

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

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Beth Dodd with her Awards

2015. Bromley players are making a habit of winning these awards as the same awards were presented to Jessica Bird in 2014.

Both girls are looking forward to winter training especially as both have been selected for the Emerging Player Program, which provides additional coaching support from Essex County Cricket for talented young players.

Further success for Bromley Cricket Club

As previously reported in the Bromley Messenger, Beth Dodd was selected last season for the Essex Under 15 Girls Performance Team following an extremely good first 2014 season in the Essex Development Squad. Her performance throughout 2015 saw her promoted to join another Bromley player, Jessica Bird aged 16, in the Essex 1st XI Ladies side.

Beth's success and hard work in 2015 was rewarded at the Essex Women's Cricket Awards evening, held at The Essex County Ground on Friday 2nd October 2015, where she received the Players Player Award for the Under 15 side and the Coaches Most Improved Player Award for

Both hope to be selected again in their respective age group sides and the Essex Ladies 1st XI. Beth and Jessica are a credit to Bromley Cricket Club and the volunteers and coaches who have helped to support them in achieving their County Player status.



Jessica Bird in action for Essex in Abu Dhabi

THE FIRST PAGE

Where *does* the year go? This is the November issue and 2016 is almost upon us.

November is the month we wear our poppies with pride in respect for all those men and women, past and present, who have, and still do, put their lives on the line for our country. My father was in the RAF in the last War flying in Wellington, then Stirling, bombers before his crashed. He never flew again and he was fortunate to survive the crash. My great uncle, however, in the First World War did not fare so well and died on the first day of the Somme. There is to be a special remembrance event next year at Thiepval for which there is a ballot to attend the ceremony.

November is also associated with Guy Fawkes, bonfires and fireworks. Displays this year are being held at Seven Rivers in Great Bromley and at Barlon Road in Little Bromley. Don't forget to keep your pets indoors away from bangs etc and to follow, for your own safety, the Firework Code. Have fun. I hope it doesn't rain!

Autumn has definitely arrived. The leaves on the trees and in the hedgerows are turning wonderful colours. My cherry tree has already lost all of its leaves. Travelling

to Yorkshire last week the tree lined roads looked glorious in the sun but the wind was bracing and the temperature was 2°C cooler than here so my jumpers were kept firmly on! We drove across the Humber Bridge which I have not seen before and, goodness, what a thing of beauty it is. I hadn't expected that.

Don't forget the next issue of the Bromley Messenger is a combined issue covering December and January so please remember to send in articles and reports to cover at least up to February 2016. Copy deadline will be 14th November.

Leonie



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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

Fun Day 2016

A meeting will be held in November regarding a Fun Day proposed for next year. Cllr Jane Coster, who is organising the event, is desperately seeking volunteers to help out. If you can assist please contact Jane on 01206 251093 or janecoster@hotmail.com.

S137 grants

Village organisations are invited to bid for grants from the parish council. Any amount can be bid for, but we would suggest they are for no more than £500. Please state what the money would be used for in the application. The deadline is Friday 6th November, and should be sent to the Parish Clerk, preferably by email at the address above.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REFERENC E	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
15/01389/ FUL	Primrose Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Agricultural Storage Barn to provide a self contained commercial unit to be used as a micro brewery
15/01290/ FUL	Land North West of Manheim Auctions, Colchester Road, Frating	New single storey vehicle preparation building

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GT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL 2015 CHALLENGE QUIZ

Ten teams from Great Bromley clubs and businesses met for the inaugural Parish Council Challenge Quiz, with the aim of reinforcing community relations, and having an enjoyable evening. All clubs and businesses within the village were invited, but several were unable to provide a team, possibly due to a rather important Rugby match between England and Australia the same night!

players to the tune of £127.

It is hoped that this quiz will become an annual event.

Thanks go to Nick Strowbridge for writing the questions, and Jane Coster for the delicious nibbles.

After eight challenging rounds, the final score indicated a tie for winner, so a tie break between two representatives of those teams resulted in a win for The Friendship Club, with worthy runners up, The Bowls Club.

The winning team was presented with a shield.

During the quiz, a raffle was held, the proceeds going to whichever Charity was picked at random by the winning team, from those proposed by each team. The charity selected was The Village Hall, and they benefitted from the generosity of the



Brenda Perry receiving the trophy from Gt Bromley PC Chairman, Kate Strowbridge

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our September meeting Beryl reminded members of the Christmas meal on 25th November and that monies are now due. We have received an invitation from St. George's school to join them for their Harvest Praise at the school on Friday 16th October at 2pm, and it is hoped that many of us will be able to attend.

Beryl then introduced Jenny and Chrissie who entertained with their music and humour, after which refreshments were served. Volunteers are still needed to help with teas so if anyone would like to

offer, please do.

The Speaker for November will be Barbara Faulkner whose subject for the afternoon is "When the clock strikes twelve". Competition - a time piece.

Last, but not least, excellent news that the Friendship Club won the Parish Council Challenge Shield on Saturday evening at the Village Hall. Congratulations to them!

