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Great Bromley Farmers' Market

Great Bromley Village Hall held its first Farmers Market on 22nd January. Despite relatively short notice there were over 15 stalls selling a selection of very high quality products at prices to compete very favourably with the large supermarkets. Products on sale included fresh fish, meats, cheeses, pates, homemade pickles, cakes and pies together with wood carvings, paintings and locally made jewellery.

Attendance was very good and the Hall made a significant amount from the day

which will go towards Hall funds.

It is intended to hold further Farmers Markets during the year on the following dates:

Saturday 30th April
Saturday 23rd July
Saturday 22nd October
All 10am to 1pm.

There will also be an evening market before Christmas - date to be confirmed.

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THE FIRST PAGE

Recently, because I was incapacitated with a bad back, I used the 'you shop, we drop' delivery service of a large well-known supermarket chain. I have used this service before and it is very efficient.

However, I do prefer to go in to a shop to look at and choose my own goods. Going to some supermarkets now though can be traumatic such as the one I encountered in Sidmouth, Devon where, having chosen my goods, I found the check out was self-service only, the human contact being solely in evidence at the cigarette and lottery section.

Self-service check outs fill me with complete horror. They and I don't get on. I swipe the bar codes of the goods desired, I press buttons as indicated, I try to use my 'loyalty' card but at every turn I am thwarted as messages flash up on the screen telling me to do something different or to order me to put an item in the plastic bag provided whereas I have my own re-usable ones. Blind panic and increasing frustration has set in by the time the payment request is flashed up. At this point my cash, either as coins or notes, seem incorrect or plastic wrongly



imputed. By then the vibes building up from the ever increasing queue behind me causes me to get more hot, bothered and grumpy by the moment and the relief I feel at being released from the machine and out into the street is indescribable.

Therefore the advent of the Great Bromley Farmers Market in the Village Hall is most welcome. The first one held in February (pictures on cover and page 12) had a good variety of produce and products with friendly faces to serve and help. There was also the added attraction that I met and chatted with friends, some not seen for some time, as well as being able to sit down and have coffee or tea. The markets are being held on a regular three-monthly basis and, although I have to go elsewhere in between, I shall be back again in April.

Leonie Henderson

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GREAT BROMLEY NEEDS YOU

You will see elsewhere in this magazine a notice from our parish clerk drawing attention to the parish and district elections in May.

We are fortunate in Great Bromley in that we have been able to fill our quota of parish councillors in recent years, unlike some other parishes. However, not all of our existing councillors intend to stand for re-election this year, for personal reasons. Great Bromley is therefore looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are prepared to make a commitment to serve the village over the next four years, as parish councillors. Being a parish councillor is fun, in the sense that parish council work is interesting and enjoyable. In addition to fundamental parish issues such as planning matters, grass cutting, property maintenance, highway safety, monitoring of public services etc, parish councils are becoming increasingly involved in many local government issues. Parish councils are now able to comment on, and make inputs to, strategic papers on a variety of subjects emanating from county and local authorities.

Great Bromley's current parish councillors come from a very varied background. We have a school teacher, a retired policeman, a publican, a retired army officer, a retired industrialist, a retired civil servant, an IT manager and a former telecoms manager. To support them, the council employs a clerk to deal with all correspondence, to liaise with the public, local government and other agencies, and to produce minutes of council meetings.

So what is expected of a parish councillor? Well, he or she is expected to attend meetings of the council which take place usually on the second Thursday of

each month. Meetings start at 7.30 pm and last for about an hour and a half. He or she would also be expected to read and comment on the parish

correspondence/papers which are passed in a folder from councillor to councillor each month. Academic or professional qualifications are not prerequisites to being a councillor. However common sense, an ability to work with others and a commitment to serve the community are fundamental requirements. Interested? Then ring Ken Bromfield (the parish clerk) on 230089 and ask him for a nomination form and/or further information.

*Martin Frostick
Chairman, Gt Bromley Parish Council*



AFFORDABLE HOUSING GREAT BROMLEY

The parish council is presently carrying out a housing needs survey in the village. The survey forms were distributed with February's Messenger and need to be returned in the accompanying pre-paid envelope by *10 March 2011*. Further forms and envelopes are available from either the Cross Inn post office or Ken Bromfield on 01206 230089. This is an important first step in securing more affordable houses for Great Bromley – *so please return your completed forms!*

Finally: the parish council's thanks again to all the Messenger distributors who delivered the 450 plus forms to all households in the village!

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Great Bromley Parish Council

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 10th February 2011

Planning

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

Lanner, Frating Road – side and rear extensions and conservatory.

Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road – felling of two decayed willow trees.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Applications relating to the proposed free-range poultry farm sited on land east of Hall Road and concerning: (a) re-siting of three already approved free-range egg units; (b) the resubmission of a free-range egg unit which had previously rejected on appeal.

Community grants

The council has approved grants this year to the following organisations: St George's Church for churchyard maintenance and a display screen, Tendring Citizens Advice Bureau for its advisory services, The Royal British Legion and sponsorship of the Bromley Messenger.

Grass and hedge cutting contract

A reminder that those interested in undertaking grass and/or grass cutting work for the council should submit their bids by *7 March*. Further information, including details of the contract specifications are available from the Clerk, Ken Bromfield (01206 230089 or gbrparishcouncil@btinternet.com).

Minerals Development Consultation

The parish council considered Essex County Council's minerals development consultation document. This has proposals for mineral extraction throughout the county. Although there are no such works

proposed for Great Bromley the council was concerned at the implications for the village of a large quarry planned for Frating Hall. If this goes ahead there could be an additional 50-70 heavy goods vehicle movements daily on local roads with many of these travelling through the village residential areas of Balls Green, Hare Green and the village centre with its school, church and two residential homes. The council considered that this impact could be mitigated by the creation of an all ways junction between the A120 and A133 at Hare Green.

The council also understands that residents in the Frating Road area, who rely on well water for domestic supplies and irrigation, are concerned that their underground water supply could be affected by the new quarry.

