



The First Page

The election, and the frenzy leading up to it, is over - thank goodness. We now know who has been voted in and our MPs, councillors, both district and parish, are settling in to their new roles working for the good of all of us. We wish Kate all the best in her new role as chairperson of Gt Bromley parish council.

I sit here writing this in the garden in the sun with a bad back brought on by overdoing the gardening and can only watch it grow! - at speed! So I catch up with my reading instead.

As usual much is going on in the villages, amongst other things the Flower Festival, and I look forward to seeing the open gardens, spotting scarecrows and seeing the church filled with flowers. I only hope the umbrella theme wards off unwanted showers!

At the Rogation service recently to bless the growth of crops, animals and those who work the land held this year at Park Farm we sang the hymn 'We plough the fields ...' but with a modern twist to the words which I reproduce here as they represent rather well how efficient farming is today and yet also how, despite everything, people still go hungry. It makes you think ... We plough the fields with tractors, With drills we sow the land; But growth is still dependent On God's almighty hand. Organic fertilizers Will help the growing grain, But for its full fruition It needs God's sun and rain

All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all his love.

To gather in the harvest Machines now lead the way. We reap the fields with combines, We bale the new mown hay; But it is God who gives us Inventive skills and drive; Which lighten daily labour And give us fuller lives!

Then why are people starving When we have life so good? And some in crowded cities Search dustbins for their food; And even some go hungry Who farm in distant lands; Lord, help us learn more swiftly To share with open hands.

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND 26TH, 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH JUNE

St George's Church, Great Bromley Friday 26th 10.00am-5.00pm Saturday 27th 10.00am-5.00pm Sunday 28th 12 noon-4.00pm Monday 29th 10.00am-5.00pm

"Jolly Brolly Folly"

Come and see the wonderful displays. There will also be an art exhibition, various stalls, refreshments, music and a raffle.

No entry charge, but donations will be gratefully received in order to continue the

Open Gardens

Sunday 28th June 12.00 Noon - 5.00pm

In Aid of St George's Church, Great Bromley and St Helena's Hospice, Colchester

Programmes available in advance from The Courthouse, Primrose Pork & Dean's Nurseries.

Also from St. George's Church during the Flower Festival (26th/27th/28th).

Charge: £3.00 per person. Children to age 16, free.

NO Dogs, except Disability Support Dogs

Further information available from Kate Strowbridge 230211 and Marion Bromfield 230089



9TH JUNE

Also enjoy the Scarecrow Festival in Little and Great Bromley, and the Open Gardens.

We look forward to greeting you.

Further information from Jenny Nicholls 230688, Carol Cordwell 395103 and Susan Scott 251107

The Bromleys' Scarecrow Festival & Competition



We would like to invite you to design and make a scarecrow in time for the

Great Bromley Flower festival weekend On the 26th, 27th, 28thand 29th June.

The theme is 'Brolly Folly' Can you make a scarecrow with an umbrella?

Fill in a registration form and return along with your £1 donation towards the PCC to be in our competition.

The forms will be available from 1st June at Great Bromley Church, the Post Office at the Cross Inn, Primrose Pork, Little Bromley Church entrance, the Haywain, from Carol- c/o St. George's School and from Jenny at Fryerning, Hall Road. For more details please contact: Carol on 01206 395103 or Jenny on 01206 230688

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Elections took place in May and a number of members were re-elected. The Parish Council say goodbye and a big thank you to Cllrs. Alan Thomas. Susie Burnby and Neil Skinner for their contributions to the Parish Council over the last few years. We also warmly welcome new members Clirs. Rob Lord, Hugh Frostick and Jane Coster, we look forward to working with them. The Parish Council would also like to congratulate Cllr. Kate Strowbridge on her appointment as new Chair. At the AGM the various allocation of posts were undertaken. Neil Skinner will continue to be the Parish Council's webmaster (Thank you Neil!) and Jane Coster will take over the role of Transport representative following Mrs. Ann Jones' move from the village - we would like to thank her for her input over the years. Brenda Perry will remain the Council's footpath warden, and for anyone who doesn't know Brenda she works tirelessly with husband, Richard, in this role!

Every year the Chairman prepares an annual report which summarises the Parish Council's work over the year and which is delivered at our meeting. Next year we are going to include copies of this in the Messenger but in the meantime should anyone like a copy please email me at <u>clerk@gbpc.org.uk</u>.

Could I ask that any member of the village noticing a maintenance issue within the village - of any sort - to report them to me please. The Parish Council now has a fund available to pay for this along with a spreadsheet of tasks to be undertaken. Cllr. Frostick has agreed to oversee the maintenance list so a tidier village should be seen before long. We are also looking at funding in order to replace a memorial bench at the rear of the village Hall.

At the meeting the Council also received a report from Cllr. Hardy regarding Hare Green. In conjunction with the children at

the school it has been decided that wooden structures will be installed. Drainage works will be undertaken initially with completion scheduled for the Summer.

The Council discussed an oversized recycling bin which has been placed in Church Meadow without any prior notice not usually a problem but some Councillors felt it an eyesore so a request will be made for a smaller one. Requests have also been made this month for dog bins to be cleaned and I will continue to liaise and remind ECC of signage problems in the village.

BUS SHELTER

The Rogers family bequeathed £5,000 towards the purchase and erection of a bus shelter opposite St George's. This has enabled the Parish Council to persuade Essex County Council to provide the balance of the funding and to erect a bus shelter in the centre of the village.

This has enabled the original bench seat to be moved across the road onto the green at St George's Close, again funded by ECC as part of the project.

We would like to thank the Rogers for their generosity in enabling this much needed asset to be provided for the use of the community. This came about as a result of the late Mrs. Rogers often sitting in her home, gazing at villagers becoming wet in torrential rain while waiting for the bus. Doubtless all bus users, particularly in the wetter months, will be grateful for this facility.