Sylvia Ward

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

I can't believe it's November already! The weather this autumn has been lovely on the whole, sunny days and cool nights. Many of my flowers are still looking lovely, and I really can't believe that we are starting to think of Christmas. My puppy is now seven months old, an unruly teenager, and he makes gardening very challenging. He dearly wants to be closely involved in everything, which is fine, if rather irritating, but we have had to draw a line when it comes to chainsaws! My husband has been sorting out the woodpile for the winter, and Ben is just a bit too helpful and had to be banished indoors! However, when it comes to pruning, Ben is only too pleased to pre-empt the chipper by chewing any stick left on the ground.

I have been busy refurbishing the hedgehog houses with hay after giving them a clean, and placing them in a quiet wild area of the garden. We do have resident hogs as was confirmed when we found one outside the backdoor a couple of weeks ago.

We had a minor disaster last week with an apple tree actually falling over! It had so much fruit, it was clearly unstable, but after picking some and pruning some branches back, we propped it back up again, and so far it seems to be fine.

The vegetable garden needs clearing now of all the summer and autumn crops as soon as there has been a frost. Old leaves and stems harbour all manner of slugs and snails, in addition, several of my pumpkin plants have mildew, so need to be burnt. I have had a good crop of pumpkins, and they are now "curing" in the shed. Still in the vegetable garden for the winter are the leeks, celery, chard, swedes and parsnips, with cabbage and kale recovering after a particularly savage slug attack.

Many of the flowering plants have seed pods on them, and on a dry day, it is worth collecting some of these seeds to be grown

next year. They should be stored in paper and not plastic. Old envelopes are very useful for this, but do remember to label them. I am particularly bad at this, and in the spring often have several envelopes containing unknown seeds. It is quite good fun, however, sowing them and seeing what grows.

At this time of year it is worth checking climbing plants to ensure they are well supported before winter. Trees that need stakes will need to have the ties checked as they may be too tight (or may have fallen off). Fibrous rooted perennials can be divided now. Don't forget the plant sale next May; if anyone has plants surplus to requirements, pot them up for us please!

Greenhouses need cleaning to maximise the light, and need ventilating on sunny days. Watering should be reduced to a minimum, and dead vegetation removed.

Tulips can be planted now in pots or in the ground. Ponds need clearing and netting to prevent them filling with fallen leaves.

Enjoy your garden!

Kate Strowbridge



We had a slight change to the October meeting as Sue Clarke, one of our vice presidents, chaired the meeting. Good practice as they say!!

Another change to the evening was that our planned speaker was not able to be with us so at very short notice Shaun Day, of the Mayflower project in Harwich, stepped in to the breach very ably to enthral us with how the project had come about. A visit by the Endeavour to Harwich inspired the thought of "How about we replicate this?" by building a replica of the Mayflower to celebrate 400 years since the first one sailed from Harwich in 1620. Every one locally thought this to be an extremely mad idea except for the few who thought it would be a good idea, from little acorns large oak trees grow as the saying goes. Hence now, some years down the line, the building of the Mayflower has begun. It is estimated that the total build could be in excess of £2.5 million pounds.

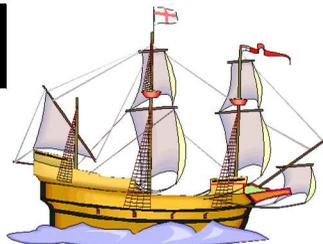
To date some 547 young learners have gone through the system as apprentices, also through the Princes Trust young offenders have also been helped to rebuild their lives, to the extent that one young offender produced a film to advertise the project which has been taken on board to the end with the result that he is now employed in the film industry in London as they were very impressed with the finished project.

The project has taken over the old railway station which has now become the centre of the build, plus there is a visitor centre.

The steering group are spreading their net far and wide to America and, because of the descendants from the pilgrims who travelled on the original Mayflower, donations to the project are beginning to come from the other side of the pond.

Richard Branson has pledged his support for the project and of course this is providing a lot of kudos to the cause.

It is going to take 200 tonnes of English oak to re construct the Mayflower, but new trees are already being planted to offset this need.



It should also be noted that the captain of the original Mayflower, Christopher Jones, was from Harwich hence the first hospital was also named after him.

They would welcome your support and visit to see what is going on and if you have any free time they would welcome volunteers to show people around. A worthwhile cause to support and also to help the regeneration of the local area.

Joy Rolfe

W.I. News

Scrap book. We are making a scrapbook to compare with the one made in 1965. If you would like to help, phone Mary or Sue 230419.

W.I. Next meeting November 4th "Tell and Show" An evening of amusing stories led by W.I. members

Next Ladies who Lunch November 25th Boat House, Dedham
Phone Mary 230419 for details – All welcome. Members and and Visitors

Pins & Needles Club at the school. Our second term is proving a great success, we have a waiting list for this Monday club

Knit & Knatter 2nd Wednesday of each month, Cheshire Home, 2-4pm.