Alan Sievewright

The parish council was saddened to learn of the recent and sudden death of Alan Sievewright. Alan played an active part in village life both as a parish councillor and, for a lengthy period, as Footpath Warden.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10 March 2011 at Great Bromley Village Hall.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

Art Drawing & Painting Classes for improvers and returners on Thursday mornings 10.00-12.00 am, and also once-a-month, all-day Sunday (10.00-16.00)
Life Drawing & Painting Workshops to be held on 6th March, 3rd April, 15th May in the Red Lion Pub, South St., Manningtree Refreshments will be provided.
For further details contact 01206 826328 or 0794 3890 490.

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2011

On Thursday **5 May 2011** there will elections for new parish and district councillors. Make sure that you are on the register of electors so that you can vote! If necessary visit Tendring Council's Weeley office or contact the Electoral Registrations Office (01255 686868) to either register or check that you are on the roll. You may also wish to register for a postal vote.

There are nine parish councillors for Great Bromley and not all of the present members will be seeking re-election. If you are interested in becoming a councillor then please contact the Clerk (01206 230089 or greatbromleyparishcouncil@gbpc.org.uk) who can send you a nomination form. Candidates should be 18 or over, British, EU or Commonwealth citizens and either live or work in the village or live within 3 miles of Great Bromley.

If you wish to know what is involved in parish council work then the Clerk can put

you in touch with one of the existing councillors and send you a copy of the council's last annual report. There is also information on the parish council's website at: <http://www.gbpc.org.uk>. Otherwise you are welcome to attend the next council meeting on 10th March and talk to councillors then.

District Councillor nomination forms will need to be collected from: Westleigh House, Carnarvon Road, Clacton. Again telephone 01255 686868 or see <http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk> for further information.

Nomination forms should be available from 14 March. The closing dates for submitting nominations is not presently known but are expected to be in early April and will be published in April's Messenger.

On 5 May there may also be a referendum on the Alternative Voting arrangements.

ALAN SIEVEWRIGHT - 14 SEPTEMBER 1938-24 DECEMBER 2010

To Alan

My brother dear, who had no fear
Courageous to the end
Fun, laughter and tears throughout the
years,

You always were my friend
You walked to live and lived to walk
And you were "always right"
Good with advice (not always nice!)
But typically Sievewright

Your 'little sister' Moira

Alan only recently moved from the village to a retirement apartment in Colchester. An avid walker he was in Malta for a walking holiday when he had a heart attack while swimming in the pool. A

electronics engineer for Marconi he was involved with cameras used by NASA. He was also the Tree Warden for GBPC for many years. His funeral was attended by over 200 persons and his was buried in Wrabness at the Woodland Burial Site. *LBC*



LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following matters were discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 10th February. Eight members of the public were in attendance and the subject of the shop/post office was brought up. The Clerk will make enquiries with the owners to discover if there was any progress.

Speedwatch - Steve Wilcox reported that some 32 vehicles were reported for speeding. The proposed charge of £200 has been dropped and progress with traffic signs is ongoing. The extension of the speed limit is still under discussion. His full report will be published in the Messenger.

It was agreed that an application for a grant to refurbish the **War Memorial** was the best way forward and this is now in hand.

After much discussion it was agreed that an afternoon be spent celebrating the Royal Wedding on 29th April, 2011. A **Tea and Cakes Party** will take place at 15:00 hours which will be followed by an Evening Party organised by the Haywain subsidised, where necessary, by the Amenities Fund. Carol and Anita will be publishing more details in the Messenger.

A **Car Boot/Fete/Barbeque** is under discussion to take place in about the middle of September.

A **Bulk Rubbish Collection** will take place on Saturday, 26th March, 08:00 hour to 11:00 hours. Usual rules apply. Handbills will be circulated.

A '**Litter Pick**' is being organised by Anita to take place also on 26th March, commencing at 10:00 hours, meeting in the car park of The Haywain. Volunteers will be most welcome. Many hands make light work!!

Planning application for the development of **Bathside Container Port** has been published, and also, news that our **libraries** will not be affected in the round of financial cuts ... so ... Good News all round!

Date of the next meeting: **Public Assembly, Thursday 28th April.**

N.B. An interim meeting about the Royal Wedding function will take place on 7th April at 19:30 hours. All concerned will be notified of the venue.

Major A C Downes MBE, Clerk

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Special thanks to Richard and Brenda for their hospitality for our January meeting - you will certainly be ready for your retirement, although I can't see you sitting around!

Members attended the funeral of Hazel and a donation has been sent to the Funeral Services in her memory.

The competition for March is a wine glass and to the people who are not in the best

of health we do think of you and wish you well - to send kisses is not very appropriate so instead here is a B-i-i-g H-u-u-g.

Keep smiling!

Vicky Griffiths





Registered Charity No: 1030641

Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating

Ofsted Inspected

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

Lunch time session available Mondays & Wednesdays
For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

It hardly seems possible that we are half way through the Spring Term. Our new children have settled in well, our older children always ready to help with the younger ones.

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and have been very busy with related activities. The children have enjoyed 'building' houses (indoors and outdoors) using different materials and making masks to act out the story amidst much excitement!

We have also been celebrating the Chinese New Year at Pre-school by making lanterns and dragon puppets. Thank you to Linda for helping the children make a lovely Chinese stir fry. They really enjoyed chopping the vegetables and then eating using chopsticks. Prawn crackers and fortune cookies were on the menu too. We continued the cooking theme with lovely heart shaped jam tarts for Valentine's Day.

Just to let you know that we are collecting both the Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers so please tell friends, grandparents etc.

We take children from the age of two years and now offer a 'home visit' to families of children prior to them starting Pre-school. This gives the child the opportunity to meet their key-person in their own home, aiding the transition stage to pre-school. It also enables us to collect and share information in a confidential environment.

