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The 2013 Bromleys Scarecrow Festival was won by Catherine and Jack Eagle with Bob the Builder.

They can be seen here receiving their prize from Carol Cordwell in St George's church.

Well done Jack and Catherine.

A full report and more scarecrow photographs, courtesy of Carol and Julian Cordwell, can be seen on pages 2 and 3.



KATISHA'S KOLUM



I am housebound – again – with a bucket on my head – again – following a close encounter with something (Mistress thinks it could be a feasant guarding her yung as I had been previously raiding a nest of chicks but I am not telling her) which fortunately narrowly missed my eye and could mar my good looks by leaving a scar. Mistress is not sympathetic to my woes as a) she likes feasants, b) I am costing her money – again and c) I gave her a fright when she first spotted me as she thought it was so much worse than it actually is.

As a result of doing nothing except moan about the house, I have been given the job, as Deputy Editor, of finishing the magazine off for this month while Mistress enjoys the sun and goes to the beach.

You will see many photos in this edition, black and white in the full printed version but in colour on the paired down version on the web, as much has been going on in the villages. Did you know there are wolves about locally? Did you see them? Wolves eat cats you no. Apparently they are only made of straw but they are still scary – they are not called scarecrows (should be scarecats) for nothing. Well done to the winners of the competition for that was you witches, wizards, white rabbits, Humpty Dumpty and all sorts of people and

creatures from children's stories were by the roadside greeting you all. Personally, I liked Postman Pat and his Cat.

The school holidays have begun with the school ending their year with their 150th anniversary and various classes going places and doing exciting things. The Playgroup has been out for a Toddler in the grounds of the Cheshire Home which held its fete the same weekend as the church had its Flower Festival. So a lot of friends and visitors have been to see our villages recently.

To look forward this month you have a coffee morning, a folk/music day, a summer ball to enjoy and the reservoir appeal to attend as well as lazy, hazy summer days spent building sandcastles on the beach by the sea or playing in the garden. Also there are WI, Friendship Club, Parish Council, Cricket Club, etc meetings plus a chance to help the community on the Footpath Maintenance Day on the 9th.

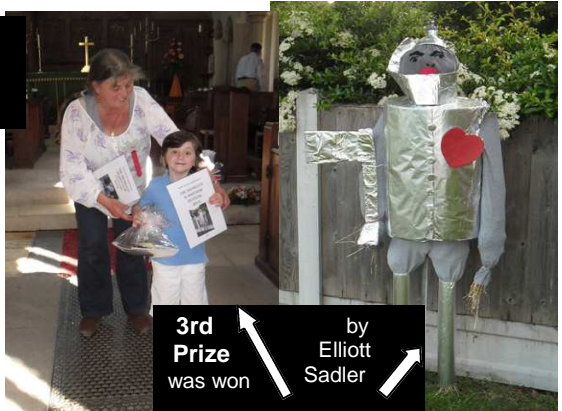
Enjoy the holidays.

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The Bromley's Scarecrow Festival

It was lovely to see so many scarecrows around the villages. We had over 20 scarecrows to find on our scarecrow trial. We asked for them to be characters from children's books and it was great to see what everyone came up with. Red Riding Hood and the wolf/grandma were in two locations as was Postman Pat. Mickey mouse and Harry Potter made a surprise appearance along with a Power Ranger and Winnie the Witch. Humpty Dumpty stayed on his wall and the White Rabbit told us he was late. Noddy and Winnie the Pooh enjoyed the sunshine and the hungry caterpillar looked like he was still eating. The Gingerbread man kept the Tinman company in the meadow, while the Smurf and Alice in Wonderland kept well away from Dennis the Menace and Gnasher. Funnybones would have loved to see Nemo and his friend or Bob the Builder. There were even a few late comers who suddenly appeared.

Carlo Guglielmi, a local councillor who runs the Honeycroft Post Office with his wife Val

very kindly agreed to judge the scarecrows and after much deliberation he chose the following three as the winners.

- In first place was Bob the Builder by Catherine and Jack Eagle.
- In second place was Denise the menace and Gnasher by Christine and Rob Barrett.
- In third place was the Tinman by Elliott Sadler.

They were presented with their prizes of books and sweets on Sunday 30th June at the Great Bromley Flower Festival. Everyone who took part received a certificate.

We would like to thank all those who took part in the scarecrow festival, they have made a lot of people smile. If you are very lucky there are still a few on display around the villages. If you want to see all of our scary stars, there are photos on display in both Great and Little Bromley Churches. Any money raised will go to the PCC.

Carol Cordwell

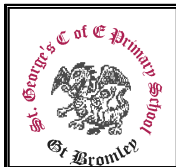
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2013 BROMLEYS SCARECROW FESTIVAL





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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara

Telephone: 01206 230305

Final 150th Celebration!

The magician, Michael J Fitch came to St. George's to entertain us as a special treat for the school's 150th anniversary. It was a fantastic surprise! The first trick he did was to control the music by clicking his fingers. He did many other tricks too. April, from class 2 was chosen to be his assistant. First she helped Michael J Fitch to fly a table, it was amazing! After that, April was wrapped in a blanket and asked to lie on a table. We couldn't believe our eyes when April was elevated into the air! We all enjoyed the show immensely and gave a huge round of applause.
Rachel Chubb Class 2

Residential Trip

Class 4 went on a fun filled five day trip to Finborough Hall; we did lots of brilliant activities like: air rifle shooting, quad biking, wall climbing,



trust trail, crate climbing, survival skills, archery, jungle gym, mini olympics, bridge building, low ropes, abseiling,

kayaking, rafting, nightfall navigation and campfire. We loved kayaking as we got to splash each other and also the teachers! Jungle gym was really fun as it started with a scavenger hunt where we had to find missing items for the Queen. She later declared a fight and we were all given a bag of flour and eggs and we had enormous fun throwing it over each other. Disco night was the best night of all and EVERYONE danced. Our DJ was called DJ Dan. We also sang songs, had cool drinks and sweets and other nice things to eat. Our instructors were all very kind and really worked hard to make our week extremely enjoyable.