As you can see we are a busy and thriving W.I Fun for all, come and join us 1st Wednesday of every month 7.30pm Great Bromley Village Hall. All are welcome! Come for a taster!



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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

Class 1

We would like to give a very warm welcome to all of our new reception children. We asked some of our new children what do you like about school? Mia said 'It is fun'. Albie said 'I am very good at football and I like playing outside for exercise'.



Tulip said 'I like running down the hill with Bethany and drawing and painting. I liked making faces on paper plates to put on the spider's web on the classroom wall'. We look forward to a long and happy association with our new children and their parents over the coming years.

School Council

On Thursday the new School Council met for the first time – we elected our Chairperson: Ruby Arnold and Secretary: Cerys Jacobs. The School Council discusses and decides on issues within school and the community. Last year's Council were responsible for the changes that occurred at lunchtimes, helped decide on the play equipment at Hare Green as well as other important issues. They all came

with lots of ideas today and we look forward to another successful year!

Mrs Fairley

Growth Mindset

A crucial idea that underpins the new curriculum is that of the 'Growth Mindset'. This means that we believe that ability isn't fixed and that we can all develop through hard work. If you work hard, practise and keep going when things are tricky, your brain actually changes and you are able to do things which you couldn't before. We have talked to the children about the power of 'yet', which

means that children learn not to say 'I can't do that.' but 'I can't do that **YET!**'

To remind children about this, we will be putting signs around the school of our own Yeti. We have asked children to design a yeti that will be used to reinforce this important message.



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



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BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS- PLACES AVAILABLE

Tel: 07857 503103

Both the breakfast and after school clubs are doing well and growing in numbers- there are still places available, if you require further information please call the number above or pop in to see us. From September 2015 - we are now also running a breakfast club at Tendring Primary school – so tell your friends.

The photographer visited pre-school on 12th October and as usual the children's photos were gorgeous and will make some lovely presents for Christmas.

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at the changing season and the children have enjoyed exploring outside for signs of autumn.

We have been busy in the garden, harvesting our vegetables, the sweetcorn and winter squash. We also harvested our pumpkins, cut the tops off and scooped out all the seeds. The children had great fun exploring the different textures. They then drew a face to be cut out ready for Halloween.

The children continue to stock our bird table regularly and watch keenly for the birds to visit.

We are holding another 'Dad's Week' starting Mon 9th November – we invite Dads to join us in our sessions and have fun with their children.

Fundraising

Our next event is:

KAREN CARPENTER STORY

"Live" onstage

featuring some of her most popular songs performed by HORIZON

GT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL
Friday November 13th at 7.30pm
Bar applied for Tickets £10.00 from pre-school

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. These we send away and are then paid according to the weight. So please ask friends and family to help us collect as many as possible.

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.

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:

Mon 2nd Nov Preschool re-opens after half term

Mon 9th Nov Dad's Week

Fri 13th Nov Karen Carpenter Story

RUNNING INTO THE GRAVEYARD!

Following a conversation with William Marshall and discovering that a large amount of money needs to be raised to paint the perimeter fence around St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley I suggested a run around the village as a fund raiser.

As a long term member of the Harwich Runners (along with several other villagers) I asked the club for their help. The running club have agreed to put on the 10K race entirely for the benefit of St. Mary's Church. The Harwich Runners will provide all the know how and the necessary equipment to make this a must do event.

The race will be on Sunday 10th April 2016, so please keep the date free. The excellent course has already been measured and marked so I know that it will be attractive to the accomplished runner with the potential of fast times. It is also ideal for anyone wishing to take part. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to come along and enjoy the run. There will be a 2K children's run half an hour before the main race, and the option to walk a 4K loop to attract pram pushers and dog walkers!

All these events start near to the church and finish into St.Mary's churchyard. The

church will have refreshments, stalls, exhibitions and entertainment organised by the Friends of Little Bromley Church. We hope that this will generate a carnival atmosphere involving the whole village.

If you feel that a race is too energetic, we would love to have some help from the community. Car parking stewards, race marshals, cake bakers and donations towards prizes are all ways of helping to support. On the day come out and watch and cheer the runners on along the route!

What about challenging teams from the surrounding villages or from the pubs to a race around the course? You could make up teams of three or more for the challenge.

More information about entering the race, costs, where to offer help, and other details will be in the February Messenger. If you can't wait to find out more, watch the Harwich Runners website: [Http://harwichrunners.co.uk/bromley10k/](http://harwichrunners.co.uk/bromley10k/)

I am looking forward to this new event. I hope that the whole village will enjoy the day and contribute to our church.

Roly Knott

PDSA

We are still running the PDSA Bookstall in the Car Port of The Nook, Colchester Road. This has been running for a number of years now and we collect around £750 a year for this good cause. We are very pleased with the way it is being supported and we are always willing to accept books but PLEASE do not leave other items it is purely a Book Stall and if items such as Lamp Standards, Electrical Goods etc are left we have to make a trip to the rubbish tip to get rid of them, so PLEASE, PLEASE books only.