Laura Austin

VERGES - AN APPEAL FROM YOUR FOOTPATH WARDEN

As the spring progresses into early summer, and the flora grows at an ever-increasing rate, the temptation for most gardeners is to keep 'tidying up'. This 'tidying' can extend to mowing the verge outside properties. This is entirely understandable, particularly where the village is most densely populated. Most of us like to see our green places well-maintained with thoughtful management - not least to discourage litter being abandoned therein, but I would like to make an appeal to all of vou who live in the sparsely populated areas of our village. Before you decide to mow that little piece of greenery running between your hedge/fence and the road, I wonder if you could spare a thought for all the little creatures and flowers that depend on that precise little plot. We have lost so much habitat for our wildlife - you only have to look at the current amount of building on green sites to see that - and each tiny piece of undisturbed verae is now becomina critical for nature conservation. May I ask you to look at the wild flora with a child's eves and see a pretty flower - not an untidy

weed. All hedge, ditch and verge plants provide a wealth of food and protection for the things you actually like to look at - birds. small mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Those creepy-crawlies that make you shudder are the very things that sustain our fauna - slugs and spiders are the favourite food of many of them so making sure their environment is sustained is as of much benefit to you as to them. Of course, I do understand the need for control - not least to ensure visibility on our narrow lanes, but if this can be done sympathetically, then we all benefit. Thank you for reading this appeal - a last suggestion - if you feel you can respond to my words, and have one of those wildlife automatic cameras, target your undisturbed verge and see what is revealed - you never know, maybe you'll be on Autumn-Watch this year!

PLANNING				
Planning Decisions				
APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL		
15/00167/FUL Approval - Full	Westward House, Mary Lane North	Erection of double garage, storage room and external wood storage. Change of use of land to residential garden.		
15/00475/TELLIC Deemed Consent	Telephone Mast Site ESX0259, Frating Road	To install electronic communications equipment		
Planning Applications				
APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL		
15/00249/FUL	Little Oaks Harwich Road Great Bromley	Erection of stable block.		
15/00500/FUL	Landmark House Frating Road Great Bromley	Proposed rear extension and front porch.		
15/00312/FUL	1 Meadow Close, Great Bromley	Demolition of existing conservatory/ erection of extension		
15/00249/FUL – The Council resolved to object to this planning application on the same grounds as previously as this application was just considered a re-hash of a previous one that was refused.				

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Little Bromley council has been re-elected unopposed and therefore remains unchanged. We continue to serve the Parish without any expenses with the intention of maintaining this as a pleasant village. Each Councillor has their own view of changes as the opportunities arise so there is always a discussion about the item.

The opportunity to have a mains sewerage connection was offered to the village and Neil Stock has sought the opinion of parishioners before a decision is made to accept or reject the offer. At present we have a 10% return. This makes our task of deciding for the village what is the best solution, difficult. If you have not given an answer to this survey I would urge you to do so.

One of the concerns expressed has been the possible development of the village. We are assured that the village is not on 'the radar' at all. With the large developments in Lawford and Mistley there is going to be enough impact on our village with people seeking access. It would, however, be naive to think that Little Bromley is immune from new housing.

The Council would like to hear your views about ways of improving life in the village. The flower beds around the Memorial will soon be revamped as will the planters. Anita Spall has found sponsors for these changes. We are grateful to all the garden centres who have offered to help us with this.

A party of five volunteers spent a morning tidying the grave yard. Brambles that were cut back in the Autumn were once again threatening to take over the fence and dead branches littered the grass. Thank you to Andrew Fairley for clearing the remnants of a fallen tree and old grass cuttings to make the church yard a more attractive site.

Roly Knott retiring chairman.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NEWS

After a month's break because of the elections I am delighted to inform you that both Rosemary and I have been re-elected as your District Councillors. We are very grateful to all of you that have voted for us and we can assure everybody in our ward, whether you voted for us or not, that we are here to give any help or assistance that we can.

Tendring District Council has changed considerably, the Conservative Party are the largest party by a single vote from UKIP, however they intend to continue to run the administration with help when needed from other parties. I will write next month about the portfolio holders and appointment of councillors to various posts once the Annual Meeting of the Council has taken place on 26th May. We are both very pleased to be able to report that with the assistance of both Rosemary and I, TDC planning officers have approved the demolition of the old Post Office. With the help of our County Councillor, Carlo Guglielmi, Essex County Council have approved the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Colchester Road, Elmstead close to the entrance to the village. I am also very pleased that I was able to support Elmstead Cricket Club in obtaining a grant of £10,000 from Tendring District Council Big Society.

I have been in contact with a number of parents regarding the changes to the funding of school bus transport and the catchment areas for different parts of our villages. Essex County Council have changed their policy regarding transport to secondary schools in the area. Following a meeting at County Hall, Essex County Council will not change their policy on this. Rosemary and I strongly disagree with this decision. We sympathise with all the families affected by this decision.

On a more personal note, in my role as vice chairman of Tendring District Council I have

attended the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on May 12th accompanied by my wife, Jenny. We were both very honoured to have been invited.

District Councillor for Thorrington, Frating,

Elstead Market and Great Bromlev

BROADBAND

After pulling my hair out over desperately slow "broadband" achieving only 0.6M downloads, 1.3M at best with a favourable wind, I was told about EE 4Gee. What a revelation! I am now getting around 40M downloads (thanks presumably to the mast close by on the A120). The little wireless box plus sim costs £40 (or free with commitment to a contract term) and can take up to 10 devices.

My no-term monthly plan amount is £20 for 15GB data (the other option is £30 for 25GB). I believe you can top up 10Gb for £20 at any time, but not tried yet. There is also a pay as you go option, but data costs quite a bit more.



The EE.co.uk website is very hard to find everything on, so best call or visit the shop in Colchester. There are other 4G suppliers of course so you may find a better deal for you.