For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us on the above number.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 7th March

Workshop for parents

Wednesday 23rd March

Committee Meeting

Saturday 26th March

Fun day (date to be confirmed)

Monday 11th April

Easter Holiday

Tuesday 26th April

Closed – Staff Training

Wednesday 27th April

Summer Term begins



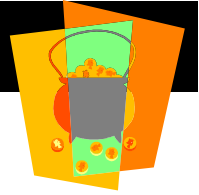
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Baby Dragons Parent and Child Group

It is with regret that Baby Dragons has had to close due to the unavailability of volunteers to open it.

If you are a Mum or a group of Mums that are willing to help run this group for the local community for a few hours on a Friday morning please contact Little Dragons Pre-school on 07857 503103. We would like to say a big thank you to Sarah as she steps down, for all her hard work in running the group and wish her well for the future.

FROM THE PAST



Anne Spencer's Family Bequests

Anne's will was dated 23 February, 1588 and she left two of the best beasts to her son, Lionel, the same to daughters, Mary and Joan. To son, Eustace, the best brass pot, the same to Mary and Joan, but to son-in-law, Edmund, the biggest

pot and the bed his father-in-law died in. Daughters, Anne and Parnell, had a piece of broad cloth to make a gown. Lionel had three best pewter platters and two porringers for Joan and Mary.

John Appleby

NATURE'S DIARY

The saying 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb' refers to the winds that traditionally blow at the start of the month dying out towards the end. At the time of writing (3rd week of Feb) we are back in a cold spell. My bees had been out enjoying the warmer, fine sunny days foraging amongst the snowdrops but are now stuck back in their hives. I hope this spring doesn't play warm and cold as it did last year which led on to a poor summer for them.



I have had redwings, a winter visitor, in my garden who will shortly be leaving for their more northerly breeding grounds whilst the summer visitors will soon begin to arrive. Look out and listen for the Greater Spotted Woodpecker who will be drumming and calling from the highest treetops. I have a pair who regularly visit my peanut feeder - the male has a red

patch on the back of his head whereas the female has not. Also look out for hares in the fields. Hares are beautiful creatures who crouch by day in their forms - hollows in grass or shallow scoops of earth - and feed by night. Swift of foot (they can run up to about 40 mph) they go 'mad' in March, leaping about and sitting on their hind legs to box which is in fact not competing males, but females fighting off the advances of unwanted suitors.

Lesser Celandines, violets, primrose and dandelions come into flower, all an important source of early nectar for bees and other insects, as are the flowers of the blackthorn (sloe) and Goat (pussy) willow. Gorse, white and red dead nettles are also beginning to bloom.

Pipistrelle bats and toads are beginning to emerge from their winter hibernation, the bats on the hunt for flying insects and the toads to move towards their chosen breeding ponds where the frogs have already begun to mate clinging on to the females in large numbers.

The first butterfly of the year to emerge is the brimstone and if the weather is warm you might see bumblebees and ladybirds as well as - maybe - over wintering, awakening peacock butterflies. An exciting time of the year. Keep your eyes open!

LMH

Great Bromley 1st Farmer's Market



CHILDREN'S PAGE

17th March is St Patrick's Day
so how about making the
Pot of Gold game

This game is easily adapted to the age of
the child playing the game.
Adult supervision will be needed when
creating the Pot of Gold.

What You Need

White card stock

- Board game (see below)
- Playing pieces (see below)
- Pot of Gold (see below)
- Black permanent marker

To Make the gold coins for the Pot of Gold

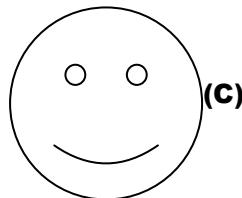
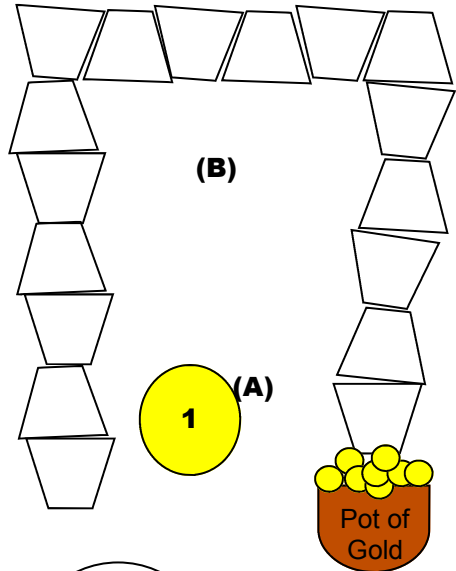
1. Cut out two circles of white card and
colour both sides yellow. **(A)**
2. Write on one side of the first piece the
number "1" and on the other side "2".
3. Take the second gold piece and write
the number "3" on one side on the
other side either leave it blank or write
the number "0".

To Make the Board

1. Draw a road trail on a piece of A4 card
such as in **(B)** and colour. You could
also draw in trees etc.

To Make the Playing Pieces

1. Make some playing pieces by cutting
out some more circles and drawing a
picture of your face and colour it in.
(C)
2. Make a Pot of Gold shaker for the gold
coins out of an old yoghurt pot and
decorate.



To Play

- ⇒ Put the numbered gold coins in the
Pot of Gold, shake and tumble out.
- ⇒ Add up the two numbers to see how
far to move your playing piece
forward.
- ⇒ Take your lucky piece (face) and
follow the puzzle pieces to the pot of
gold.



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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305



We were visited this month by this

gorgeous brown eyed Odell with " Eyes to See" who her handler, Marjorie, had brought along to speak about the work of the puppy dog walker for the Association for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Odell is 11 months old and Marjorie explained that the Guide dog movement was first thought about during the First World War by a patient who was blind talking to a German doctor who had left his dog with the patient as he did his rounds. The idea grew and started in England in 1931. That year four dogs qualified. Now 80 years on, England is the largest breeder of working dogs in Europe, about 1200 dogs a year. Marjorie went to great lengths to say that it was not puppy farming but very carefully monitored; if there are problems the breed bitch is rested until able to recommence. If this is not possible she is retired. The maximum number of litters is six per bitch, then retirement. The centre is in Warwickshire.