We will again be having a table at the Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall, so again any books in good condition will be more than welcome, money collected on that day will be going to the Village Hall

John and Jacquie Terry



THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Great Bentley Surgery



Flu season is well under way at the time of writing (12th October) and we've already vaccinated just over 1,350

patients in just 10 days! This is 38% of all those eligible and half way towards the Department of Health's target of 75%. I'm hoping that we'll have met this target by the time you read this, but just in case we haven't and you are eligible but not had your jab yet, please call to book your appointment!

Many patients also need their vaccine against pneumonia. This is a one off vaccine, so if you are eligible but have had this in the past, you are covered for life. Those who are eligible are the over 65s or who are aged between 2 and 65 with a long term health condition. If you think you may be eligible, please call us to find out.

There more annual vaccinations due than ever at this time of the year and as well as the above, we also vaccinate certain age groups against shingles. Patients who are aged 70 on 1st September 2015 or who are aged 78 on 1st September 2015 are eligible. If you are aged between 71 and 77 on 1st September 2015 (inclusive), you are NOT eligible and will have to wait to the year which you will become eligible I'm afraid. This is the way the NHS powers that be have decided to roll out this vaccination to the population and we have to therefore abide by these rules.

Finally the **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** is meeting for its **Annual General Meeting** on 19th November 2014 at 6.30pm in Great Bentley Village Hall. It's important that we have as many patients and members represented as possible, so if you can make it please make a note in your diary, that would be great!

Richard P Miller – Practice Manager

Super Foods are starting to appear more and more in the media. They are also starting to become easily available at most supermarkets. Below are a few that have excellent qualities that can easily be added into your weekly shopping with some advice on why they may be good to eat.

Eggs - Free range organic eggs are an excellent protein option. They contain amino acids and are also low in calories.

Flaxseed - A healthy food that contains omega -3 fatty acids and fibre that can help you lose weight. Omega -3 also works to boost your metabolism and also help to detoxify.

Blueberries - Excellent source of antioxidants, vitamin C, K and magnesium that helps detoxify the body. Fibre and copper content also works to increase fat burning and strengthen the immune system.

Plain Greek Yogurt - Packed with protein and no added chemicals or sugars. Proteins keep you satisfied for longer. Can also be used as a substitute for sour cream and mayonnaise.

Coconut Oil - Contains a unique combination of fatty acids which has an excellent effect on metabolism and can help when added into your diet.

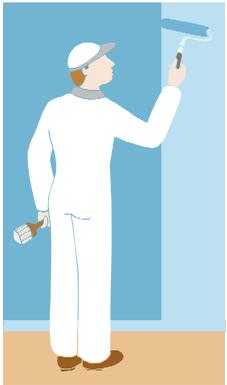
Kale - A super food with one of the most nutrient and dense greens. It helps to suppress the appetite and eliminate toxins in the body.

Quinoa - Low calorie and full of nutrients. Low glycaemic and full of protein, magnesium, zinc and iron. It is also gluten free.



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

The village hall trustees held a routine meeting on 22nd September at which it was decided to press ahead with a major refurbishment project at the hall, although the scope of the work would be dependent on a grant being awarded from the Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund. The project, to be undertaken by local contractors in 2016, comprises the following six sub-projects: completion of the repair and redecoration of the hall exterior; partial redecoration of the hall



interior including the Millennium Lounge, both entrance lobbies, the rear corridor and parts of the main hall and committee room; sanding and sealing of the main hall floor; sanding and sealing of the small hall floor; renovation of the stage and replacement of all curtaining; and provision of replacement furniture

including tables and upholstered seats. The total cost of the work would be £18,000 of which it was proposed the village hall should contribute about £3,700. Our grant bid will be considered by the awards panel in November and we should

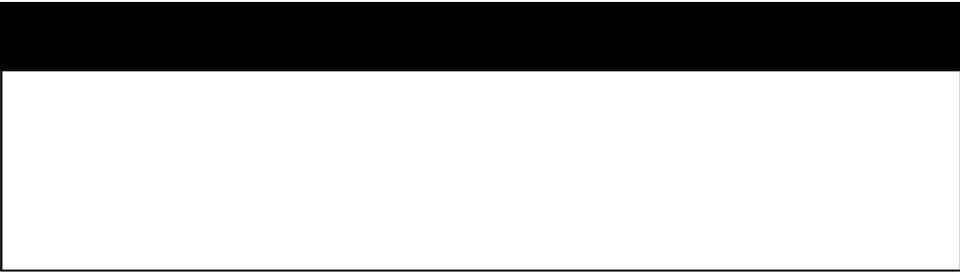
know whether we have been successful by the end of the year.