My next step is to get a VOIP phone connection and do away with my phone line rental!

Hugh Frostick

Fred Nicholls

SUNDAY BUS SERVICES

Sunday Saver Fare Revision From Sunday 14 June 2015

The Essex Sunday Saver Day Ticket is a 'multi-operator bus ticket', offering unlimited all day travel on any of the qualifying bus services in Essex on a Sunday, except on services operated by Transport for London (TfL) and some premium bus routes*

Essex County Council has held the price of the Sunday Saver ticket at its current level since 2006. However, as a result it is now significantly out of line with commercial fare levels. The Essex Sunday Saver Day Ticket price will therefore change as follows from Sunday14 June 2015:

Ticket Type	Current Price	Price from
		14/06/15
Single adult	£2.80	£4.00
Single child	£1.50	£2.00
Family	£8.00	£10.00

While this is a substantial increase, the Sunday Saver still offers good value compared to single or return fares & to comparable offers from surrounding counties.

ENCTS card holders are entitled to free travel all day on Sundays. For more information please visit www.essex.gov.uk.

Contact: Essex County Council – 0845 603 7631

* See ECC Website for details



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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May is month for the Annual General Meeting of the Institute. After the official business and the election of the committee as well as of our President for the coming year, Jenny Nicholls, we enjoyed refreshments and our speaker for the evening.

Fortunate we were to have in our speaker one Brian Russell, a toastmaster most rare (now in retirement). He had used the title "Pray silence for" when he moved to Dovercourt and advertised in the Yellow Pages but never heard anything for a month until he had a phone call one day to say could he help a lady who had her grandson staying and would not eat any breakfast because the toaster had broken, please could he come and fix it! Probably she was not aware what a toast masters duties were.

A toast master, usually at weddings and dinners, introduces people to speak or to the assembled company. Wording must be correct, as it can cause problems if not. On one occasion a very inexperienced toast master had to take over at short notice and in his haste said " My Lords, Ladies and gentlemen pray silence for the Queen who is drunk" Not to be repeated I feel.

He had worked with many famous politicians, Tony Blair just after he came to power, and William Hague who he felt was one of the nicest people he had ever met. He had also met Jasper Carrot and again a very nice man to talk to. He said he really had seen life; some people were very unpleasant and not at all nice to be around.

During his career he had attended 649 weddings and seen plenty of changes in fashion during this period.

He also had to field problems such as the wedding cake not being cooked which had been made by the bride's mother - the chef was refusing to serve it!

He ended his talk by showing us his regalia

and many interesting photo's taken during that time.

Amongst these were several items that may have been forgotten by guests: a sewing kit, shoe lace,15 denier tights, cuff links, nail cutter and even a cigar cutter. A fascinating talk and a real insight into the life of a toast master.

Joy Rolfe

Member's Night 3rd June Please join us – wear something Green Everyone welcome 7.30pm Village Hall.

W.I. QUIZ 2015

On Friday 1st May at 7.30pm seven rather apprehensive ladies from Great Bromley W.I arrived at Weeley Village Hall for a Quiz Night organised by the County Federation Office. Ten teams from around Tendring represented their respective W.I.s in this regional heat of the County Competition: Sue, Annette, Leonie, Mary, Jean, Joyce and Jenny composed the team representing our village.

The Quiz followed the traditional format except all rounds were in writing to aid those with not so good hearing and each table was given their own score sheet which enabled all members to see the running totals and the success of each team. The competition was enlivened when to our great surprise we found that the score of our team was rising incredibly quickly. We had some very clever, knowledgeable ladies in our team and it was clear at the end of the evening we were the winners of this regional heat and now go forward to the County Finals at Hatfield Peveral on Friday 20th June. Well done everyone - a great result - we are putting Great Bromley firmly on the map -

RICHARD KEEBLE HAYWARD 1927-2015

Dick Hayward was born in Rivenhall in 1927 and moved to Badley Hall Farm in Great Bromley when he was two. Dick spent almost all of the rest his life in the village and his many local friendships meant a great deal to him. He became a man who put down very deep roots in Great Bromley.

He first went to school aged seven. When war broke out his parents were concerned about the threat of invasion so they sent him to Culford Boarding School near Bury St Edmonds. After taking his exams a year early he was awarded a state scholarship and went to Gonville and Caius College Cambridge to study medicine.

He returned to Great Bromley in 1947 to work with his father. His passion for farming became one of the defining features of his life. By 1951, aged 24, he obviously demonstrated sufficient knowledge of agriculture to become the farming correspondent of the Essex County Standard. For four years he wrote under the name of Spratt Archer. He then wrote their "On my farm" section until 1963.

In the early 1950s his father took him into partnership in H.C. Hayward and Son. After his father died in 1957, Dick took over the farm, aged 30, with the support of his mother. He successfully managed the farm for the next 25 years during a period of great change.

Dick met his first wife Valmai when she came to Bromley in 1949 at the start of her teaching career. They married in 1952 and had three children. He left behind seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and his family was very important to him.

Dick was very active in the community and had many different roles. The most notable were his election as County Councillor in 1967 and District Councillor in 1973. He was a strong supporter of the National Farmers Union and a member of the Suffolk Sheep Council. Back in the village he served on the Village Hall Ctte, was recorder of the St George's Church Repair Fund and President of the Great Bromley Cricket Club. He had a lifelong interest in classical and choral music.



Valmai died unexpectedly in 1981, just days before Dick was due to complete the sale of the farm and start their retirement together. He subsequently re-married to his second wife, Gwen, and they moved to Badley Hall Cottage, about 100 yards from the farm. When we later asked him about this move he explained where else could you get a better view than across the meadow that he had looked out on for most of his life.

He had a very happy retirement there until Gwen's death in 2009. He enjoyed living in the heart of the village with the support of his many neighbours and friends. He was just happy being so close to his roots. This was perhaps best illustrated by all the hubbub and chatter at his 80th birthday party in the Village Hall. We remember him thanking everyone for travelling such distances to support him that night and joked that "some people had even managed to get there from the other side of the Ardleigh level crossing".