By Ella Daff and Leeanne Redgen

Sandford Mill Trip

Class 3 travelled to Sandford Mill in Chelmsford. On the bus to entertain ourselves we played top trumps. When we got off we met our guides and

got split into 2 groups. First we got introduced to our guide Geoff who took us upstairs to look at levers and how they worked. Then we worked in small groups of four or five, investigating the effect of moving the fulcrum on a



lever. Also we looked at catapults ready for that afternoon. After that we went down the stairs and looked at a bigger version of an Egyptian crane called a shadoof. We also looked at how the Egyptians made the pyramids, testing different surfaces for friction. We also made our own Archimedes screws! Then it was lunch time. Next we went into the barn where, in small groups, we made catapults out of rolled newspaper and garden ties, using the things we'd learnt in the morning. It was great fun, especially when we took them out of the classroom and fired plastic balls at a pretend castle!!

Flower Festival

Our school took part in St George's Flower Festival. The children worked extremely hard making models, painting and even flower arranging! Our display was based on the children's book *The Gruffalo*. Some of our pupils also performed background music on Friday whilst the Flower Festival was open. Huge thanks go to Mrs Pamela Larkins for co-ordinating the marvellous display and also to Mrs Melanie Bridle for the wonderful musical accompaniment

MDA Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for two Midday Assistants to replace them in September. Our pupils are friendly, polite and caring and are a delight to look after!! By the time this appears in the messenger we may have already filled the vacancies. However, we would still love to hear from you if you would be interested in applying for any future vacancies. Please contact the school office for further details.



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After school club for St George's children 3.00pm – 5.30pm

For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE FOLLOWING OUR RECENT OFSTED INSPECTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN GRADED **OUTSTANDING**

The inspection took place on 26th June - quotes from the report include:

'Staff are highly skilled in assessing children's progress and planning for their future learning'

'Children develop superb levels of independence as a result of the opportunities they are offered at the pre-school.'

The full report is available online at www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports

Since moving to our new premises we are beginning to achieve our goal of working closely with 'Leonard Cheshire Disability' and forming strong links in the community.

On 19th June we joined 'Leonard Cheshire Disability' and took part in the 'Barnardo's

starting school in September we have been working closely with St George's Primary School. These children have been attending school assemblies with the pre-school staff and have had the opportunity to meet the teachers. At pre-school they have also been practising to undress and dress for PE activities to prepare them for when they start school.

We would like to say goodbye to the children leaving: Adam, Alice, Emelia, Emily, Evan, Harry, Isla, Jessica, Maisie, Pru, Ruby, Tyler and William. We shall all miss them very much and wish them many happy days in their new school. May we also wish everyone a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.

'After School Club'

Opening times Mon- Fri 3.00pm-5.30pm. Aged 2-11 years

A flexible collection service from St. Georges School will be available from 3pm. This will include the collection of children from any after school activity that takes place after 3pm.

Fee: £2.50 per 30 mins

Breakfast Club (see times above)

Children can choose from a range of healthy foods, including fresh fruit, yoghurts, cereal, toast and fresh juices. From £3.90.

We take children from the age of two years and 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:

Preschool reopens after Summer Holiday
Monday 9th September



Toddler' around their beautiful grounds. The weather was fine and as you can see from the photograph the staff and children looked great dressed up as their favourite fairytale characters. A big thank you to all who took part and for the money you raised.

The children were also invited to St Georges Church on the Sunday for the 'Community Songs of Praise' service and enjoyed a buffet and orange squash afterwards.

To ease the transition of the children who will be

What an interesting and fascinating subject Rowley Collier, ably assisted by his wife Peggy, gave to the assembled company "Let's Talk Gemstones". He talked about the Dagenham Agates that initially were formed in the paint shop and how they were to become a semi-precious stone. He then went on to describe how it was felt that very few, if any, jewellers in the early 1900s had very much understanding of semi-precious and precious stones. From this early beginning the first courses for jewellers were set up by the goldsmiths of London, and the first certificate was issued in 1909.

Rowley talked about the crown jewels, and especially the Timor Ruby. He enthused about diamonds, explaining about the cut, the clarity also inclusions, the colour and the carat of the



stone. We learnt about opals and the different colourations, also that the black opal is rare and valuable. Rowley went on to explain about the rules concerning ivory and how it can be distinguished from fakes. Ivory has lines on the surface, fake ivory does not. The palm nut comes in here because it looks like ivory, but is very hard and can also be carved. Rowley really knew his subject and he had also brought along many examples of semi-precious stones.

We then heard from two other visitors who had come from Felstead Aid. This is a charity helping deprived children in the Ukraine for whom the ladies of our Women's Institute have been knitting blankets. 24 blankets were presented to Pauline to take with her when she visits the Ukraine in the autumn. She told us about the effects of Chernobyl and how the

Our August Meeting will be an Auction and open to everyone. Please bring along any unwanted items to be auctioned off. There will not be a competition this month.



Members were given a very interesting talk on hedgehogs by Christine and Chris at the June

Meeting. These nocturnal creatures with their hoglets are very vulnerable as there are many dangers in the form of pesticides and slug pellets used in gardens which are deadly to them. Wild-life friendly products are available from your local garden centre, but failing this, salt and vinegar mixed with water will deal with weed control. Compost heaps and bonfires are also favourite sleeping places for hedgehogs and should be checked for "residents" thus saving them from injury or death.

It is hoped an outing can be arranged for some time in September. More information to follow.

Sylvia Ward

original children are now adults and producing children of their own, the legacy of nuclear disaster lives on as their children are being born with unknown diseases and also deformities.

A little belatedly we celebrated our 65th birthday. This should have been in May but with all the changes it somehow got put on the back burner. Never mind, we had a cake, with candles, that had been made by Sue Clarke which was really delicious. She had also made a sugar free cake for our diabetic contingent and we all sang Happy Birthday. A very enjoyable evening.

Joy Rolfe



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

The weather is hot at the moment and so were the actions being

decided at the Committee Meeting on July 9th. Thanks to an increase in bookings and cutting of our costs things are looking better for the Hall. The increase in activity has sparked a full spate of events that the committee is planning to put on. It has been decided to make a Facebook page for the Village Hall to make us more approachable to the younger members of the Village. With all Facebook sites, content is critical so if people have suggestions for content please let me know.