There are a several fundraising events taking place before the end of the year and these are summarised below:

- Saturday 21st November - Barn Dance
- Saturday 28th November - Christmas Decoration Workshop
- 12th December - Christmas Fayre
- 31st December - New Years Eve Ball

The village hall trustees look forward to welcoming you at one or more of these events and also to providing hall accommodation for you whether it be for a birthday party, meeting or musical event. As the hall is fully licensed, there is scope to undertake a wide range of activities in the accommodation - all at extremely competitive hire rates. If you want to know more about what the hall can offer or if you wish to make a booking please contact the bookings secretary Mary Fawcett on villagehallbookings@greatbromley.org.uk or 07957962788. A tour of the facilities can be arranged on request.

Martin Frostick
villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk
or 01206 250263



2015 EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
6 Halloween & Bonfire Night party, Seven Rivers, 6.00pm
7 Gt Bromley Autumn Litter Pick, meet 10.00am at The Cross or 10:30 at Old Courthouse Inns - see notice
Little Bromley Amenities Group Fireworks Night, Barlon Road, 7.00pm
13 Karen Carpenter Story, Village Hall, 7.30pm
14 Mind Body & Spirit Event, Village Hall
Save the Bromley Cross, Booze & Bangers Night, Forge Cottage, 7.00pm
19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
21 Lt Bromley Litter Pick, Lt Bromley car park, 10.00am
Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
25 Friendship Club Christmas meal
28 Christmas Bazaar, Seven Rivers, 2.00pm
Christmas Decoration Workshop, Village Hall

DECEMBER

- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
5 Amenities Group Children's Christmas Party, The Haywain, 2.00pm
6 Christingle Messy Church, Arleigh church
12 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
17 Lt Bromley Parish council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
19 Amenities Group Christmas Dinner, The Haywain
23 Carols by candlelight, Lt Bromley church, 6.30pm
24 Crib service, St George's church, 5.00pm
31 New Year's Eve Ball, Village Hall

2016

JANUARY

- 21 WEA course - Local History, Buildings & Landscape, Village Hall, 2.00pm

APRIL

- 10 Sponsored run/walk in aid of painting St Mary's Lt B fence

Karen Carpenter Story

Friday 13th November at 7.30pm
"Live" on stage
at Great Bromley Village Hall
featuring some of her most popular songs.
Performed by the band HORIZON
Bar applied for
Tickets £10 from 01206 231991 or
Little Dragons Pre-School

Save the Bromley Cross

Booze and Bangers night/ Pop
up Pub

Saturday 14th November
7.00 to 11.00

Forge Cottage, Hall Road

Tickets in advance £5 (includes first drink
and hot dog)

Tickets call Dinah 231059



Little Bromley Fireworks Display

It's Back!

On Saturday 7th November

FREE ENTRY

Donations welcome on the Night



to be held at
Barlon Road,
Little Bromley

Fireworks 7pm
Sparklers & Glow
Sticks for sale
Burgers and Hot Dogs



Sponsored by

Little Bromley Amenities Group & Little Bromley Parish Council

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley

Halloween and Bonfire Night Party



Friday 6 November 2015.
Start time: 6.00pm

Chips, soup and hot drinks available

Tickets available from Seven Rivers
Price £2 per adult, £1 per child
or £5 per family

Registered Charity No. 218186

Seven Rivers

Cheshire Home

Hall Road, Great Bromley

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 28th November

2pm to 4.30pm.

Christmas Goodies

for all including:

FATHER CHRISTMAS!

Books and Toys

Christmas Gifts

Refreshments

Grand Raffle

CAKE!

and more besides - do come!



Registered Charity No. 218186

GT BROMLEY BARN DANCE

Saturday 21st November

at Great Bromley Village Hall

7.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m

Caller: Sibby

Band: Musicmakers

Tickets £10

(will be available from John Terry
(01206230490) john@terrys.org.uk and
Village Hall Committee Members)

American Supper

(ie please bring a plate of food to share)
Sandwiches, Cakes, Puddings, Sausage
Rolls etc

BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

(soft or alcoholic - wine or
beer)

DRESS

(it is a barn dance, so check
shirts etc)



Little Bromley Amenities Group

Our

Autumn Litter Pick

will take place

on **Saturday 21st November**

If you would like to join in, we will be meeting in the Village Car Park at 10.00am. Please bring hi viz jackets



Refreshments will be provided at The Haywain at 12 noon for all participants

Autumn Litter Pick

Please come and help out at the autumn Great Bromley Litter Pick which will take place on Saturday 7th November. Meet at 10am in the car park of The Cross Inn or at 10.30 at the Old Courthouse Inn car park.



Volunteers (the more the merrier) should bring appropriate footwear and gloves. Bin bags, hi-visibility bibs and litter grabbers will be provided.

More details can be obtained from Richard Perry on 01206 230537 or Owen Blowers on 01206 231010.

Childrens Christmas Party

Saturday 5th December

2-4pm at The Haywain

Tickets £3pp

Tickets available at The Haywain or ring for more info.

Little Bromley Amenities Group

Food

Music

Santa

Games

Face Painting

All proceeds to the Children's Society
Donations of £1.00 per child
(Accompanying adults free)



Messy



Christingle!