In 2011 Dick had a serious stroke and, after several months in hospital, spent his last three years in Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, where he died on St Georges Day aged 87. The family would very much like to acknowledge all the tremendous care and support that he received from the staff of the Home and his friends and family.

We are very grateful for the many messages of sympathy. So many of you have described him as a lovely man and a true gentleman. He was much loved by us all and will be greatly missed. Perhaps, in conclusion, we can all take some comfort from his comment that he "considered that he had been extremely lucky throughout his life in the support he had from his family and friends"

Deep roots indeed.

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Great Bentley Surgery

I hope everybody found last month's newsletter interesting? It was a departure from the norm, but we felt that with the NHS being very high on the political agenda, you all deserved to know a few facts about how general practice is being affected by politics. The newsletter certainly seemed to touch a nerve, as an electronic copy was shared around the country on Facebook and Twitter many thousands of times and reached over 400,000 people! I am writing this month's newsletter on Election Day, so I still have no clue of the result and if reports are anything to go by, I may still not know who the new government is by the weekend!

Named GP

Moving on from the politics of the Election. from 30th June 2015 we are required to allocate a named GP to every single patient under the age of 75 (we did a similar exercise last year for over 75s). This has been completed early, but you need to be aware that this will make absolutely no difference to the service we provide you or which doctor deals with your health matters. To be perfectly honest it's an administrative change only and we will not be notifying every patient of their named GP, as this would cost several thousand pounds in postage! You can still see whichever doctor you choose for routine appointments and all related admin will still be dealt with by your usual doctor. The only time you may not be able to choose the doctor you see will be for urgent same day appointments as this is covered by a different on call doctor every day. This is the same as it's always been however.

Travel Vaccinations

We are very close to the holiday season now, so I would like to remind anyone who has plans to go abroad to check now if they need any vaccinations. Many holiday jabs need to have a course completed over weeks rather



than days, so please take action now rather than leaving it to the last minute. We have a Travel Health Questionnaire that we need to be completed and returned, so that your needs can be assessed prior to booking any appointments. You can call into the surgery to get a copy, or you can download one from our website on the 'Our Documents' page.

A new idea!

After running out of subjects for guests to write about in these newsletters, we've decided to try something a little different. We will be running a small article on keeping healthy, which will include ways to get exercise (not gym related and more fun!) along with suggestions for keeping healthy in other ways. We aim for it to have a strong bias towards things to do in this area and for free, so that everyone can take part. We are hoping that across the year, there will be something for everyone, and maybe, all of you might find something you really enjoy and will keep up regularly! Watch this space...

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The week commencing 1st June is PPG awareness week. We will have members of the committee in the surgery waiting room every morning talking to patients about what the PPG is all about and trying to get more people involved. If you've never come before, please come along at 6.30pm on Thursday 18th June to the Great Bentley Village Hall and find out more!

Richard P Miller - Practice Manager

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

Named accountable General Practitioner

The Government is contractually requiring general practices to allocate a named accountable GP to all patients. However, we are not required to inform patients individually but to advise patients by means of our website and practice leaflet that a named GP has been allocated. From a practical point of view this does not alter the arrangement whereby patients can choose which GP they wish to consult.

If a patient wishes to know the name of their accountable GP please contact the practice. If you wish to express a preference as to which GP you have been assigned this can be accommodated.

Car parking

Can patients please note that the car parking at the surgery is restricted to disabled patients and parents with ill babies. There are limited car parking spaces and too many cars trying to park creates a dangerous situation. Able bodied patients should, therefore, use the public car park which is only a few minutes away. Patients are also requested not to use the staff car park at the rear of the surgery for parking or for turning around their car as staff cars have been damaged; two in the past year.

Friends and Family Test

The Department of Health is contractually requiring general practices to implement the NHS Friends and Family Test. It has been used in the hospital service since April 2013 as a way of gathering the feedback of patients, so health care providers can continually review their service.

It is based on one simple question: "How likely are you to recommend our GP practice to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?" with a follow up question such as 'If you would not recommend this surgery why not?"

Survey forms have been available in both surgeries and on the practice website. We would encourage patients to complete the form as it provides useful feedback for both the practice and the CQC when we get inspected.

Since December, when the form became first available we have achieved over 97% of patients responding that they would be'extremely likely' (88%) or 'likely' (9%) to recommend the practice.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

KITCHEN CORNER

Strawberry time! In our family

Eton Mess

is a great favourite when we have summer parties and easy to make.

First make the meringues. For 6 people use 3 egg whites and 6oz (170g) caster sugar. Whisk whites to soft peaks, add half the sugar and whisk till stiff and glossy. Fold in rest of sugar.

Drop spoonfuls on to baking sheets lined with non-stick paper and cook in a very low

oven 150°C for 2-3 hours till dry and crisp. Cool and store till needed.

Quarter or chop 1lb hulled strawberries and mix with 2 tbsp Grand Marnier or orange juice and 1tbs icing sugar. Chill in fridge at least 1 hour.. Crush the meringues roughly. Whip 425ml double cream till it holds its shape but still slightly soft. Fold in the strawberries and meringues and serve in a large bowl or individual dishes.

Jill Frostick

VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES



The village hall trustees met on 5th May to discuss

arrangements and events for 2015 and to receive an update on the accounts for the last financial year. The year 2014/15 was the first year that our two new computerbased management systems (for bookings and for accounting) have been in operation and these are now becoming a real asset to the hall, despite some initial teething problems. However, trustees required a full reconciliation to be undertaken between the two systems before the end of year accounts were produced and as a result the village hall AGM was postponed until 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd June. This reconciliation is now complete and has resulted not only in a good set of accounts but also several changes to the way the systems operate which will improve our administration in the future.