Mary and Jackie are organising a Summer Ball with live music and hot food on August 31st. "Dress to Impress" tickets are on sale now for £20 per person and are available from Jackie (Treasurer) and Mary (Bookings) - see front cover of Messenger for contact details. An event that I have not seen at the Hall is happening on October 19th and it's a "Bingo Night". Details to follow. This is to replace the traveling theatre which has not received funding from the County Council. 'Mind, Body and Soul' is the new event for the Village Hall and is booked for Saturday November 9th. Doors open at 10am and we expect to finish at 2pm. What you can expect to see are Aromatherapy, massage, beauty, facials, pedicure, organic food, charms, perfume, candles, raiki, zumba, jazzercise, keep fit, personal trainer, tarot, dance, boxing and weight management. Should be a great day. The Christmas Fayre is happening on Saturday December 7th and we will be running a competition for the children in conjunction with the event. This year the Fayre is run with the Church. December 31st is the New Year's Eve event and is looking as though it is sold out already! Saturday February 1st 2014 at 7:30 pm sees the Hall staging a Charles Dickens Magic Night, full of mirth and marvels and mysteries. We are holding a quiz in mid February. The Whist Drive is planned for the end of February. The long awaited Murder Mystery Night is mid March entitled 'Murder at St Cakes' and is set in a school Founders Day celebration.

The Film night plans are moving with committee members doing a bit of research on how other Halls in our area run their events. It's a hard life having to eat the popcorn while watching a film in a nearby village but someone has to do it!

Thinking about holding a special event? Thought of hiring the Village Hall? Our prices are very competitive with a Village resident being able to hire the main hall for as little as £14.00 per hour.

The full prices per hour are:- Village users, Main Hall £14, Millennium Hall £8, Committee Room £6, Small Hall £5, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £5, Main and Millennium Hall £20

Non Village resident Main Hall £16.50, Millennium Hall £9.50, Committee Room £7, Small Hall £6, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £6, Main and Millennium Hall £23.

Over the last few years it has been upgraded to one of the better halls in the area with the exterior painting, new kitchen, new toilets, interior painting, floors sealed, new cleaning regime, new heating controls and a large de-clutter. Details of the Hall are on the web site or if you have not been down to the hall recently why not take a look and see if we can help you? Mary Fawcett is in charge of our booking and her details are on the inside cover of The Bromley Messenger.

We are looking to finish all the good work that we have started in our Hall and will be applying for a Grant so that we can sort out the Billiard room floor. I will keep you all posted as to the progress.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall in 2013

Next meeting Tuesday 10th September at the earlier time of **7:30pm**. As always all welcome.

David Beech

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

I was thinking about weeds the other day. I do think about weeds. A lot. I know it's sad, but they seem, at this time of year, to take up a vast proportion of my gardening time. I was thinking about how, when the cultivated plants appear to be struggling with not enough water/ too much water/not enough sun/too much sun, the weeds thrive. It made me think that perhaps we should take a leaf out of nature's book, and cultivate our weeds. After all, a weed is only a plant in the wrong place (for us, not the plant!). I don't know about your gardens, but I admit I love cow parsley in the spring and campions in the summer, and my foxgloves, which are completely self seeded are magnificent.

The dandelions and daisies are lovely, and anyone who has a wild flower area is, after all, cultivating weeds. Even deadly nightshade is pretty, and wild arums, which positively abound in my garden, have the most beautiful berries. This brings me to another point - wildlife. We bemoan the apparent demise of butterflies, but if we kill off all the plants that their caterpillars feed on, we will have no adults. Red Admiral caterpillars live on nettles, Painted Ladies eat thistles, Small and Large Blue eat wild thyme, and Orange Tips eat honesty and Ladies smock. However I do agree that Cabbage Whites decimate the brassicas! Slugs and snails are a nightmare for the tender vegetables, but the hedgehogs (whose numbers are in decline) adore them as do several species of bird. I love

watching thrushes breaking the shells of snails on the patio in order to eat them.

Everyone knows about the huge reduction in numbers of the honey bee, and I must admit that I haven't seen a single one this year, but I have seen huge numbers of bumble bees who seem to pollinate the flowers just as efficiently. Many varieties nest in the ground or under a pile of stones or wood, and seem to like shady weedy areas. Even midges and mosquitoes are food for swifts and swallows and also bats.

However, does anyone know what is the purpose of wasps or common house flies?

So in summary, perhaps we should all be more relaxed about the whole thing and rejoice in the wildlife and plants that have

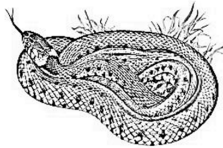
decided to call our gardens home.

I must just share a sighting by my compost heap of a 3 foot grass snake, which gave me quite a start- and yes it really was 3 feet long. Hopefully we have a family of them somewhere.

I hope your gardens are all blooming and you have time, in this glorious weather to sit back and enjoy them. After all, if you don't, what's the point?

P.S. Has anyone seen any ladybirds this year?

Kate Strowbridge



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TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

I think summer has arrived at last and the temperatures

have soared. The farm is now busy getting ready for harvest and the planning as to whether we have the straw in round bales, flat 8's or mini hestons!!!. All have their own roles within the outdoor pigs. The pig feed remains high and the herd is minimal at the moment to make the feed bill as lean as possible. Soon for a short time the tractor and trailer will be on the road carting the straw bales.

It has been reported that we have had a Red Kite on the far meadow and the Barn Owl is now regularly hunting the hedgerows at dusk. There have been reports of adders spotted locally so please careful when walking the public footpath across the field.

Farm Butcher's shop is getting busy with sausages high on everyone's menu this summer. Farmers' markets are becoming

popular again with boast of the ever popular Tendring Show.

Son David's tug of war regional competition was a great success with the Essex Young farmers winning. They are saying it's down to the technique and strength - might be down to the sausages he eats!!!