Come and have some family time, some messy Fun and a light tea on

Sunday 6th December

Registration at **3.00pm - 5.30pm**
At **St. Mary's Church, Arleigh**



All Welcome!

For more information please contact:
Carol Cordwell: 01206 395103
United Benefice of Arleigh and the Bromley's

Make your own Christmas Wreath

with Croome Crafts

on 28th November
at Great Bromley Village Hall
10:00-12:30 or 14:00-16:30

£30 including all materials
£10 deposit secures place

Please contact Kate
Strowbridge on 07592
735600



Harwich Sausage Festival

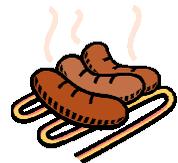
Tendring CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale)
Saturday 7th November
2015

Historic real ale pubs, superb sausages from Tendring producers, an amazing atmosphere and some grown men (or women) trying to

throw sausages as far as they can!

The Timetable

11.00 Pre-meat at the Hanover Inn, Church Street CO12 3DR



W.E.A.

WEA Ardleigh Branch
(now meeting at Gt Bromley Village Hall)
Local History, Buildings and Landscape

Tutor: Patrick Denney
Meetings Commence

Thursday, 21st January 2016
2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Fee £48

A Seven Week Course

This course will introduce students to the way in which many of our villages have evolved over the years and how such issues as parliamentary enclosure and the formation of country parks have impacted on the landscape.

Further information form
John Terry (Chairman Ardleigh Branch)
john@terryst.org.uk or 01206 230490
or

Jill Frostick (Secretary Ardleigh Branch)
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We have been meeting at Great Bromley Village Hall this term for the first time having moved from Ardleigh Village Hall where we have been meeting for a long time. The move was made as the Play School there decided a few years ago to meet all day instead of only in the morning and the problem this gave us made us finally decide to move.

We had been only getting around 12 people coming to our courses in Ardleigh and we were not covering the cost of hall and the fee for the tutor and without generous grants from the WEA we faced closure. Having made the move, this term we have

22 people who have paid for the course more than covering our costs and I think everyone has found the venue of the Millennium Room at Great Bromley a great improvement.

The present course of "A History of Painting in East Anglia" has proved popular and is being enjoyed by all.

John Terry (Chairman Ardleigh WEA)

A PLEA FOR ADULT EDUCATION

The Government is in the process of proposing cuts of between 25 and 40 per cent to Adult Education (it will effect all Adult Education ie Open University etc as well as the WEA) and we are asking everyone who thinks education should be provided for Adults to write to their MP (Mr Bernard Jenkin in our case) showing their concern at these cuts. A petition regarding this has now closed but it is being put before Parliament on the 25th November 2015 and letters received by MP's before that date will help influence the way forward for Adult Education, so write to Bernard Jenkins c/o House of Commons SW1A 0AA and make your feelings known

If you have difficulty in thinking of what to say there is a draft letter which can be accessed by going to the WEA Web Site at <http://eastern.wea.org.uk/wea-news/news/2015/10/01/adult-education-under-threat-%E2%80%93-act-now/>

Dedham Tennis Club 2015 Roll of Honour

Men's Singles Champion: James Prior
Ladies Singles Champion: Janet Dennis
Men's Doubles Champions: James Prior & Charlie Clarke
Ladies Doubles Champions: Hilary Cairns & Shona Fahy
Mixed Doubles Champions: Hayley Everett & Russell Sainty

It has been a very successful season for Dedham Tennis Club. The Men's A team and the Mixed A team gained promotion to the Colchester & District Premier League. We also had winners in the C&D Finals at Frinton.

CHARLES PIRIE 1940-2015

Charlie was born in September 1940 and for the first few years of his life we slept underground in the Anderson Shelter. There were 6 of us in the Shelter: Dad, Mum, Me (Bill), Charlie, Jean and later Andy. Because it was cramped, baby Andy slept in a drawer from a chest of drawers. For years our grandchildren were convinced that the drawer was pushed shut at night, but that wasn't the case!

After the war we all attended the primary school in Bromley and at the age of 11 we three boys went on to Elmbridge boarding school in Cranleigh, Surrey. Charlie was Chairman of the School's Young Farmers Club, and was selected to go to Olympia in London to take part in a Chicken Plucking and Trussing competition where he came in the top 3.

On leaving school he started work on the family farm which he did for all his working life. In addition to the farm he ran the village shop/Post Office and latterly became Postman. It was always my ambition to see him riding his bike delivering letters but he cheated and did it by car!

When Charlie married Barbara they went to London for their honeymoon where they appeared on Sunday night at the Palladium and won a great big telly. Charlie became a father to Kevin and they remained very close. Then Ian and Julie were born but sadly the marriage did not last.

I recall in 1987 getting a phone call from Charlie asking would I write a letter to the High Commissioner in the Philippines. I asked "Why? Have you been stopped for speeding?" he said "No, I am getting married and he wants proof that I really exist!" A short time later he came back to England having married Gee. I recall him saying "I can't believe I've been so lucky!" They had 2 children, Cap and Jimmy, resulting in 5 children and 7 grandchildren and a great grandson. He was extremely proud of all of them.