All parishioners are welcome to attend the AGM which reports on the past year and looks forward to the next. This is your opportunity to provide feedback in person on the facilities in our village hall and the way it is organised and managed. It is also your opportunity to volunteer to assist with the management of the village hall, either as an elected trustee, co-opted trustee or as a 'friend' of the hall. For the first time in several years there are vacancies on the board of trustees and any parishioners who are willing to participate actively in managing our fine hall are invited to put their names forward to me or any other trustee and attend the AGM. I can provide details of the role and responsibilities of a trustee or what is required of a volunteer 'friend' of the hall. This work is rewarding, not necessarily onerous and you will be part of a close-knit band of volunteers who are working hard in support of a good cause.

Fundraising events at the village hall have continued apace and continue to generate

much needed income as well as providing good opportunities for parishioners to come together, relax, talk and have a good time. The plant sale on 9th May raised £455 for hall funds with the few items of unsold stock being donated to the St Helena Hospice stall in Briar Road. Our thanks go to Kate Strowbridge for organising this event. Forthcoming events are summarised below, with more details appearing on village notice boards and in the Bromley Messenger as each date approaches:

25th July Autumn (date tbc) Collec	- Jazz in the Village - Craft and tibles Market			
25th/26th September - Willow Weaving Courses				
21 st November 12 th December 31 st December	Barn DanceChristmas FayreNew Year's Eve Ball			

Grants and donations are also a most welcome source of funds and the trustees are grateful to Great Bromley Parish Council for allocating S137 grants totalling £750 towards the external repair and redecoration of the hall.

The village hall trustees look forward to welcoming you at the AGM on 2nd June, at one of their fundraising events or being able to provide accommodation for you whether it is for a birthday party, reception or reunion.

Martin Frostick

villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk or 01206 250263

Cricket Club 100 Club Winners for April

1st.	Mr. Alistair Robinson
2nd.	Mrs. Katherine Foley
3rd.	Mr. Matthew Foley

Lynda Allam

2015 EVENTS

JUNE

- 2 Village Hall AGM, Millennium Lounge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Little Bromley Amenities Group Bingo Night, the Haywain, 7:30pm
- 20 Midsummer Tea Party, Lt Bromley church, 3.00pm Barn Dance & Hog Roast, Frating, 7.00pm

26/27/28 Flower Festival. St George's church

28 Open Gardens, Great Bromley

JULY

- 18 PTA Summer Fair, St George's school 1.00pm
- 25 Jazz Evening, Village Hall, 8.00pm

AUGUST

24 WEA History of Painting in East Anglia, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 2.30pm 25/26 Willow Weaving Course, Village Hall

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

- 22 Craft & Collectibles Event, Village Hall
- 23

NOVEMBER

- 7 Little Bromley Amenities Group Fireworks Night
- 14 Mind Body & Spirit Event, Village Hall
- 21 Barn Dance, Village Hall

DECEMBER

- 12 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- 31 New Year's Eve Ball, Village Hall

NOTE

Change of date for Gt Bromley Village Hall AGM

now on 2nd June 7.30pm Millennium Lounge, Village Hall



The Friends of St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley and The Churches Conservation Trust would like you to join us for a MIDSUMMER TEA PARTY WITH PIMMS on Saturday 20th June between 3pm and 5pm Taste our special mini platters for £2.50, Then wash them down with a glass of Pimms for £1 The more the merrier! (The postcode is CO11 2PP)

GREAT BROMLEY BADMINTON CLUB

Wanted urgently

Do you have, or know of, an old cabinet (lockable) that the social badminton club could have?

Due to the height of posts, it needs to be at least 5 foot high.

We can collect

Please phone Kate on 07592735600 if you can help



Lt Bromley Amenities Group **Bingo Night** is scheduled for Saturday13th June The Haywain at 7.30pm

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2015

The programme for this event is beginning to take shape and it is going to be a fabulous and memorable weekend. Friday 10am to 5pm Stalls, Refreshments, Raffle and school music in the morning and organ recital in the afternoon. Saturday 10pm to 5pm Stalls. Refreshments. Raffle music and Bells -W.I. stall "We sell everything" Sunday 12md to 4pm Stalls, Refreshments. Tower Tours. Raffle Drawn. Community "Songs of Praise" 6pm maybe a Bar-B-Q - Open Gardens. Monday 10am to 5pm Stalls, Refreshments Pre School music and maybe Bishop Roger - organ recital. And throughout the weekend under the same umbrella of fun and happiness "The Scarecrow Competition." Come and eniov We need you. Can you spare an hour or two Date June 26th,27th,28th, 29th Where?....St George's Church Doing what?...."Selling raffle tickets", "Making tea", "Manning a stall", "Stewarding" Where to sign in?... Time sheets in the church.

St George's Church of England Primary School's

PTA Summer Fair

Saturday 18th July 1.00-4.00 pm in the school grounds

Inflatable slide, face painting, BBQ, hog roast, bar, ice cream van, fancy dress competition (theme, 'Under the Sea'), raffle, stalls including games and bric-abrac as well as singing, gymnastic and cheerleading displays and much, much more.

This event is to raise funds for St George's C of E Primary School PTA.



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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

Lambs at St George's!

Some lambs came to visit us at school. We went out in groups of five or six. We went into the pen and we all tried to feed them but they weren't very interested they were more interested in the milk. The smallest one was the oldest and it had a dirty bottom and it was the colour grey. Each one had a



number on them and the mummy sheep had the same number as her baby lamb did. So if they got separated they would find each other. All the females have red stripes on their back and all the males have red spots on their back.