At the age of approximately six weeks the puppies are given to puppy walkers to begin their very long training. This to begin with is as any puppy, house training, obedience and of course plenty of love and play. As they become a little older they are introduced to trains, buses, shops, lifts, revolving doors, cuddly toys and garden centres. As the dog matures she will then go to puppy school and learn how to wear a harness, she will learn to think for herself on how to negotiate parked cars on pavements, roads and crossings and then, after about five months, the Centre will be looking to match a dog with its new owner, eg: 'speed' of owner and size. There is no age limit for owners and they are piloting a scheme for dogs to begin working with 14 year old owners.

After about a further two months the owners and dog begin their training together. There are certain places for residential courses

where students train with their dogs and when the instructors are happy they will qualify and take their dog home. After being allowed to settle for a few days the sighted trainer will go to their home and work with the dog and owner on the particular routes the dog must learn. In particular bus stops must be taken into account.

The dogs will work until they are about nine years old when the harness is removed and the owner may keep the dog as a pet if they desire.

Every dog must see a vet regularly, 6 monthly if working in a city, 12 months elsewhere.

From before birth till retirement each dog costs approximately £48,000; if the owners are unable to support the dog financially the Association will always help. A very interesting and informative talk. Sylvia gave the vote of thanks.

Joy Rolfe

KITCHEN CORNER



A recipe from Coggeshall WI for
PORK WASSAIL

Leg of Pork	apples
potatoes	ground pepper
small bottle brown ale	Ground nutmeg

Method: Rub a well trimmed leg of pork with freshly ground pepper and nutmeg. Put in a roasting pan surrounded by chunks of cored but not peeled apples and with thick pieces of well scrubbed potatoes. Pour a small bottle of brown ale over it and bake with a lid or foil for 2 or 3 hours at 350F or 180 C, depending on size of the piece of pork. This is very good cold as the juice makes a wonderful jelly.

Jill Frostick

CRAFTING IN THE VILLAGES

The ladies of Great Bromley W.I. have enjoyed their Knit and Knatter so much that they have decided to carry on Knitting and Knattering.

This year they are making hats, cardigans, blankets, etc for babies in intensive care. Karen Moss whose husband, Robert, runs Primrose Pork works with these special care babies at Colchester Hospital.

If any of you wish to join us please come along to Mary's at Pondfields or ring Mary on 01206 230419.



FALLS PREVENTION SERVICE

WANTED!

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE PREVENTION OF FALLS IN OLDER PEOPLE

WHAT IS THE FALLS PREVENTION SERVICE?

The Falls Prevention Service is part of the Community Intermediate Care Services for North East Essex Provider Services. It is run by a team of friendly health professionals who aim to improve and maintain the health and independence of older people by helping to reduce the number of falls that they have.

WHY IS THE PREVENTION OF FALLS IMPORTANT?

- Accidents occur more frequently amongst over 65s.
- Falls are the most common and most serious type of home accident among older people.
- Falls can contribute to ill health, disability and death.
- The impact of a fall can affect emotional and physical well-being lead to a loss of independence.
- Falls can also have an impact on others (e.g. family, friends and neighbours).

WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS...

- Who enjoy talking to, and being with, older people
- Who will work independently within a home environment
- Who enjoy working in a team and

contributing ideas

- Who are willing to take part in a basic training course

WHAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED?

- Home visiting to offer information on healthy living and/or falls prevention.
- Accompanying the individual in the pursuit of activities.
- Making telephone calls to arrange appointments or find out how they are getting on.
- Helping out at group activity sessions (e.g. organising refreshments, setting up rooms).
- Giving information about falls prevention to small groups.
- Undertaking as much or as little as you would like.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All (reasonable) out-of-pocket expenses will be refunded and mileage will be paid at 40p per mile.
- Volunteers will require a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check but there will be no cost. This is to ensure the safety of adults in a vulnerable condition.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The Falls Prevention Service greatly appreciates the contribution of volunteers. For more information, contact: **Falls Prevention Co-ordinator**

North East Essex Provider Services,
Independent Living Centre (ILC),
1 Newcomen Way, Colchester, CO4 9YR.
or Kennedy House, Clacton, CO15 4AB
Tel: 01206 518522 Fax: 01206 518572


North East Essex
Provider Services

EVENTS IN 2011

MARCH

- 1 Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 WI meeting, Barn Owl Conservation, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Flower Festival meeting, St George's church, 10.30am
Ardleigh Horticultural meeting, Japanese Gardens, Ardleigh village hall, 7.45pm
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Essex Handicrafts meeting, Corsage, United Church Hall, B'sea, 7.30pm
- 19 Colchester Institute Chamber choir, St George's Church, 7.30pm
Charity Children & Baby Table Top Sale, Ardleigh Village Hall, 11.00am
Spring Crafts & Gifts Fair, Lawford Venture Centre 2000, 10.00am
- 25 St Helena Hospice Casino Night, Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester
- 26 Little Bromley Bulk Rubbish Day, 8.00am
Lt Bromley Litter Pick, meet car park, The Haywain, 10.00am
Great Bromley Litter Pick, meet car parks of Cross Inn, Old Courthouse or
Snooty Fox, 9.50am
- 27 Lawford Farmers Market, Venture Centre,

APRIL

- 2 Race Night, Village Hall
- 3 Mothering Sunday
- 6 WI meeting, Ceramics, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 Lt Bromley Parish Council Public Assembly meeting
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Ardleigh Horticultural meeting, Wonderful Gardens, Ardleigh village hall, 7.45pm
- 14 Essex Handicrafts meeting, Costumes, United Church Hall, B'sea, 7.30pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 22 Good Friday
- 23 Lawford Farmers Market, Venture Centre
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 29 Tea Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding, The Haywain, 3.00pm
- 30 Gt Bromley Farmers Market, Village Hall 10.00am-2.00pm
Flower Festival, St George's Church **POSTPONED to 1-2 October**

Craft Fayre

Saturday 19th March
Venture Centre 2000, Lawford

Doors open from 10- 4
Free entrance and parking

Many stalls to see, including handmade cottage
crafts, new gift items and of course the kitchen will
be open for hot and cold refreshments

To book as stall please call Jess on
07966171056.