Charlie certainly had his moments in life! Like the time he was with Derek trying to catch eels in the brook. They were not very successful and in the end Charlie was more concerned that his fags had fallen out of his pocket and were floating down the stream. He would have gone after them but he had his best suit on and wellies. On another occasion he was out shooting rabbits; Julie was driving the Landover and Charlie was in the back. He was telling Julie to go faster and when he spotted a fox shouted at her to quickly go right. She did as she was told and Charlie fell out the back!

Charlie took an active part in Village life. He particularly looked forward to the pantomime where he usually seemed to play the back end of an animal. He fondly recalled the time when he and Gerry (Nick) Nicholls played the two policemen. He also loved the spin off from the pantomime where a group would go round and entertain at Old People's homes. Charles was a supporter of the Cheshire Home and would regularly go to cook a Sunday Roast Dinner for the patients, leaving the cooking at times to help someone out and then returning to finish off the meal.

As a Parish and District Councillor he received an invitation to the Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace. The format is to eat your cucumber sandwiches and then stand in line while members of the Royal Family walk down the line and you may get spoken to. Charlie was

different - he took a plateful of food to sit by the lake and watch the Flamingos. While sitting there he was approached by a gentleman who asked for his autograph. Charlie replied "Well yes - but who do you think I am?" The man replied "Paul Daniels!" – as if by magic the man disappeared!

On retirement from the farm they moved to Bradfield. The last few years have not been kind to Charlie regarding his health. While he was in hospital he would not respond to Dad and only his family nickname Fossil would make him open his eyes. Charlie was very much his own man and he could be very stubborn and it was that stubbornness that kept him going during his illness. He is now at peace so sleep well Bro.

From Bill Pirie

Charlie Pirie was a popular man around the village – I only ever remember him smiling, when I look back. This photo of the

Pirie children taken about 1950 was given to my father, Charles Frostick, by their father, Charles "Jock" Pirie, who were good friends. Left to right are Mary, Charlie, Margaret, Jean and Andy. Bill was absent (probably away at school).

Hugh Frostick





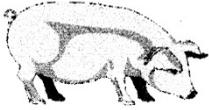
**New single Patient Transport
Service for people in Colchester
and Tendring**



North East Essex
Clinical Commissioning Group

The NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has today announced that the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust has been awarded one of the region's largest Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) contracts. Commissioned in partnership with Colchester Hospital University Foundation Trust (CHUFT), the new service sees 18 transport contracts integrated into a single service. The new five-year contract ensures that transport for patients will be improved by involving patients in the design of the service.

The new service, which will run 365 days a year and 24 hours a day, will offer transport to eligible patients for planned and routine journeys to and from any hospital or clinic in the country. The NEPTS service will also provide transport tailored for particular patient groups, such as renal (kidney dialysis) or critical care patients. It also integrates the Healthcare Travel Cost Scheme making it easier for patients to use. CCG staff interviewed patients who use current services and then used their views to inform a multi-expert panel who evaluated the bids received by providers.



TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

The shop is now really getting for Christmas orders with the order forms being finalised and ready to go. British Sausage week is the first week in November with a local celebration of this. We won this prestigious event last year and are happy to go and defend our title this year: all very good fun to celebrate the British sausage.

Harwich Sausage Festival

Tendring CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale)
Saturday 7th November 2015

Historic real ale pubs, superb sausages from Tendring producers, an amazing atmosphere and some grown men (or women) trying to throw sausages as far as they can!

The Timetable:

11.00 Pre-meat at the Hanover Inn, Church Street CO12 3DR

11.30 Sausage Throwing Competition next to the Hanover Inn

12.00 - 14.30 Public Sausage Tasting at the Hanover Inn, New Bell Inn & Alma Inn

15.00 Winner of the Sausage Tasting is announced at the New Bell Inn

Facts and Figures from 2014

The winner of the throwing competition was Nick Aldridge throwing for The Alma Inn of Harwich - his second throw was a massive 150 feet 6 inches breaking his previous record of exactly 150 feet.

The winner of the tasting competition was Primrose Pork of Great Bromley with their Pork, Honey and Mustard sausages which were presented in the New Bell Inn as Sausage D.

If you love the atmosphere of the Great British pub and are partial to a gourmet sausage we warmly invite you to join us. Even if you're not entirely sure we would welcome the opportunity to convince you that the combined talents of butchers, brewers and publicans it makes for a fantastic day out!

Primrose Pork entered a team in the village quiz, something we had not done before, and really enjoyed the lovely evening thank you for asking us. Very proud of our result - we were not last !!!!.

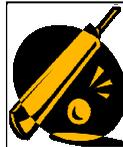
The wild life on the farm is now a hive of activity with lots of partridges and pheasants running around and fantastic colourings against the autumn colours. All feeding on the specifically grown wild bird seed for them and other visiting birds.