We are now getting organised for the repeat of the now very popular Nick Rose Cookery demonstration where he has already said he is preparing the dishes - Alder smoked Primrose Shoulder with apricot Chutney, Texas style sweet and stick ribs, Roasted leg mashed potato and pickled walnut gravy, and Loin Piccarto style and rosemary polenta. All on Saturday 24th August 11-3pm.

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and enjoy the tasting everyone welcome.

Karen Moss

A DAY TRIP TO THE FARNE ISLANDS

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting a large sea bird nesting colony on the Farne Islands which are situated just off the Northumberland coast.



My quest was to see a rare adult **Bridled Tern** which is a scarce vagrant to the UK.

This bird's breeding areas

include the Caribbean, Mauritania, Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.

The Bridled Tern is a handsome bird; it has a distinct head pattern with a white forehead and dark laurel stripes. The upper parts are grey brown with a darker rump with the under parts being white. The legs and bill are black.

So it was on a bright sunny morning in July I departed from the coastal town of Seahouses. I then boarded a fishing boat

called Glad Tidings for a 30 minute trip to the Islands.

Shortly after landing I made a quick walk along the jetty to scan the islands with my telescope. To my surprise I immediately saw the Bridled Tern. The bird was perched openly on seaweed strewn rocks in front of several Kittiwakes and a few Common and Arctic Terns. However, shortly after it was sighted it flew off with the melee of sea birds out to sea and was lost from my view but 20 minutes later I relocated it as it preened itself on nearby rocks close to the jetty.

I departed the Farne Islands mid-morning after an eventful day.

Bruce Root

Interested in birdwatching?

whether a beginner or advanced?

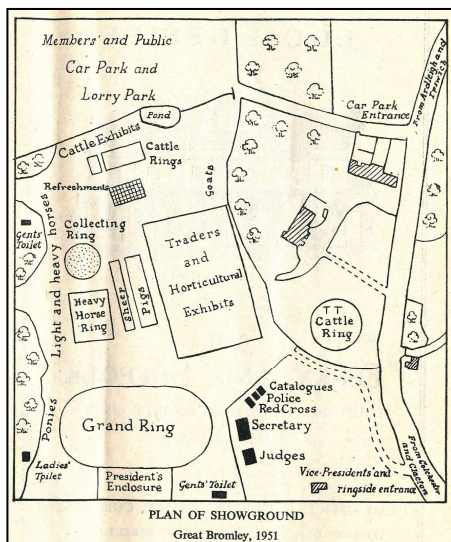
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A GREAT SHOW ON OUR DOORSTEP

The Tendring Hundred Show on the 13th July thankfully enjoyed gorgeous weather! The organisers, the TH Farmers' Club, were not so lucky last year when an overnight deluge onto already sodden ground meant lots of vehicles got stuck in the mud! That did add to the community spirit, having strong cheerful people and tractors work together to help extricate them, but let's hope that doesn't happen again.

We are very fortunate to have such a show right on our doorstep. For those of us in Great Bromley the show used to be even more local, when it was rather smaller. After the war it was held on the fields behind the cricket pitch and rectory. Elizabeth Stewart, née Clachan, well remembers as a girl the excitement of showing sheep in the ring there. The programme from 1951 shows us a map:



Before the Second World War I believe the show used to move to the farm or proximity of that year's Club President. The 1911 show was at Mistley, where the first ever sheep dog trial in the East of England was held.

I am told that one year in the 1950s it was moved to the fields east of Parsons Hill before going to its new, permanent location in Lawford. My mother says it was held for a year or two in fields the other side of the road, before moving into the park in 1958; she was friendly with the owner, Mrs Minney and her famous husband, Rubeigh (who was usually abroad with the film industry).

There is little about the history of the show to be easily found online. The first was held in 1899 yet this year's was billed as only the 98th Annual Show. Reports say that postwar, only 2001 had to be cancelled owing to Foot and Mouth. My mother's diary reveals that the 1960 show was the Golden Jubilee... it rained very hard indeed, making the tea tent incredibly popular! (Ironically, there was no rain falling in Great Bromley that day.)

So if 1960 was No. 50, and only one was cancelled since, No. 100 should have been last year, by my maths? Either there were other cancellations post war - for example there was a bad Foot & Mouth outbreak in 1952, and Foul Pest outbreaks in the 60s - or someone may have lost count!

Perhaps I should explain the term "Tendring Hundred" as newcomers may not be familiar with it. Hundreds date from Saxon times and were used as administrative areas within counties, thought to approximate to a land area able to support 100 families, and named after the main meeting place, in our case the village of Tendring.

My children and I love going to the Tendring Hundred Show; so much to see and do, yet it's smaller and more friendly than the Essex or Suffolk shows. If you have never been then you are missing a great day out. Put the second Saturday in July 2014 in your diary now!

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2013 EVENTS



AUGUST

- 7 WI outing
- 9 Footpath Maintenance Day, Cross Inn car park, 9.30am (see p25 for details)
- 13 MacMillan Support Coffee Morning, Tether's End, Ardleigh Rd, 10.00am
- 14 Gt Bromley Parish council meeting, Village Hall
- 15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 18 Folk/Music Day, Lt Bromley church, 12.30pm onwards
- 20 Manning Grove Reservoir Appeal, Chelmsford (see p23 for details)
- 31 End of Summer Ball, Village Hall, Village Hall, 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Julian Smith from "Britain's Got Talent", St George's church, 7.30pm
- 19 WEA Autumn Term - Greatest Greek Myths, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm (p21)
- Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 22 Harvest Festival and Lunch, St George's church
- 28 Bingo Night, Lt Bromley Amenities Group, The Haywain, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- 1 Badminton, Village Hall, 5.00pm
- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Harvest service, Lt Bromley church
- 9 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 19 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall

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Lawford Venture Centre

1st Lawford Scouts are holding a fund raising dance in aid of Urology Cancer Support Group in Colchester on Saturday 7th September 2013, 7.30 - 11.30pm Live music & DJ, Massive Raffle, Bar & Buffet.. Tickets on sale now @£6.00 per adult & children under 12 Free For further information or tickets phone 01206 395581 or 07761475515

St George's church
Friday, 13th September

Julian Smith Star of Britain's Got Talent

7.30pm

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(2+2)

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Folk Day at Little Bromley

Sunday August 18th, 12.30-5.00

Fun for the whole family at our first Folk
Day at Little Bromley Church.