St Helena Hospice fundraising Casino Night

Friday 25th March 2011

at the Weston Homes Community Stadium,

This black tie event will include an exciting
evening of games such as Black Jack, Roulette,
Poker and Dice, as well as a buffet for guests.

The fun will start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £25
each, which will include £10 of gambling chips
per person, with additional chips available to
purchase on the night. For more information and
to buy tickets, please contact the Fundraising
Office on 01206 791740.

Saturday, 19th March
at 7.30pm
in St George's Church

Ian Ray
with the
**Colchester Institute
Chamber Choir**

Tickets £10.00 include
a glass of wine *and* tasty finger food after
the concert

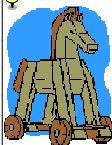
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Anne Clapham 01206 230790
Paula Knappett 01206 250156
Jenny Nicholls 01206 230688

also at

The Post Office at The Cross Inn

In aid of St George's Church Repair Fund



Race Night

2nd April
Great Bromley Village Hall
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Sponsorship for a race £25.
Horses £5

Race card £1 includes admission
Bring your own drinks and picnic.

Charity Children & Baby Table Top Sale

in aid of Diabetes UK

19th March 11am to 3pm

in Ardleigh Village Hall

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & light snacks
available.

To book a stall contact Rosie on
07971709933 or email
rosiebyth@hotmail.com

Little Bromley Parish Council and the
Amenities Committee would like to
invite you to the

LITTLE BROMLEY CELEBRATION OF THE ROYAL WEDDING

We will be holding a
TRADITIONAL TEA PARTY
for the whole family at the Haywain
on Friday 29th April 2011
between 3pm and 5pm.

Please come and enjoy this community
event with free music and food.

To be followed by an evening of
entertainment hosted by the Haywain.

- If you are able to donate a cake or other
finger food for our tea party please
phone either Carol on 01206 395103 or
Anita on 01206 390033
- We will also be having a drawing/
colouring competition with a Royal
Wedding theme to be judged at the Tea
Party. Open to children of all ages.
More details to follow next month.

EXHIBITION OF ART & COUNTRY CRAFTS

Lawford Venture Centre
Sunday May 15th 2011

Many, many crafts on display and also an
opportunity to buy 100% handcrafted items.
Admission is free and refreshments will be on
sale all day in the foyer.

The Rotary Club of Manningtree Stour Valley

Grand Charity Dinner
at the Venture Centre Lawford
on the 7th May 2011 from 7.00pm.
Guest Speaker Mike Brace OBE member of
the 2012 Olympics committee and former
paralympian skier and vice president of the
Paralympics UK and COE of "Vision 2020"
All proceeds to go to the Paralympics UK and
Vision 2020.

Tickets available from
Terry Dean 01206 395168 & David Moss Tel:
01206 393668
Or email us via our website
manningtreerotary.org.uk

GREAT BROMLEY WORKING GROUPS

WG11 - VILLAGE LITTER PICK Saturday 26th March 2011

The spring 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, be 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. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES,**

PLEASE RING 01206 230282.
Look forward to seeing you.

WG 13 - TREE PLANTING

Tree planting for 2010/11 is now complete in Great Bromley. Thanks to those volunteers who turned out to plant new and replacement trees alongside or on land adjoining Mary Lane North, Badley Hall Road, Hilliards Road, Morebarn Road, Little Bromley Road and Cock Lane. A total of 55 trees were planted at a cost of only £50 to parish funds, subsidised by a small grant from Tendring District Council and a donation of compost and fertiliser from Deans' Garden Centre. Additionally, about 80 other trees from the village tree nursery were provided to landowners for them to plant on their own land at their own expense in the interests of increasing the tree cover in the village. Thanks are also due to those volunteers who pruned and cleared around trees planted in previous years.



Martin Frostick

GET INVOLVED WITH MR CAMERON'S BIG SOCIETY AND JOIN THE VILLAGE LITTER PICKS

LITTLE BROMLEY LITTER PICK

The Parish Council and Amenities committee are organising another litter pick around the village.

If you are able to come along and help, please join us on
Saturday 26th March 2011
from 10am

Meeting in the car park.

Enjoy the fresh air while you help to tidy up your village.
Refreshments afterwards in the Haywain.



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



The Gt. Bromley and District Cricket Club Annual General Meeting was held at the Old Courthouse, Gt. Bromley on Wednesday 26th January, 2011.

The following Officers were elected:-

President	Philip Allam
Chairman	Lance Grainger
Hon. Secretary	Dave Hardy
Hon. Treasurer	Matthew Foley
Club Captain	Richard Lawson
Vice captain	Pip Allam
Two Counties captain	Louis Perrin
Vice captain	Nick Holyman
Fixture secretary	Tracy Wareing
Child welfare officer	Kay Mitchell
Colts Manager	Steve Wright
Membership secretary	Trudie Dodd

100 Club Winners for January

1st.	Lorraine Allam
2nd.	Mary Hart
3rd.	Bryan Wright



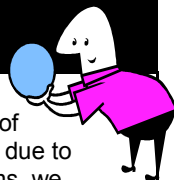
LETTERS

I was so sorry to hear of all your troubles over Christmas, Leonie, but we had a similar experience, although we couldn't blame the grandchildren in any way!

A little while before Christmas our iron stopped working but this was resolved by way of a Christmas present.

Christmas eve (daytime) armed with rubber gloves, spades and draining rods was spent unblocking drains because of a problem with the toilet, and on Boxing day when Jack, our grandson, decided he wanted something heated up to eat the microwave blew up!! Our first trip to Currys.

CARPET BOWLS



Just one league match played recently and in spite of a shuffle round of the teams due to winter ills and minor problems, we managed a 6-2 victory away to Great Bentley.

BRUMBELLA - 16th April

Our chosen charity this year is the Alzheimers Research Fund. More and more of the general public are aware of this condition these days and our members feel they would like to do what they can to support the cause.

