book down with the hallucinatory feeling that they've become as well known to you as your closest friends. Hard to imagine anyone encountering characters as well drawn as this and not recognizing the extraordinary talent of the writer who has created them.' (Jonathan Coe *Guardian* Books of the Year 2009/04/03)

Currently reading (September-October)

The Slap by Christos Tsiolkas is our current read, the books description is: "At a suburban barbecue, a man slaps a child who is not his own. This event has a shocking ricochet effect on a group of people, mostly friends, who are directly or indirectly influenced by the event. In this remarkable novel, Christos Tsiolkas turns his unflinching and all-seeing eye on to that which connects us all: the modern family and domestic life in the twenty-first century. The Slap is told from the points of view of eight people who were present at the barbecue. The slap and its consequences force them all to question their own families and the way they live, their expectations, beliefs and desires. What unfolds is a powerful, haunting novel about love, sex and marriage, parenting and children, and the fury and intensity - all the passions and conflicting beliefs - that family can arouse."

Books we have just completed (August-September)

We have just completed *Crimson Rooms* by Katherine McMahon. This was a very interesting read, especially for us women, as the story was set in the 1920s and followed the life of one of the first lady solicitors. The plot was cleverly worked out and it was a real eye-opener as to the prejudice that there was from all sides against women in the world of law. Even women clients hated the idea of a woman representing them. This led on to discussion of the role of women today, whether there is still prejudice in the workplace and what is expected of them. To conclude, this book was thoroughly enjoyed by all the group.
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waste management in Essex and Southend-on-Sea.

- We need your help to decide:
- **what** strategies should be developed
- **how** these should be implemented and
- **where** any major sites should be located.

At this **Issues & Options stage**, we need to think about the relative merits of various criteria for site-selection. There is a need for new facilities and there is a call for sites.

Your views will help to develop the next stage - the **Preferred Approach** consultation, due to take place in **November 2011**.

- **Have your say - get involved**
- View the document in hard copy at all council offices and local libraries in Essex and Southend-on-Sea
- View and respond on-line

Attend a **roadshow**, book up for the **workshops** around the plan area to ask more questions

Roadshow Dates and Venues

- Clacton Library on 11 October
- Colchester Library on 12 October
- Hadleigh Library on 9 November

Workshop Dates and Venues

- Pre- Booked Workshops are scheduled as follows:
- In Colchester on 1 November (afternoon)
- In Braintree on 22 November (morning)

Workshop places are limited, don't miss out - **please book early!**

Waste is a valuable resource which should be actively re-used, recycled or recovered.

We all need to deal with our waste in a more sustainable manner, to recognize its value as a resource and to move away from a throwaway society discarding waste to landfill towards protecting our diminishing natural resources and environment, and preserving them for future generations.

What's this consultation about?

The Waste Development Document Issues & Options consultation sets out the key planning issues for waste management from now until 2031.

Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are working in partnership to develop a clear strategy to plan and manage **all** our waste until 2031.

What sort of issues and options are we looking at?

A number of issues and options are considered, relating to the future of all



THANKS



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS 2010

Was I going to make one? How would I start? Where would I put it? Fortunately for me Carol Cordwell knew what she was doing and gave me several helpful ideas and tips. So I

finally decided I would enter into the spirit of the Festival and constructed a scarecrow.

So began the Harvest Celebrations here in Great Bromley on 25th & 26th September being set to continue through to the celebration at Little Bromley over the weekend 3rd & 4th October.

Thank you to Carol who has been the inspiration and force behind our Scarecrow Festival which has been such fun and been many a talking point throughout the villages.

Thank you to the ladies who worked so hard to decorate our beautiful St George's Church. The Floral arrangements and Harvest produce were much admired and enjoyed by guests attending a wedding of Christopher Mason and Ann Shepherd on 25th September, Eucharist congregation

on 26th September and the schoolchildren, parents and teachers who came to church on 30th September to celebrate their Harvest Festival. Thank you to all who contributed and helped in the church and delivered the produce to Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and the school on Friday.

The Harvest Supper on 26th September was a happy social occasion enjoyed by over sixty parishioners and friends. Thank you to all who helped to make the evening such a success. The sausages from Primrose Pork were delicious, thank you to Robert and Karen, it was great to welcome you to our Harvest Supper. Thank you for the apple pies made and donated by willing hands. Thank you to Brenda who organised the entertainment for the evening, "Grass Hopper" regaled us with a fine variety of Folk Music and also to "Nil Desperandum" who were most entertaining. Thanks to Ken and his mandolin playing which everyone agreed was brilliant.