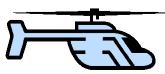
By *Eve Barnham and Joshua Wood* Year 2

St George's Day Service The whole school celebrated St George's Day with a service at St George's Church. We were delighted that so many parents and friends were able to attend. Each class performed a poem that they had learnt. Class 1 - The Dragon, Class 2 - No One Knows This Land Like Me, Class 3 - St George and the Dragon and Class 4 - The Dragon. The singing was super. Many thanks to Rev Allen and St George's Church congregation for making us all feel so welcome.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our April meeting Beryl reported that the lunch at the Court House was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended and it was agreed further lunches would be arranged. Members were reminded to bring items for the stall to help raise funds, and we still need volunteers to help with teas and refreshments.

Our speaker for the afternoon was lan Dowson from Air Ambulance who gave a



very interesting talk and a history of how it was formed in 1997. They do not receive funding from Central Government but rely on donations and awards from the Lottery. They also receive support from charity shops and sponsorships, and have a Visitor's Centre in Earls Colne. Mr Dowson had brought along various items relating to the Air Ambulance which members were able to buy, and a grand total of £114. was made for their funds.

Our Speaker for June will be Mr Guypon and the competition a rose.

Sylvia Ward

Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR Ofsted Inspected

> Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com



OFSTED INSPECTED OUTSTANDING

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS- PLACES AVAILABLE

Tel: 07857 503103 Both the breakfast and after school clubs are doing well and growing in numbersthere are still places available. If you require further information please call the number above or pop in to see us. From September 2015 we will also be running a breakfast club at Tendring Primary school – so tell your friends.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CARE

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August 8.30am – 4.00pm available We still have some spaces available for our Holiday Club. Please contact us or visit our website for further details.

Fundraising - BARNARDO'S TODDLE On Monday 8th June we will once again be taking part in the 'Barnardo's Toddle' – this year the theme is 'pirates'. We will be raising funds for both Barnardo's and Little Dragons Preschool.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAY Saturday 20th June 11am – 3pm

Our Fun Day this Year will be held at Church Meadow Bungalow Lots of games and attractions and the children will be performing some songs on the day too.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR BISCUIT WRAPPERS AND BOTTLE TRIGGER HEADS

We have registered with Terracycle and are currently collecting biscuit wrappers and plastic bottle trigger heads and caps from washing up bottles. So please ask friends and family to help us collect as many as possible.

We have received a grant of £210 from Gt.

Bromley Parish Council. This has been used to purchase a multi-cultural rug and a new camera. The children love the rug – which now has pride of place in 'window world'. Thank you very much.

Our Open Day on Friday 8th May was very successful and we look forward to the new children starting.

The children have been looking after their seedlings in the greenhouse and have been watching them grow with great excitement. The sweetcorn and winter squash have been growing particularly fast and we will now start to plant them out in the garden. Lots of exciting activities are planned this month as we continue to prepare for our display at the 'Tendring Hundred Show'. Come and see the children's work on display in the Education Tent.

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 keyperson 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.

Party Table and Chair Hire

Having a party for Pre-School children? We can offer 4 perfectly sized tables & 20 chairs. Deposit only £10 Tables only £5.00 each Chairs Only £1.00 each Collection Only - Contact us: Tel: 07857 503103 Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

Dates for Diary:

Barnardo's Toddle Monday 8th June Fun Day Saturday 20th June Summer Break Preschool finishes Wed 22nd July Holiday Club Wed/Thurs 23rd/ 24th July Holiday Club Wed/Thurs 4th/5th August



TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

Firstly the Open day on 30th May is now coming

quick and fast. The day is from 10 to 3pm, its free !!! (See poster on page 21)

We have the famous make a sausage stall where you are welcome to try your hand at filling the sausage skins with famous Primrose Pork sausage meat!! We have the farmers market and craft stalls. The Tending Agility dogs will be giving a demonstration at 12 and 2pm. The horses will be in to give horse rides. As well as the outdoor free range pigs to see, donkeys and farm tractors. It will be a great event please come.

Farmers markets are going to be restarted on the 2nd Saturday of the month in May, where many stalls come to the farm - come and have a wander to see local produce.

With the weather warming up we are busy in the farm shop making many burgers and sausages for the BBQ season. Our exploding burger is selling very well and is a hit with all who have tasted them. We are with a local Farmer arranging another barn dance this year on 20th June at Frating. We are this year raising money for St Helena Hospice as this fantastic amenity is close to our hearts and we feel we need to give something back for all the amazing work they achieve. Last year's barn dance was brilliant fun dancing to the Barnies, a really organised barn dance caller and group that got everyone dancing. Tickets will go fast so get in early £10 per person including a hog roast supper, bring vour own drink.

Karen Moss

CHARITY BARN DANCE and HOG ROAST With "The Barnies" calling In aid of "St. Helena Hospice in Colchester" At Abbey Farm, Frating Saturday 20th June 7pm – 11pm Price £10 (incl hog roast) Bring your own drinks Tickets Available From: Karen Moss PRIMROSE FARM SHOP and Tony Paul on-07951789056

The farm has been a hive of activity with the wildlife. The geese have been feeding

on the pollen and nectar crop. We have been watching very carefully a pair of barn owls that are nesting in the straw stack. The male is hunting for food and taking back to the female at dusk and early morning. We are hoping she is sitting on some eggs and they will hatch. He is really lovely flying about and perching on wooden stakes and tree branches just watching the ground activity for food. The daffodils all 6000 of them have bloomed in a fantastic display in amongst the trees and the bluebells are now beginning to come out.



GREAT BROMLEY POST OFFICE at The Cross Inn

Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL Telephone: 01206 231073 Mon/Tues: 9.30am-2.00pm Wed/Thurs/Fri : 10.00am - 2.00pm Sat : 9.00am-midday

• Please note that there is now a wide selection of cards and wrapping paper available.

• A dry cleaning service is also available.

Please ask for details at the counter.

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

First of all, I would like to thank all those who donated plants and their time at the plant sale on May 9th. I would also like to thank those who set up car boot stalls, and most of all, all those lovely people who came and bought plants. Thanks to them all, we have made £455.80 for the Village Hall which equates to several tins of paint for the redecorating.