We were all surprised and pleased to see Richard Bates back for an hour or so last week, after his recent operation and ensuing problems. We wish him well for his continued recovery and back playing his special shots that only Richard can do!! We also send get well wishes to Brenda Shelton. Her road is a little longer after her surgery and following illness, but, slowly and surely I'm sure she'll soon be back with her cheery outlook and every ready willingness to help all round. Wish you both real better soon.

Nancy Kempster

Our washing machine, which we knew had seen better days, finally deteriorated badly, so we decided to purchase a new one while the sales were on. This time Argos to the rescue. That's not the end, this week (February) the freezer stopped working. We were advised that it was beyond repair and so back to the internet, with Sainsburys coming up with the best deal.

And now I am told by my better half that the kettle is leaking, when will it end?!!!

Lynda and I would like to thank everybody sincerely for their concern and good wishes during my recent illness. It really has meant a lot to us both and I am sure it has helped me on the road to recovery.

Phil Allam

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

Dispenser retires.

Jeane Ball who has been a Dispenser at the surgery for 20 years is retiring on 31st March. Patients will miss Jeane's helpful and cheerful service. Jeane has been a hardworking and dedicated member of staff and we wish her the very best for the future. A box is in reception for patients who wish to donate to Jeane's leaving collection. A replacement Dispenser, Samantha Sykes, has been recruited and will start work on the 1 April. Samantha is an experienced Pharmacy Technician.

Influenza vaccination

The influenza season is now behind us which caused an increased workload over the Christmas period and well into the new year plus the cold weather did not help. The practice had a slow uptake for the influenza vaccination clinics in October but by mid November had achieved its targets of 75% over 65 patients and 90% of the 'at risk' under 65 population. We believe the slow uptake was partly due to the Government having cancelled the national media campaign and media hype about the seasonal flu vaccination this year also containing the H1N1 strain. The practice also ordered a record number of vaccines but at Christmas when the influenza began to spread and affect a younger than normal population the practice, in common with other practices, found that the supply of vaccines from the manufacturers had run out.

General practices were not helped by incorrect information being conveyed by the media that there was not a shortage of vaccines. By then remaining supplies had been made available by the manufacturers to the supermarket pharmacies who started vaccinating patients in the low risk groups. In January the PCT made available to practices the swine flu

vaccines held in store and this gave protection to patients from the H1N1 flu virus which was the dominant virus this winter.

We would encourage all at risk patients to get vaccinated in October of each year before vaccine stocks run low and not leave it too late bearing in mind that it takes up to four weeks after the vaccination to achieve immunity.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

IN THE GARDEN IN MARCH



Rhubarb: I am never quite sure whether rhubarb is classed as a fruit or vegetable but it is one of the easiest to grow. There are two ways to grow rhubarb - from seed (not very successful) or from rootstocks. March is the best time to plant the roots, the garden centres sell the roots in large pots or better still call on a friend who, I'm sure, will dig up one of his plants for you. Rhubarb is one of those plants that lends itself favourably to being forced. Using a plastic bin of some kind, fill it with straw and place over the plant, making sure that the bin is fixed down to stop the wind blowing it over. This method can be used as early as December.

Broad beans can be planted from now until the end of April. Have your hand sprayer ready; blackfly love the plants. **Plant** another row of early potatoes. If you have protection, i.e. cold frame or a greenhouse, plant cauliflowers, brussel sprouts, leeks, lettuces, early and second early peas. Radish can be planted this month, try 'Spanish Black', the garden centres stock the seeds.

Frank Griffiths

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

As many of you will know, for the last year or so we have been sending text reminders about appointments to patients' mobile phones. The system is working really well and has certainly reduced the number of people forgetting their appointments and needing to rebook.

So far, we have mobile numbers for about a third of our patients and we'd like to at least double that figure if we can. I know that young mums have found it especially useful to get reminders about appointments for baby immunisations etc, which are often booked a long way in advance. However, I'm sure there are plenty of older patients with mobiles whose lives are so full and hectic that reminders would help. If you have a mobile and you haven't yet told us the number, please let us have it and we can add you into the service.

News now of another new development. Richard, our Assistant Manager, is now working on developing a website for the practice and this should be up and running before too long. The website will contain all sorts of useful information about healthcare in general, including bits and pieces that have appeared in these articles over the years. It will tell you more about the various services available at the surgery and how to take advantage of them. There will also be a direct link to the EMIS Access system which enables patients to order repeat prescriptions as well as to book, cancel or change appointments over the internet. This can be done at any time and helps keep our 'phones free for more urgent matters.

I'll tell you more about the website as soon as I can, but in the meantime, if anyone else wants to sign up to EMIS Access, which is completely free of charge, please let us know. We can get that arranged now so that you can take full advantage of the new website as soon as it is in action.

Molly Starling, our secretary here for many

years, very sadly died last year. Her daughter-in-law, Tina Starling, is running the London Marathon this year in Molly's memory, with the aim of raising money for a Motor Neurone Disease charity. Tina has asked if we would put up a poster about her efforts and keep sponsorship forms available here, so if anybody would like to support Tina and the charity – and I hope that many people will – it can be done at the surgery. Good luck to her in her efforts. The foot balm is on me!

Sarah at the Pharmacy has asked me to use a bit of my space this month to mention that improvements are planned there to help them cope better with their ever growing work-load. The shop and dispensary were designed fifteen years ago when far less dispensing was done, and for a long time it has been realised that the present setup is no longer adequate. At last, after some lateral thinking and a planning application, something can be done to improve things.

The first job will be to move the front door a few feet, and this will start on Friday, 11th March with most of the work being completed over that weekend. The pharmacy will be open on Friday and Saturday as usual, but if patients are able to avoid it on those days it would help. Anyone who does use it then is asked to take special care as it will be a building site for those few of days and whilst every effort will be made to keep it safe, there will inevitably be extra hazards.