***Original Music and Old Favourites** from
The River Band, Small Talk, Oliver Daltry
and many others.

*Join in with a special free session with
Soakin' Sound – an amazing community
singing group – (no reading music
involved), whatever your age or level, you
will find yourself singing original, dynamic
three part harmonies! Guaranteed!

*Try your hand (and feet) at **Folk
Dancing!** A chance to give it a whirl in
generous company. Local experts to lead
the way! Having fun a priority...

***Have a go!** at playing a banjo – or a
ukelele – or a mandolin!

* Other attractions to be announced.

FREE TO ALL!

Inexpensive light lunches, tea, coffee and
homemade cakes available for purchase.

All proceeds and donations go to The
Churches' Conservation Trust who do
such a great job of looking after our
beautiful Little Bromley Church.

If you are interested in performing, would
like to help, or for more details contact
Dorothy at 01206 299 563 or
07791974053

Coming Events

6 October Harvest service
21 December Carol Service



MACMILLAN SUPPORT Coffee Morning

Tuesday, 13th August
10.00am-1.00pm

You are warmly invited to come to Tether's
End, Ardleigh Road, Gt Bromley (230537)
and support our fundraising effort for this
most worthwhile cause. Tea, coffee (or soft
drinks), cake and chatter are the order of the day
- there will also be a raffle and goodies for
sale. If you are able to let us know you are
coming, that would be lovely, but you are very
welcome to just turn up on the day - the more the
merrier, is what we say. Look forward to
seeing you, Brenda & Richard Perry
NB - we know the official day is in September,
but, for various reasons, we can't 'do our bit' in
that month!



Badminton

will start on 1st October
5-7 pm in Village Hall

Cost probably around £1.50 each, but
depends on how many people.

Please bring racquets, and wear non
marking shoes.

Kitchen will not be available, so please
bring drinks if required.



GREATEST GREEK MYTHS

Tutor: Dominique Nightingale
Autumn Term commencing Thursday 19th September 2013 for 10 weeks with a half term on 31st October 2013
at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh
Thursday Afternoons from 2.30 to 4.00

Dominique writes about her course as follows:

"A woman turning men into pigs, a soldier prince sulking in his tent, an adulterous affair that started a war – these thrillers packed with all too human drama provide uncanny insights into ourselves. Starting with the dysfunctional family of the Olympian gods through the bloody battles of Troy, the wanderings of Ulysses, the heartbreak of Ariadne and the pranks of Hermes, each week the course will explore the long-lasting influence which these 2,000-year-old tales have exercised on artists, writers, philosophers, composers and filmmakers. Above all, we will discover what we can all learn from Greek myths today."

From classical scholars to computer games, why do Greek myths have such a lasting and universal appeal? We shall find the answer in some of the myths themselves".

As usual please come along to the first week and see if it is the course for you, if it is, payment, which I believe will be around £44.50 has to be paid on the second week's attendance.

There will be books to borrow on the subject and we have a tea break about half way through the proceedings. The course will include slides, music and discussion.

For anyone attending our previous course and voting for the subject we would have liked next, you will realise this subject was not even mentioned. Soon after our last

meeting we were told that we had John Parker who was our first choice for the September Term, unfortunately, at very late notice he has found a full time occupation and is no longer available to come in September. This left the WEA trying to fill about 10 courses that John had said he would take. Dominique has very kindly agreed to take on the Ardleigh course. Having met her last week and discussed the course with her I am sure that it will be most enjoyable and informative. She intends to relate the myths to the modern day and some of the thoughts she presented to us were really interesting

If you are interested please turn up on the 19th September or if you require further information please contact myself, John Terry (Chairman) on 01206 230490 or email me on john@terrysterrys.org.uk or Jill Frostick (Secretary) on 01206 250263.

Manning Grove Reservoir Appeal

The appeal against Essex County Council's refusal to grant permission for the proposed reservoir will be heard in County Hall, Chelmsford at 10am on Tuesday 20th August. The Planning Inspector has the discretion to hear comments from those attending, but it is important not to underestimate the influence that your attendance alone may have. We've written letters and emails and attended local meetings, but now is the time to stand up and be counted. It may be the last chance to show the strength of feeling about this matter. Please, please attend the hearing if you can. Richard Perry is looking into the viability of hiring coach for the journey. If you would like to use it, please call him on 01206 230537.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

As I write this we are several days into the warm, sunny weather, and long may it continue! At the July Parish meeting we discussed the recent unfortunate spate of criminal damage offences upon cars at Church Meadow. The police were invited to attend the meeting (as they always are) however were absent. The Parish Council were lead to believe that the incidents had now ceased but nevertheless, we would ask residents who use the car park to remain vigilant at all times, particularly as these damages were apparently caused in the daytime. It was also drawn to the Parish Council's attention that a number of trees within the village have been mysteriously cut down. There could of course be a perfectly valid reason for this however you are urged to report to the police anything you perceive to be suspicious.

On a more positive note, Councillors are continuing to monitor the footpaths in the village and take action to deal with overgrowth where appropriate. This may include making reports to Highways, or at times undertaking the cutting back themselves. Councillors are also volunteering to ensure that the village remains clean and tidy. Over the next few weeks you will see Councillors painting the

benches and the village sign. A litter pick has also been arranged for later in the year. The Councillors do of course undertake these things free of charge, which ultimately saves the village money which would otherwise be expended on employing external contractors.

The Carringtons Reservoir planning application remains a hot topic. The appeal is due to take place at County Hall, Chelmsford in August. The Parish Council have it on good authority that the more people who attend the appeal from the Village the better, a good turnout potentially making all the difference. To that end arrangements are being made for group transport to the appeal hearing - see elsewhere in the messenger.

Lastly - you may have seen in the local press recently that residents in the Tendring area are reportedly poor in terms of recycling. The Parish Council will be pleased at the next meeting to welcome Councillor Turner from TDC, who will come and discuss recycling matters with us. All members of the public are welcome to attend, as always.