The garden is teeming with life - two of our bird boxes are occupied by Blue tits, one of which has the camera in it. My husband has spotted eight eggs during the brief period when the mother left the nest to feed. I expect the sound of pattering feet anytime soon. Talking of pattering feet, we have acquired a new dog, an eight week old springer spaniel puppy who is



enchanting and exasperating in equal measures (actually I think enchanting wins). I have volunteered to open my garden for charity during the flower festival in June but I suspect that it will not be in the tidy condition I was hoping for, in fact it is entirely possible that my garden will be complete mayhem!

Back to gardening. It is the time of year when tender annual plants can be planted out, and also tubs and hanging baskets can go outside. Tomatoes, aubergines, peppers and chillis should to be planted in their grow bags in the greenhouse. I have invested in some "collars" to put round the grow bag plants which enables the water to actually go into the grow bag and not all over the greenhouse floor! I am told that cutting the bottom out of a large flowerpot works just as well.

Courgettes, pumpkins, squash and outdoor cucumber can be planted in the vegetable garden, and successional sowings of lettuce and rocket can be carried out every couple of weeks to ensure a steady supply. June is the end of the asparagus season ours has been excellent this year.

Soft fruit bushes and strawberries will need net protection from voracious birds, though I think mice often chomp my strawberries!

One of the problems of a good summer (fingers crossed), is that no rain equals an inordinate amount of time spent watering, especially tubs and hanging baskets. The greenhouse takes a lot of time too. It may be time to consider investing in a watering system which ensures a steady supply of water. I have a simple one that is solar powered and attached to a water butt. It is clever enough to adjust the volume of water to the amount of sun. It does mean that at least I can go away for a few days without worrying that I will return to a greenhouse of dead plants. Similar systems exist for the vegetable garden and for tubs, but it is important to install them when the containers are planted up (or in the case of the vegetable garden, before it is planted up).

If you have any time left at all, - enjoy your garden!

Kate Strowbridge

Colchester and District Talking Newspaper

The Annual General Meeting of the Colchester and District Talking Newspaper will be held at Wivenhoe House Hotel on Wednesday 17 June 2015. PRIOR to that meeting, and starting at 7.00 pm, Professor Jonathan Baker, recently appointed as Professor of Journalism at the University of Essex, has agreed to address the meeting on the subject, "The future of local newspapers". This is of course of interest to all Talking newspapers, and I am sure would be of interest to you.

Following this talk and questions, there will be a light refreshment period, the members of the Talking Newspaper will then withdraw to carry out the formal business of the charity (guests will be welcome at that meeting, but I suspect that most will prefer to remain in the bar carrying on conversation).

The purpose of this is to invite YOU, and any associates that may be interested, to attend that gathering as our guests.

In order that we can assess the catering needs of the evening reasonable correctly I would be obliged if you

would please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Bob Finch

Director, Colchester and District Talking Newspaper



St Helena Hospice your time...your hospice Registered Chanty Number 280919

ST HELENA HOSPICE

Make a Will and support St Helena Hospice

Due to the success of last year's St Helena Hospice Wills Week, the decision has been made to extend this week into a whole month! The charity will be holding their Wills Month throughout June.

This means that you have an opportunity to make that important appointment with a solicitor and have a standard Will or double/ mirror Will made while making a valuable donation to St Helena Hospice.

Several firms are participating including: John Fowlers Birkett Long Powis & Co Goody Burrett Sparlings Solicitors Fisher Jones Greenwood David Morgan Jones Freedom Wills Itd

They've all kindly offered to waive their fee and give up their time in exchange for a suggested donation to St Helena Hospice of £90 for a basic Will and £135 for a double/mirror Will.

But why should you take part in Wills month?

Reassurance - Ensure your savings and possessions benefits the people and causes that you care about.

Avoiding disputes between relatives choose who deals with your estate. Looking after your loved ones - by making financial provisions and preventing difficulties and hardship for your family.

Please hand your donation directly to your solicitor.

For more information on Wills Month please call Anna Haley, Fundraiser at St Helena Hospice, on 01206 931468.



ARTHUR ALBERT AUSTIN K.I.A. 20TH JUNE 1915

The Gallipoli campaign was a costly failure: of the 410,000 soldiers involved in the 8 month campaign, over 60% became casualties. Three of the dead were from the Bromleys, the first being 22 year old Arthur Albert Austin.

Arthur was born in late 1892 in Great Bromley, the fourth child of William and Annie Austin. William Austin, himself born in Great Bromley, was an Agricultural Labourer and a Horseman.

In April 1891 the Austin family were living at Frosts Hall then moved to The Guildhall (the Old Workhouse). Arthur was probably born in one of these two places.

By April 1911 they were living at Spurlings, near Badley Hall; Arthur had finished school and went to work as a Stockman. He joined the Army no later than the autumn of 1914 and chose the Royal Horse Artillery (R.H.A.), becoming a Gunner, the equivalent of Private.

The Royal Horse Artillery provided artillery support to the Cavalry. An R.H.A. Battery consisted of 5 officers and 200 men, equipped with six 13-pounder field guns, supported by 228 horses.

Arthur was posted to B Battery, part of the 15th Brigade, R.H.A., which was allocated to the 29th Divisional Artillery, mobilised at Leamington in January 1915. B Battery embarked at Avonmouth in mid-March 1915, and sailed to Alexandria in Egypt, arriving on the 30th. By the 19th of April they were on Lemnos, an island in the Aegean Sea. Moudros Harbour was the main Allied base for the landings just over 30 miles away on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey, a campaign which was intended to gain control of the adjacent Dardanelles straights.

On 25 April 1915 the Allies landed on the Gallipoli peninsular - the British and French around Cape Helles at the tip, and the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

(ANZAC) on the western coast at what came to be known as "Anzac Cove".