After the door has been relocated, internal alterations will follow to increase the dispensing area, make the public area more user-friendly and, hopefully, speed up the prescription counter-service. Apologies in advance for the disruption that the work will cause, but I'm sure it will be worth it.

Sarah also asked me to let people know that due to popular demand the home delivery prescription service has been extended to Saturday mornings. Details about how that all works are available from the pharmacy.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

SEVEN RIVERS

Spring at Last!

Spring Morning

Now the moisty wood discloses
Wrinkled leaves of primèroses,
While the birds, they flute and sing:
Build your nests, for here is spring!

Squirrels skipping up the trees
Smell the spring is in the breeze,
While the birds, they flute and sing:
Build your nests, for here is spring!

(Abridged) Frances Cornford

Of primroses we have a few here at Seven Rivers, and we quite often see the squirrels going about their business in the great old trees that stand silent guard over the grounds of the big house. How many centuries have they stood there, I wonder?

Going through some old records the other day, I came upon a minute of a Management Committee meeting from back in the 1970s that recorded the reluctant decision to fell an ancient elm tree that had been standing for over 260 years, apparently. Such history!

The old house we now call home was built in the 1840s, we believe, so that old tree (and some that are still standing today, I daresay) would have been standing there in the days of the *old old* house.

The then owner, one John Hanson, who bought the estate in 1793 wrote in his diary of 1805: *"My spacious but very well fitted mansion with ever open Doors required a large domestic establishment... and... its Gardens, Domain, extensive woods and manor ... and the preservation of game... called for an equally extensive establishment without, to be maintained at very heavy expenditure."* (From *Great Bromley or Church Hall: A Short History; by John Appleby*).

Those were the days when the coming of spring would have seen a marked upsurge in activity on the home farm that surrounded the house in that bygone time. Out would be led the great shire horses from their winter stables to pull the ploughs and the seed drills which would later provide them with the even heavier work of bringing home the harvest.

Much of the land that went with the ancient manor in those days was sold off over the years but, even in the mid-1840s, there were



some 350 acres being worked by 19 men.

Today, Hanson's *"heavy expenditure"* is replaced with extreme financial caution so that the four acres or so that remain of the estate are mostly laid to grass, and just one man and his grass cutter is charged with keeping it looking presentable - *when* he has time to spare from all his other responsibilities.

Happily, we do also have some lovely garden areas with flower beds which add colour and beauty to our lives. These gardens have been the pride and joy of many residents over the years, looked after, as they were, by some of the residents themselves, aided by many a volunteer.

As the spring returns, our thoughts once again turn to what we can do with the beds and borders that await our attention.

Alas, our residents are not as able as they once were to care for the flower beds we all enjoy and, though our volunteer force boasts one very enthusiastic and energetic lady, she really could do with some help!

Could you "spring" into action on our behalf? Could you spare a few hours a week to help beautify our grounds once more? Do you, perhaps, know of a team of willing hands that could take on a slightly bigger job, it could be a "one-off" if time is limited for them – or they could come back for more when it suits them.

A lady for whom the garden was both a passion and a pleasure sadly passed away during the autumn - we do so want to keep it all as she would have wished. Will you help us? If you have time so spare, please call Pauline Melton on 01206 230345.

Thank you.

*Colin File,
Volunteer Newsletter*

ESSEX POLICE



Incidents in Great Bromley for the month of January

Theft of Metal - Bush Farm - (Lead Flashing Taken)

Theft Other - Frating Road - (Heating Oil Taken)

Disturbance - Hall Road - (Seven Rivers)

Nuisance Vehicle - Chase Road - (Youths on a Mini Moto)

February Newsletter

Also we have had reports of a vehicle travelling around Essex offering members of the public a cheap large-screen LCD TV. Please be aware that if you do purchase items from the back of a van that the goods will probably be faulty or will not work altogether.

Buy With Confidence - Essex County Council Trading Standards service is kicking the cowboys out of Essex with their **Buy With Confidence Scheme**. 'Buy With Confidence' only recommends businesses which have been vetted and approved by Essex Trading Standards. The benefits of using a Buy With Confidence approved business is that you will get a professional job done, charged at a fair price, giving you peace of mind; it is the only referral scheme operated by Essex Trading Standards; anyone working unsupervised in your home will have had a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check; you will find a wide variety of traders offering all kinds of services. Go online today at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 0845 404 0506

Latest from Trading Standards .

There is an Alarm company cold calling by phone first and then requesting an appointment to visit homes in the area. They offer Free or 'Nominal Fee' Fire and Security Alarms on credit terms and infer they are public body approved. You are advised **NOT** to take up the offer.

Home Research Group / Crime Research UK/ National Crime Bureau/ Crime Research Group /SAS/Central Intelligence Security Solutions Ltd. - These are some of the names used by cold calling companies offering free burglar alarms or for a £1, we advise that consumers do not take up these offers .

The offer sounds great but it will cost you thousands for the alarm to be monitored .

Roofing - We have had reports of traders cold calling on elderly people offering to repair slates and chimneys unfortunately they have accepted the offer and then they being conned out of thousands of pounds.

We have also had reports of another company

cold calling offering roofing coatings we would advise that contact an approved trader if you have a problem with your roof and not to accept the offer. We recommend that consumers do not take up the offer and call a recommended tradesman and obtain a quote first.

The below email is a chain email. Please do not forward it on. Please read information regarding this scam.

"Check Your Receipts - Cash Back Scam Warning Email Outline. Message warns shoppers to always check their receipts before leaving the check-out at Sainsbury's and other UK stores because many people are being caught out by a scam in which unscrupulous cashiers add unauthorized cash back requests to transactions and pocket the cash rather than give it to customers.

Brief Analysis The warning is unsubstantiated. There is no credible evidence to support the claim that such a scam is regularly or commonly taking place in the UK. The UK based message is nothing more than a mutated version of earlier US based warnings that have circulated since 2004. The US versions are also unsubstantiated and unsupported by any credible evidence."

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Anyone going on holiday are more than welcome to let me know where they live/how long they are away so that I am aware and can keep an eye out when I go passed their address.