Laura Austin, Clerk

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE DAY

Could you spare some time on **FRIDAY 9th AUGUST** to join our work party and help make sure that our Public Rights of Way are accessible and walkable? The paths are cleared twice a year by the local authority but need interim maintenance to ensure overgrowth doesn't get out of hand. The work isn't hard - appropriate clothing and a pair of shears or secateurs is all that is required - and it is a really good opportunity for you to see parts of our

lovely village that you may not have come across before. You need to be between the ages of 18 - 70, fit, wear robust, protective, high-viz clothing and if you could bring along your own worktools, that would be great. If you are willing to lend a hand, please tell Brenda or Richard - e-mail perrybr@btinternet.com or tel no 01206 230537 (can leave message on ansafone if necessary). We intend to start work at 10.00am and ask volunteers to gather at The Cross Inn Car Park at 9.30 am.



PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS by TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL in GREAT BROMLEY		
APP REF / DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00572/FUL - approval, full	1 Alma Cottages Briar Road Great Bromley	Construction of new Edwardian Style Conservatory 5mx3m to side of house
13/00357/FUL - approval, full	Southerndown Frating Road Great Bromley	Construction of new single storey garage (following demolition of existing garage)
13/01450/FUL - approval, full	Land off Hall Road, Great Bromley	Proposed change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home to supervise a Free Range Poultry Unit

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED at JULY MEETING

APP REF / DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	PC Decision
13/00678/HHPNOT	2 Firtree Cottages Stone Road Great Bromley	Conservatory 3.3m wide, 3.640m deep, 2.5m high (extension beyond original wall 5.340m)	No comment
13/00706/FUL	Harwin Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JJ	Erection of a Summerhouse in the Garden	Objection - details in PC minutes

RECYCLING

Are you happy with TDC's Waste Recycling?

Do you have questions about how the TDC recycling is performing?

Would you like to hear how TDC are planning to improve their recycling rates and their league table position?

Do you have any suggestions that can improve the TDC recycling?

Cllr Nick Turner, Portfolio holder for Environment and Coastal Protection and Mr Tim Clarke Street Scene Manager – the two people responsible for recycling in TDC will attend the August Great Bromley Parish Council on Tuesday 14th August at 7:30 in the Village Hall – all are welcome to come and listen and put questions / suggestions to the people who can make a difference to the way recycling is done in Tendring



ESSEX POLICE

If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967 466876, or 101 ex 487603 (free phone) or email me rachael.oscroft@essex.pnn.police.uk. Please note if you leave a message I will try to reply to your call the day I am next on duty.

Rachael Oscroft PCSO 72834

Incidents for Gt Bromley for June 2013

Criminal Damage - St Georges car park
x3 - cars damaged

- Frating Road - Tyre slashed

Harassment - Back Lane East

Assault - Harwich Road

PCSO 72834 Rachael Oscroft

KEN BROMFIELD 1942-2013



Educationalist, Parish Clerk and CAB Volunteer

Ken Bromfield, who has died peacefully at home after a well-borne illness, will probably be best remembered in the local community for his outstanding service as parish clerk for the period 2002 – 2012. However, many also greatly appreciated his role as guitar and mandolin player in the village folk group based at the Cross Inn and a much larger group of people in Tendring benefitted from the sound advice given over many years by Ken as a volunteer at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Manningtree.

Although his family came from London, Ken was born in Oswestry where his father's regiment was stationed during the war. He arrived somewhat unexpectedly and legend has it that, no cot or crib being available, Ken spent his first weeks in a suitcase! He eventually returned to London and studied physics at Queen Mary College after which he volunteered for the government-sponsored programme Graduate Service Overseas. His first assignment in 1965 was to teach maths and science in Lesotho, a tiny country in the middle of South Africa. He flew each term by light aircraft to a remote mountain village school, living in isolation from his graduate peers within the native community. He had travelled out to Lesotho with a small group of graduates amongst whom was Marion, his future wife. However, courtship was not that easy in those early days and he only managed to socialise with her during the school holidays!

Ken spent the rest of his working life in academic management, including the British Council, his last job being with the Open University in London. By this time he was well settled in Great Bromley and, looking for other challenges after retirement, he offered to become Clerk to Great Bromley Parish Council when the vacancy arose.

He joined Great Bromley Parish Council as clerk in 2002 and worked tirelessly in support of the council and community for 10 years. Ken was very well suited to the job and this was welcome news to James Heaney and Martin Frostick who were parish council chairmen during his tenure.

Ken was a competent and hardworking member of the parish council who was generous with his time, always doing far more than his job description. He brought a huge amount of knowledge and expertise to the council, both from his previous career and also from his deep involvement with the Tendring CAB. Indeed, he not only used this knowledge to advise the council but also offered excellent informal advice to individual councillors on a wide range of topics when asked! His knowledge of the law and finance was comprehensive and having him there as responsible financial officer was most reassuring.

Ken was well versed in technology and by the end of his term in office he had designed, launched and managed a website for the parish council. He had a good memory, paid real attention to detail and took great pride in all that he did. He managed all of this work from an ad-hoc parish office located in a spare bedroom.

One highlight of his time with the parish council which many will remember was his involvement with the village Fundays. Ken was invaluable as a member of the Funday Committee and in particular advising on technical and legal aspects of the events as well as playing a key role in their implementation.

He volunteered to be secretary to the Poorlands Trust in the village and held this appointment for 10 years. He was also actively involved in many other facets of village life and regularly supported functions and activities as well as providing a huge amount of support, expertise and encouragement to Marion in her role as PCC treasurer. He also loved the local countryside and often could be seen walking the lanes with Marion.

Ken contributed a lot to parish life and will be greatly missed as colleague and friend by parish councillors and fellow musicians past and present, as well as by his family.

Martin Frostick

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

As most of you will be aware, I have a tough job to do this month, which is to bid farewell to Dr Mathew Hunt, "MH" to his colleagues, who will be leaving the practice and moving on to a more peaceful, relaxed existence from 2nd September. Rumour has it that he is moving to Italy to grow apples and keep hens.