A good weekend for our community and St. George's Church. £306 was made for the General Church Fund and a generous donation of £121 collected in a bucket was made to the Flood Victims in Pakistan.

Jenny Nicholls



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Just a reminder: The Christmas Dinner is on 23rd November at The Cross Inn.

We had a restful musical afternoon at the September meeting. The competition for November is a flowering pot plant to coincide with a flower arranging sessions at the meeting on 18th November.

Vicky Griffiths

NATURE'S DIARY - BACK TO THE FUTURE

Thursday, 9th September dawned bright and sunny for a trip to the Prince of Wales' 'Garden Party with a Difference'. It was an opportunity to see the gardens of Lancaster House, Clarence House and Marlborough House with a few 'eco' stalls thrown in. The gardens themselves were interesting with Prince Charles' easily the most colourful and varied in design with his vegetable plot enough to turn me green (eco green?) with envy. I loved his compost heap which was enclosed within a walled enclosure complete with the Prince of Wales feathers emblem on the gatepost.

However, I hadn't anticipated the monsoon in the afternoon which soaked us to the skin nor the number and variety of eco stands that there were. It was fascinating to see all the different eco ideas for gardening and growing vegetables (using old plastic milk/water containers, doors, yoghurt pots *inter alia*), recycling, saving energy and how to live one's life in a completely environmental way. We saw coffins made from English wool, bags being made from old curtains from Clarence House, and listened to B & Q's 'orchestra' made up entirely of old radiators, boilers and bathroom railings! There were homes for over-wintering insects created from pallets which contained plant

pots, newspaper, pieces of wood and anything else you could think of that an insect might fancy living in and which looked like a bug sky scraper - actually surprisingly quite an attractive feature to have in one's garden. A stage event saw Rolf Harris and his didgeridoo which was great fun followed by Clive Anderson interviewing Dame Vivienne Westwood dressed in what looked like recycled material for a dress with a 'cape' tucked into her top for good measure. There were sculptures made from recycled cars hanging from the trees in Clarence House gardens and the environmentally friendly cars ranged from an old fashioned carriage to the most modern of eco cars. However, the 'car' that particularly drew my attention - mostly because it was painted a very bright green - was the car that looked as though it had originally (from the back anyway) been a Morris Minor which appeared to be nothing more than a mobile sound system. The solar panels, mounted at the back of the car to generate the electricity needed to run the complex computer in its boot, impeded rear vision and seemed only to power a hi-fi system but if there was insufficient sun to generate enough electricity there was also pedal power on the front bicycle section to fall back on. To me the future began to look bleak and jolly hard work! - LMH

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LETTERS

My cat Colin went missing on Friday 17th September much to our dismay. After much searching and letters to neighbouring houses we sadly gave up on him.

Then 3 weeks later in he strolled as large as life, a bit skinnier and very hungry!

I was wondering if anyone has kindly been feeding him or has any information

on where he may have been. (if only Colin could talk).

He is a young black cat.

I would like to be able to thank the person myself.

From Tracy Griffiths
1 St Georges Close Gt
Bromley





ESSEX POLICE

NUISANCE CALLS - Parsons Hill
NUISANCE OTHER - Back Lane
East - eggs thrown at property

BURGLARY - Harwich Road - company broken
into, nothing taken

ASSAULT - Harwich Road

FIRE - Hall Road - car stolen and set alight

DISTURBANCE - Harwich Road - 1 arrested

October Newsletter

This month I have been doing doorstep questionnaires in some of the areas I cover, and I was concerned by the amount of windows left opened in some of the properties



that I called on where there was no answer. The properties which concerned me the most were the bungalows where it wouldn't take long to gain entry. Most burglaries are committed by someone spotting an open window and getting no

reply at the door, so please make sure you close your windows and lock up securely when you are not in the property.

It only takes a couple of minutes to gain entry to a property.

Police are trying to raise awareness of a lottery scam which nearly tricked a resident in Jaywick.