The new website www.police.uk which shows crime street by street needs to be treated with a pinch of salt, anyone wishing to know crime figures for their immediate area can give me a ring although I cannot give out personal details I can give them some details.

Beneficiary Letter - A letter has been received locally claiming to originate from Hong Kong. The letter makes out the recipient would be made a beneficiary to an estate worth \$8.4million. This is a scam.

Police Constable 2176 Dan HEARD,

Neighbourhood Constable

Tendring Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

At least it's a bit milder, probably because we have actually started to install roof insulation. A group of volunteers arrived at the Hall on a Saturday morning, unloaded the trailer and put rolls of insulation in the roof. The main hall was started that morning being half covered with one layer of 170mm insulation before going home. It was agreed to continue the insulating a fortnight later. The main men were Glynn Griffiths and his son-in-law, Ben, who were unable to come back for the next insulation laying so decided to lay the insulation themselves during the week! The main hall now has a double layer of insulation. Laying insulation is not a nice job and I don't know anyone who likes it so a very big thank you to both Glynn and Ben. A pair of superstars!

It is fantastic to see all sorts of people giving up their own time and freely helping the Village. One such person is Martin Barritt who has very kindly repaired our card tables. These are used often and good ones were getting a bit thin on the ground but now their numbers are back to where they used to be thanks to Martin. A very big thank you.

Another couple who have been helping out the Village for a very long time as well as supporting numerous charities are Brenda and Richard from The Bromley Cross Inn. In January they held a quiz night in aid of the Village Hall and raised £200. Very well done and a big thank you to both of you.

Future Great Events

2nd April Race Night , Sponsorship for a race £25. Horses £5 Race card £1 includes admission. Bring your own drinks and picnic.

30th April Farmers Market (note change of date) from 10am to 1pm

27th May A Night on Broadway

11th June Family Hog Roast & Disco.

Further details to follow.

23rd July Farmers Market from 10am to 1pm

8th October Cabaret Night Olly Day

22nd October Farmers Market from 10am to 1pm

3rd December Christmas Fayre

21st December (Provisional) Farmers Market 6pm to 9pm

31st December New Years Eve Dance

The next night out will be Race Night at the Village Hall on April 2nd. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for the eight races with eight horses in each race. You can sponsor a race for £25 and have your own horse for a fiver. Admission is £1, racing starts at 7:30 admission from 7:00. Tickets available from any committee member. This event is being run by a specialist company that promises a great fun night so if you want to bet on the geegees you have no need to go further than the Village Hall on April 2nd. (Bringing of spare shirts is optional)

Anybody who missed the Farmers Market on January 22nd missed out big time. A large variety of stalls selling a wide range of goods at great prices. The thing that surprised me was that the prices on most of the items were less than the supermarkets but the quality was much better. I had always thought that the quality would be good but the prices would be high. Do not miss out on the next event which is April 30th from 10 till 2 with teas, coffees and refreshments available on the day.

May 27th is the date for the 'Drop Dead Divas' who will be performing 'A Night on Broadway'. Sounds interesting book your table early as this one will be popular. 7pm for 7:30pm, tickets £8, bring your own drinks and nibbles and again book your tickets with any committee member

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 2011.

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday March 1st at 7:30pm. As always all welcome.

David Beech

THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

Once again we shall soon be in the season of Lent. This is the time of preparation for Easter and we think especially of our sins which separate us from God and each other.

There is a story of a young man who decided to do something about his sins. He told his friends that he had made up a list of sins which were too outrageous to believe and that he would confess them when he got to church. After he had confessed his sins, his friends grew tired of waiting for him and they went back into the church and they found him on his knees in front of the altar, looking up at the cross and crying his eyes out. The priest had given him a most peculiar penance. He had told the young man, "For your penance, I want you to go to the altar and look up at the cross. And for your prayer I want you to say, 'Yes Lord, I see you hanging up there. I know the misery that you suffered. And what it means to me is ...absolutely nothing'.

The stuff that made that young man burst into tears is the stuff which offers real hope for all of us. Although his head may have been hard, his heart was soft enough for God to touch. Without that ability to hurt, there would have been no hope for that young man. Without that same ability there would be no hope for us.

Our culture has been accustomed to the presence of violence, cruelty, exploitation, poverty, discrimination and all other forms of abuse. Many people see evil as something to joke about and some simply accept it as a way of life.

There are others who consider it unfashionable to talk about evil at all. Others deny it exists, beyond a grudging admission that "sometimes people do bad things". No matter how many times

Pontius Pilate washed his hands in innocence; he went along with the crowd that killed an innocent man. So did the bystanders who watched Jesus walk the road to Calvary. So did Peter who denied even knowing his Lord. And so did all the others who went into hiding.

The good news however is that Good Friday is the end of the Passion of Christ and it is not the end of the life of Christ. That life goes on. It goes on in the Risen one. It goes on in the lives of the saints. It goes on in the hearts of Christian believers all over the world. It goes on when all is said and done. God is still God, and God is still forgiving us, still creating new possibilities, still calling us to action for the transformation and the healing of this world.

I hope this season of Lent will prove to be a time of healing and blessing for you all.

Fr. Robert

**Leonard
Cheshire
Disability**

**Leonard Cheshire Disability
Seven Rivers Nursing Home**

**Gardening Volunteers
Needed!**

Have you any spare time?
Feeling at a loose end?
Longing for some fresh air and the
great outdoors?

We have some lovely grounds here at
Seven Rivers
but alas, it is too much for us to look
after all on our own.

We are looking for groups or individuals
to help with keeping our gardens tidy
and colourful this summer.

If you can help please contact
Pauline Melton, Volunteer Co-ordinator
01206 230345

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services for March

Sunday 6th	8.00am	Sunday next before Lent	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Wednesday 9th		Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
		<i>followed by St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>	
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday	
Sunday 13th		Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	1st Sunday of Lent	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 20th	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
		2nd Sunday of Lent	
Sunday 27th	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 3rd April		3rd Sunday of Lent	
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 3rd April		4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday	
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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