As far as the surgery is concerned, I think everyone would agree that Dr Hunt's time here has been spectacular in many ways. Along with "NC", Dr Cavenagh – plus of course Drs George ("MG") and Steiner ("NS") – he transplanted the practice from its old home in what is now Bentley House, into "The Hollies", which has been improved and extended four times so that it now boasts eleven consulting rooms plus (just) enough space for its ever increasing admin needs. Over the years here our patient population has risen sharply, which has led to the number of clinicians increasing to 7 GPs, 3 Nurses and 3 Healthcare Assistants. Additionally, we now host a variety of other clinics – midwives, health visitors, counsellors, physiotherapists, an osteopath, podiatrists, a smoking cessation expert and a patient care advisor.

This time has also seen our patient record keeping transfer from paper to computers, the introduction of telephone consultations and the dreaded e-mail. The practice website is now old-hat. The roles of Nurse Practitioner and Healthcare Assistant have come from nowhere; there are countless new treatments and a vast array of modern drugs. Dr Hunt also led us to "Training Practice" status, so for the last 14 years we have trained a succession of aspiring GPs before releasing them on the outside world. They have a lot to thank him for. The energy of the then three "young" partners (NS, NC and MH that is) kept us at the forefront of innovation for a generation

and led in 1997 to the establishment of The Green Pharmacy, which serves the whole area, not just our patients, regularly processing 17,000 prescription items a month – many of them delivered direct to people's homes – as well as being an excellent source of quality pharmacy goods and services.

I have been lucky enough to work with the doctors for 21 years now and one thing that has been notably constant over that time is their determination to foster good customer care, fairness and cheerful teamwork throughout the staff. As a result, we have a terrific and stable team who actually seem to enjoy coming to work each day, and who always have the good of the practice – that means you, the patients – at heart.

With Dr Hunt going and Dr Cavenagh gradually withdrawing from the scene, the new generation of "young" partners have the unenviable task of matching their achievements by taking the practice forward even further. You can be sure that those who head the team from September, Drs Bhatti, O'Reilly and Nambi – shortly to be joined by Drs Karen Chumbley and Bhavini Muir – will make a great job of it. I don't think there's anything more to add this month other than to say, "Cheers Dr Hunt. Thanks for looking after us so brilliantly and being such an asset to the area over the years, and we all wish you every happiness, wherever your new life takes you."

Hugh Cronin
Practice Manager, Great Bentley Surgery

For Sale

Modern Bentley Piano, in good condition but needs tuning. Little used. Buyer collects. Any reasonable offer. Ring Sue on 01206 251949





St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

ST HELENA HOSPICE



St Helena Hospice Cycle Ride

St Helena Hospice is pleased to announce that early bird registration is now open for the new St Helena Hospice Cycle Ride event taking place on Saturday 22nd September 2013. Participants can choose from one of three routes covering 7 miles, 25 miles and 54 miles through some of the beautiful Constable countryside and villages starting and finishing at Monks Farm, Cole Oaks, Dedham. Start times are between 9.30am and 11.30am depending on the distance selected.

Early bird registration closes on Friday 13th September but you will still be able to register on the day at our standard rates.

The registration fee covers administration, the event pack, refreshments and medals so all

cyclists are encouraged to raise as much money through sponsorship as possible which will directly help St Helena Hospice.

Those who want to participate can register by downloading a form from www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/cyclerride, printing off the form, filling it out and returning it, along with payment, to Cycle Ride, St Helena Hospice, Fundraising Office, Angora Business Park, Peartree Road, Colchester CO3 0AB. For a paper copy of the form or for any other enquiries contact the Events and Community team on events@sthelenahospice.org.uk or on 01206 791740.

If you're not a keen cyclist maybe you know someone that is. Help St Helena Hospice let people know about their latest new event.



SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

What a Sport!

What a great sport our Volunteer Co-ordinator is! Whatever may be going on here at Seven Rivers, one thing you can be sure of - Pauline Melton will be in the thick of it!

She and team-mate Linda Short, who is on our Admin. Team, were the driving force again for this year's Summer Fete. They, along with a big supporting cast of staff, residents, relatives, friends and volunteers, organised another lovely day for us at the end of June.

After weeks of inclement weather, the sun shone brightly through just the right amount of gentle cloud cover while a cool breeze ensured we did not overheat as we did the rounds of the many stalls that awaited us.

Top of the list, of course, was the game PM who did a crowd-pleasing turn in the stocks - a great "splash-splash" that made lots of dosh (above right)!!

We had arena events from the Ilaz Troupe of Dancers and the Stagecoach Drama Group followed by our much-anticipated

Fancy Dress Competition for the children (below right).

And, of course we had refreshments aplenty with a bar, tea room and barbie - something for everyone!

So, our thanks to Pauline, Linda and the team; and to everyone who came along to make such a grand day of it.

Together we raised over £2,000 to add to the tremendous total of £20,000 which Mick Brown and his biker pals have raised over the years (see last month's article), all of which goes straight into the Residents' Amenities Fund.

We'll see you all again next year!

Colin File, Volunteer Newsletter Editor.



KITCHEN CORNER

Raspberry Buns

These are easy to make and fun for children to try.

225 g (8oz) SR flour

Pinch of salt

85 g (3oz) butter or margarine

85 g (3oz) caster sugar

2 medium eggs

Raspberry jam.

1. Sieve flour and salt into a mixing bowl and rub in the butter till like fine breadcrumbs.
2. Stir in the sugar, make a well in the centre, add the eggs and mix to a stiff dough.
3. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and form into a roll. Cut into 10 pieces and shape these into balls.
4. Place on lightly greased baking tray.
5. Make a hole in the middle of each and fill with a little raspberry jam. Close the

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for June



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| 1st. | Mr. Sam Halsey |
| 2nd. | Miss Sophie Allam |
| 3rd. | Mrs. Yvonne Foley |

holes carefully and dust the tops with a little caster sugar.