A woman received a letter stating that she had won £800,000 on the Euromillions FIFA World Cup Super Lottery. A form was enclosed with the letter which asked for the woman's bank details. Fortunately the woman suspected the letter was a scam and contacted the police. Colin Stiff, Crime Reduction Officer, advised residents to do the same. "You should not divulge any personal details to an insecure source. If you have any concerns about any literature you receive through your letter box, please get in touch."

For more information or to report an incident, call your local crime reduction officer on 0300 333 4444.

Please email me on leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police.uk or you can

phone me on 07967466876 if you know of any vehicles that are PARKED on the road side with an out of date ROAD TAX

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You Talk - We Listen



Make a difference – help shape policing in your area *Your local meeting will take place*

at The Princes Theatre, Town Hall,
Station Rd, Clacton-on-Sea,
Essex CO15 1SE

on Wednesday 10th November 2010
at 7.30 pm

(At the time of writing Assistant Chief Constable of Essex Police Mrs Sue Harrison has expressed her intention of attending this meeting, duties allowing).

Essex Police Authority, in conjunction with the Tending Community Safety Partnership, are holding a Public Meeting in your district to give you an opportunity to discuss face to face with Police Authority Independent Member Linda Belgrove, Senior Police Officers, Tending CSP members and members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, any policing issues that matter to you in your area. Your feedback regarding local issues is highly valued and will contribute to future policing activity.

This Public Meeting is open to everyone and we hope local representation will be wide and varied, so please extend this information to anyone else you think might be interested in attending, having their say, and making a difference in their community.

For more information contact:

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www.tendingdc.gov.uk/crimeanddisorder

“THE TOILET”

We need your help! – After 10 years or so the much talked about and often discussed project in our church of St. George's is beginning once more to gain momentum. Your Church Council, the P.C.C, have decided to try a much simpler plan for the installation of “THE TOILET” in St. George's.

However, because prices and costs have risen during the 10 long years of debate and deliberation we find ourselves short of the necessary funds to complete the project.

The Church would welcome donations and/or loans, volunteers to help with fund raising, volunteers with technical knowledge to enable us to carry on. English heritage and the Planning Authority are most stringent in their demands and our small band of helpers is stretched to the limit.

Details of the new plans will be displayed shortly in the Church for all to see.

Rev. Robert Farrell and the P.C.C. are committed to providing this facility in our community empowering our building for the future generations making it more comfortable for people attending concerts, weddings, baptisms, funerals and accessible for other events we hope to host in this historic building. Please, *please* help us to achieve our aims, it has been a dream for so long – help make it a reality.

Jenny Nicholls



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Jenny opened the meeting with several apologies for absence also sending good wishes sent to a member in hospital.

Sue introduced our speaker for the evening, Brenda Kettle. Little did we know what a treat was in store. Brenda was to demonstrate some flower arranging ideas, her talk entitled " The Three C's" (Celebrations) Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

Brenda began with the witch for Halloween, leaving us wondering how this could possibly be depicted! We need not have worried as with the right container a deftly placed palm leaf, some purple Gladioli, buddleia seed heads sprayed and glittered, we were on our way. After what seemed a very short time Brenda had produced a witch in full flight complete with broomstick, bats from Mahonia leaves, spiders from contorted willow; you could almost feel the wind as she flew past!!

Bonfire night was next, dried sunflowers with orange glitter for the embers of the fire, (very effective), orange roses and Leucodendronas the flames, Buddleia sprayed with gold and added glitter as the fireworks. Strategically placed hosta leaves curled inside out for added effect, and Mahonia leaves. Brilliant arrangement.

Christmas was also very spectacular. The container used was a clear glass tube vase, which could be filled with your favourite Christmas decorations, lights that could be lit from a battery, or even fresh material from the hedgerows. Lovely arrangement on top of the vase, in keeping with the festive season, green Gladioli, Holly, Sunflower heads with no petals but glitter in the centre fixed with glue, tree lvy with some gold spray, Mahonia again with gold spray, and the very delicate Antherium that added something special. A superb evening that added inspiration to have "a go" even if you had no previous experience.

Even better at the end the beautiful arrangements were raffled off, for those lucky winners " What a Prize".

The November meeting of the WI will be the AGM followed by a speaker from Tiptree Jam and held on 3rd November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The next Knit and Knatter will be held on 10th November.

Joy Rolfe

THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,
Over the next few months in our House Groups we shall be studying the Bible. The title of the course is “understanding the Scriptures”.