Two days later B Battery landed at Cape Helles, with all of its guns and wagons, but only 52 horses. By 06.00 the following morning, they were supporting an attack by the 87th Infantry Brigade. The Divisional Artillery History notes "a good deal of inconvenience and delay was caused by batteries having no transport for rations, stores, etc., other than their mess cart. As moreover, only a small proportion of horses had been landed, the mobility of the batteries was considerably impaired. The result was that the artillery was unable to give the infantry the full power of its support".

From the start the Allies came up against fierce Turkish resistance in the difficult terrain and were only able to gain two narrow lodgements on the peninsula. The campaign quickly deteriorated into stalemate and trench warfare.

Arthur Austin was Killed in Action on 20th June 1915. He has no known grave, and is commemorated by having his name inscribed on Panel 21 of The Helles Memorial, an obelisk over 30m high, which can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles.

Arthur's brother Ernest sired the locally well -known Austin family, including Tubby and the late Nancy Kempster. Unfortunately they have no known picture of Arthur.

More details of the campaign can be found on the website. As always, any info always welcome, to: Hugh Frostick 07722 253962 hugh@greatbromley.org.uk

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Spring Get Together and AGM

On Saturday 25th April around 28 people filled St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley. Amid lovely flower arrangements 'The Columbine Trio' entertained everyone with their lovely music and songs.

Tea and cake were enjoyed as people chatted and listened to our trio of ladies.

At 3.45pm the Friends of the Church held their annual AGM. A short affair led by Chairman, Gregory Frostick. The committee were voted back en bloc and we learnt that £1420 had been raised over the previous year by donations to the church for the Churches Conservation Trust, who kindly keep the church running. At 4pm more tea and cakes, a lovely selection made by our talented Friends, disappeared whilst more music filled the church.



We would like to thank the Columbine Trio, our cake makers and flower arrangers and all those who came to support us for a lovely afternoon. £200 was raised for the Churches Conservation Trust.

Please don't forget to look for details of our **Midsummer Tea Party** on Saturday 20th June at 3pm.



LearningforLife

W.E.A.

Ardleigh WEA (now meeting at Great Bromley Village Hall)

A History of Painting in East Anglia

Tutor: Mark BEASLEY

September Term commencing Thursday 24th September 2015 14.30 - 16.00 A ten week course

Fee £48

Contacts Jill Frostick 01206 250263 John Terry 01206 230 490 (john@terrys.org.uk)

After a number of years at Ardleigh Village Hall it has been decided, because of the Play Group meeting there, that it is no longer suitable for our needs. From September 2015 we will be meeting at Great Bromley Village Hall in the Millenium Room. We are sure for anyone living in Great Bromley this will be a lot better, we will be looking at how to get anyone from Ardleigh along to our meetings. We will still be known as the Ardleigh WEA.

More details about the course above and the one for the Spring Term 2016 - Local History, Buildings and Landscape will be put in the following magazines when I have more details from the Tutors.

John Terry



CHURCH JOTTINGS

It is several months now since I gave you an update on life at St, George's and The Bromley's.

Just to recap, reminding you of our present situation. For two years now St George's Church has been experiencing an interregnum .: in fact the living is suspended which means we do not have a full time priest. We are able to continue with the weekly pattern of services, Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals by booking a priest for each separate service. The Parish of The Bromlevs is at the moment part of the Deanery of Harwich and if we need help and advice we look to the Rural Dean. Peter Mann has until recently fulfilled this role - he is now retiring and we now look to the Rural Dean of our neighbouring Deanery, St. Osyth. Guy Thorburn, who is the priest at Great Clacton, now has responsibility for the Harwich Deanery and St Osyth Deaneries which are both under the care of Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Annette in the

Diocese of Colchester It is difficult to know how these changes will affect the members of our community in the Bromleys. There is much discussion and deliberation taking place at the moment to find the best way forward. Will the two Deaneries remain separate or will they be merged to make a larger Deanery for the Tendring Area? Will the Bromleys remain in Benefice with Ardleigh or will we merge with other neighbours in another direction? On 21st May there is a meeting at Lawford where we hope to hear more information. Only one thing is certain: we never again will have our own priest here in The Bromleys. I will do my best to keep you all informed, progress will be slow, there will be much consultation and debate before the final decisions are made but if you have any thoughts or ideas which you would like to share please contact me, or, if you need a priest at any time please let me know.

Jenny Nicholls, Church Warden

ROGATION SUNDAY

A lovely bright sun added to the several Rogation blessings that a group of 25 or more

people from parish churches in The Bromleys, Ardleigh and Elmstead enjoyed playing a part in on Rogation Sunday, 10 May, at Park Farm, Great Bromley, the home of Henry and Ann Fairley. After a rousing service of hymns - including the terribly modern "We plough the fields with tractors"! - and readings, etc., in a huge and thoroughly modern barn, led by the Rev'd Richard Allen, acting associate priest for those parishes, the group proceeded to visit various parts of the farm for the traditional blessings of the fields and crops, animals and gardens, etc. The Rogation blessings all duly bestowed, everyone was then treated to a most splendid and generous lunch outside the farmhouse in the still beautiful and warm sun.

Michael Scargill





ARDLEIGH and THE BROMLEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church of England Services - June

Sunday 7th June 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	1st Sunday of Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 14th 8.00am 10.30am	2nd Sunday of Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr
Sunday 21st 8.00am 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 28th 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	4th Sunday of Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist Songs of Praise	St George's Flower Festival St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. George the Martyr
Sunday 5th July 8.00am 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin

Holy Communion every Friday at 11.30am at Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Great Bromley.

Evensong

Church Lunch

6.30pm

6th June 12noon Please join us – no charge – no booking required

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings Laura Rogers and Andrew Connerton May 23rd 2015 1pm

J.A.M. DROP- IN

St. George the Martyr

June 5th and every Friday

Parents & children welcome All are welcome 3pm to 3.45pm Refreshments, activities