6. Bake at 200 C 390 F 15—20 minutes till golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Best eaten fresh!

Jill Frostick



DIARY OF A VILLAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL

Planning and preparation began in 2012. Decisions to be made, flower arrangers to be contacted, much to do and discuss but this year the team included Susan Scott, Carol Cordwell (who kindly volunteered to organise the raffle and sponsorship) and Barbara Hall (refreshments). We were all set to go and June 2013 came round very quickly

Wednesday June 26th. Flowers, Foliage, Trees, props and pots and flower arrangers began to arrive, our Flower Festival had begun. A merry buzz flower arrangers cheerful chatter filled the air. The displays of Winnie the Pooh, Ballet Shoes and the Gruffalo started to take shape.

Thursday June 27th a flurry of Flower Arrangers arrived early – buckets, boxes, bags filled to the brim with all things necessary to produce wonderful designs and creations centred around the theme of Children's Books. How many blocks of oasis were used today? How many cups of tea or coffee?

At 10.30 a team of volunteers arrived to put up the tent kindly borrowed from the Amenities Group in Little Bromley. Tables arranged ready for Messy Church, Bric a Brac and Tombola. Thank you to Peter Scott who expertly draped the bunting.

At 12.30 work on the flower arrangements halted briefly for a shared lunch, wonderful quiches, salads, rolls kindly provided by all, shared by all and we were able to eat in the tent as the sun began to shine. Work continued all day – well into the evening when Estelle and two friends worked until 10pm to complete the pew ends. Our resident bat families definitely enjoyed the company that evening as they swooped in and out of the North Door.

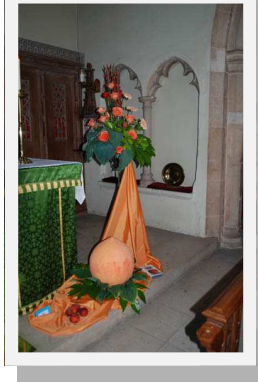
AND Also today the very important "Tardis Loo" was cleaned (thank goodness!!)

Friday June 28th. The weather forecast today was not good stewards, tea makers,

stall holders arrived on the dot of 9.30 to begin our first day of celebrations, but we were in for a treat. Thank you Melanie for organising a full programme of music by St George's School, Recorders, Guitarists, Flautists, and Pianists entertained throughout the day. A very special moment came in the afternoon when Class 3 sang to us, You Raise me Up, The South African National Anthem and the newly composed St George's School Anthem to mention just a short part of a brilliant programme. The church looked amazing and it was good to see many parents of the children coming to the Festival for the Music and Flowers, despite the windy rainy conditions outside. Friday evening our band of bell ringers, ably conducted by Philip Erith, were successful in their attempt to ring a Quarter Peal. In bell ringing terms 1260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob). Our bell captain and his band are to be congratulated for their achievement. We have six bells in the Tower at St, George's and the order that night is as follows. 1 Sue Orriss, 2 Lesley Barrell, 3 Roger Carey-Smith, 4 David Wenden (bell captain), 5 Steven Cheek and 6 Philip Erith (Conductor). Thank you so much it was indeed a joyful sound and living so close to the church I enjoyed every moment. Well done everyone.

Saturday June 29th. The day dawned bright and sunny as promised by the B.B.C. weather forecast.

The W.I were supporting the church today by running a cake, bric a brac and plant sale. Ann & Mary had a fantastic sales pitch – not a person passed by the stall without putting hand into pocket for a purchase (or two). Thank you Great Bromley W.I for sharing 50% of your profits with the church. The church filled with sunlight and music and was a joy to behold. The music today provided by Stephen and Gregory was magnificent. The door stewards were particularly busy today and refreshments, cakes and coffee for £1.50 were rushed off



their feet. Many people chose to sit outside today to enjoy the bright, although rather breezy, weather. Stephen also had handmade pots for sale. Thank you Stephen for donating 50% to the church.

Sunday June 30th. The sun shone, visitors old and new, friends, neighbours and family visited, we had a super day – Seven Rivers Cheshire Home also held their Summer Fete and many people also came to see our Festival. Thank you to all those who managed both events.

Dorothy and Johnnie entertained on violin and cello today – thank you both so much and Gregory played many jolly popular tunes on the organ – very much appreciated.

The climax of Sunday's Festival was our Community Songs of Praise. A wonderful evening, fun, happiness shone from all corners of St. George's. Thank you to all who contributed to this super service.

Delicious tasty refreshments, wine and soft drinks were served afterwards many friends old and new lingering late to chat, enjoying

our first warm summer's evening for some time. Our sincere thanks to Laura Garnham for leading our Songs of Praise. Thank you to all the organisations of the village represented at the service. Thank you to Neil Stock, chairman of Tendring District Council who found time in his busy schedule to be with us.

Thank you and more thank you's to all of you in our village who have supported us this year. We have enjoyed your support particularly this month and during the interregnum we have to raise money (lots) to keep our beautiful historic church building standing for future generations, but, it is just as important to know we have the support and friendship of the village community. We want to share our church with you. Thank you all so very, very much, all our hard work is then worthwhile.

Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden

THANKS

Flower Festival, St. George's Church, Great Bromley

The P.C.C. of St. George's thank everyone in the Benefice who contributed to the success of the Flower Festival last month. The enthusiasm of all who organised the event, created the wonderful arrangements, designed the posters, entertained with music, manned the various stalls and gave of their time, was overwhelming.

St. George's School printed the posters and programmes. There were generous donations of sponsorship and the raffle prizes. Several hundred raffle tickets were purchased. We had many visitors. The quiz challenged quite a number of people, but there were three winners of book tokens.

As a result of your generosity, the magnificent sum of £1942.72 was raised,

after expenses. The theme of 'Children's Books' delighted everyone.

Again, heartfelt thanks to you all, with a special thank you to Jenny Nicholls. Her unstinting energy was the power behind the whole event.

Susan Scott



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROM-



Church of England Services August

Sunday 4th	8.00am	Trinity 10 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 11th	8.00am	Trinity 11 Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Thursday 15th	7.30pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary - Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist with Procession <i>The Revd Bryan Snaith will Preside and Preach</i> <i>Incense will be used at this service</i>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Trinity 12 Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 25th	8.00am	Trinity 13 Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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