I would imagine that most households possess a Bible even if it is not read regularly. As Christians, we accept the Bible as a revelation of the nature and activity of God. Some theologians have attempted to read a doctrine of God from its pages. However such attempts do not result in a doctrine of God, which then becomes accepted without any further discussion by the community of believers. The Bible is a collection of books and it cannot be made to yield a single and consistent doctrine.

I think the important question for us to ask is this – How should we view the Bible? And the answer? – In the Bible we have a

large number of attempts to speak about God and to “read” the world and our human existence in the light of a belief in God. There are certain fundamental beliefs which run right through the Bible, such as, that God is one and that He is the creator of all that is. However the more carefully we study the Bible the more we become aware of the ideas of God and responses to Him which actually conflict with one another. Thus God is a righteous judge but He is a loving Father. God is awesome and holy and removed from His creatures; yet God is also known with great directness and intimacy by those who approach Him in patience and love. God is a God of peace and non-violence, but acts of great severity are attributed to Him. So there are apparent contradictions, and often in the face of these the sceptic may well doubt whether Scripture can be relied upon to give guidance about God at all; BUT AS BELIEVERS we find in the Bible a convincing experience of God, and therefore we are not disposed to withdraw our confidence from it that easily just because the picture it gives is not always so clear cut.

As Anglicans we give the Bible an authoritative place, but we are also willing to recognise and wrestle with some of its inconsistencies. We are aware that when we think of moral or ethical questions for example that there is not always an easy ready-made answer. The Church for example has been able to embrace those who think that a Christian may legitimately take up arms and those who do not. On many matters of course there is a general agreement among all the main Christian Churches. In these cases appeal can be made to the historic tradition of the Church. However on other matters convictions are held both within and between denominations.



Any Scripture is by definition something written in a particular language and cultural setting. That is why we do not insist today that all the ladies should wear hats in church!

We continue however to honour the fundamental role of scripture in our access to knowledge of God, but it is not scripture on its own. We also recognise (and this is a very important part of Anglican tradition) the part played by human judgement and experience in the work of formulating beliefs derived from scripture.

How do we understand the truth? The answer is we use our reason. We should never say that something is true if we did not believe it to be reasonable. We would find that a faith that was totally unreasonable would fail to make an appeal to human beings who have been endowed with the power to reason. That is why we should seriously engage with those who question the notion of God.

There are some who say that it is not meaningful to talk about anything we cannot show to be true. For instance it is meaningful to say that I am sitting in this chair as I write to you and I can show you the evidence, but if I say that God is sitting on his throne in heaven it is a different kind of statement altogether. Some would say because I cannot prove that God is sitting on his throne in heaven it cannot be true. But as believers we would answer that objection by saying that those things around us we can see and touch that is ME and THIS CHAIR are not necessarily the only realities we can comprehend. So we would argue it is reasonable to believe in and have faith in that which is not only understood by our senses. We must also remember that as believers in God we do not just rely on our rational thought. Believers testify to a variety of religious experiences from a general sense of the Holy Spirit to a sense of being directly addressed by God.

In Britain we can say that many thousands of people continue to pray and to worship in the conviction that in so doing they have personal experience of God.

Although such an experience cannot on its

own be used to prove the existence of God it is right that we should take account of it. We must remember that the faith is witnessed by the disciples in every age. And remember that it is often caught rather than taught.

And finally what of other faiths? In Britain today Christians find they have neighbours who pray and worship in ways and language not unlike our own, but who profess a different religion and whose doctrine of God is very different. How are we to regard them? First of all we should recognise that they are engaged in the same enterprise. They too believe in a reality beyond the physical world. They too are attempting to read the universe and evaluate their own experience in the light of inherited revelation. Although we cannot always listen to them on equal terms because of our conviction that Jesus is "the way the truth and the life" we should listen to them with great respect.

With love to you all,
Fr. Robert



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Church of England Services for November

Tuesday 2nd	7.30pm	Commemoration of All Souls Requiem Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 7th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	3rd Sunday before Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 14th	8.00am 10.45am 10.45am 10.45am	2nd Sunday before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Eucharist Act of Remembrance with Eucharist Act of Remembrance with Eucharist Act of Remembrance with Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>The Memorial, Lt Bromley</i>
Sunday 21st	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Christ the King Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 28th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Advent Sunday Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>

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