The pumpkins have really grown well this year and we are selling them for Halloween and Bonfire night at excellent bargain prices, so buy local please.

Farmers markets are really picking up with the very successful Alresford market expanded. The village hall has been revamped giving more room with a waiting list queuing to join.

Please visit the markets and support local farmers and crafters. Alresford is always the 1st Saturday of the month, Rowhedge the 2nd Saturday and Wivenhoe the 3rd Saturday, in the morning usually 9-12am. Please enjoy Fireworks night and support the British sausage week with buying local sausages, we continue to try different recipes, our latest Pork and Ginger sausage is taking over as my favourite. We also sell local Bakery bread, eggs, milk, jams and chutneys, cheeses, so if you run out do pop in save your petrol, all at excellent prices.

Karen Moss



Cricket Club 100 Club Winners

September

1st.	Jack Allam
2nd.	Mr. Dave Hardy
3rd.	Alex Fairley

STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB



Recent Meetings

On Wednesday 7 October Grant Elliott gave a most interesting talk "Monopoly – not just a game" and on 21 October this was followed by member Paul Oliver presenting "Quiz Time in Manningtree", both events were much enjoyed by Members .

Future Meetings

On Wednesday 4 November Joy Bounds will speak on "The Ipswich Suffragettes" and "Colchester Castle 2015" is the title of Tom Hodgeson's presentation on Wednesday 18 November.

Meeting Venue

We now meet at the St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree.

New members

Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members to a minimal cost. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. New members are welcomed by Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, we meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10.30am. Please contact Secretary Brian Rolfe on 01206 393665 for further details.



St Helena Hospice
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ST HELENA HOSPICE

Remember someone special this year

St Helena Hospice's Tree of Memories Christmas appeal is now open for anyone wishing to make dedications and donations in memory of someone special or for those who wish to support the hospice during the festive time of year.

By taking part in this appeal, donors will be sent a bauble-shaped tag with their personal message to hang on their Christmas tree, with an identical tag being placed on one of the beautiful Tree of Memories in either Colchester in the quiet room at Myland Hall or in the Tendring Centre in Clacton-on-Sea. Extra blank tags can be purchased for a minimum donation of £1.

These trees will be on display from Monday 7th December until Monday 4th January 2016 for people to visit and view.

The hospice will also be holding two Tree of Memories remembrance services.

These services are held as a way to bring people together to take time to reflect, to sing Christmas carols, listen to readings and remember loved ones. The services will take place on:

Wednesday 16th December
2015
6.30pm

at St Helena Hospice, Tendring Centre,
Jackson Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1JP

Thursday 17th December 2015
6.30pm

at St Helena Hospice, Education and
Research Centre, Myland Hall, Barncroft
Close, Colchester CO4 9JU

To take part in this appeal please visit
[sthelenahospice.org.uk/
treeofmemories15](http://sthelenahospice.org.uk/treeofmemories15) or contact the
Fundraising Office on **01206 931468**.



CHURCH JOTTINGS

It is some time since I updated you all on the situation of our parishes within the Harwich Deanery. Over the weeks many meetings have taken place with our new Rural Dean, Guy Thorburn, and members of the Standing Committee of the Deanery Synod.

Our P.C.C. has been asked for their opinions, thoughts, views which were submitted for consideration.

It seems that there were two options for us in the future-

1. To be linked in a westerly direction with Ardleigh, Lawford and Dedham
2. To be linked in a more Easterly direction with the more rural parishes of Little Bentley, Tendring, Beaumont, Oakley, Wix and Wrabness

We were asked to consider all options and possibly think "outside the box" and think about considering our neighbours who may be across the Deanery Boundaries.

Elmstead have actually done just that and have opted for links with Arlesford, Frating & Thorrington. Other considerations were district council links, W.I. links, Doctors, schools etc.

There is to be a Deanery Synod meeting at Elmstead on 15th October and hopefully decisions will be made there, however it will not guarantee the immediate appointment of a priest – no doubt we shall continue to play the waiting game for a little longer.

You may remember that a previous plan involved links with Elmstead co-ordinated by the Rev Richard Allen. Sadly I have to tell you that Richard is terminally ill and we ask that you hold Richard and his family in your prayers at this difficult time. Richard was a great support and we shall miss him greatly. On a brighter note I have to tell you that our Harvest Lunch this year was a success.

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed a super meal cooked by Linda Pinhey, Coq-au-van with herb potatoes, roasted vegetables, crusty bread followed by Autumn Pie and Cream, tea and coffee, it was delicious- and no "Washing Up". The P.C.C decided to

hold a "bucket collection" to support our local food bank at Manningtree. Pat Chandler, one of the trustees, was unable to attend but supplied information describing the organisation and need of this very worthwhile charity which is supported by local communities and churches. An incredible £241 was collected by Michael as he encouraged people at each table to make their donations in the bucket.

Thank you to all who came, in fact more than last year – a truly village affair.

Ahead there is a busy time in our churches – watch out for notices and messages on our newly purchased "A" board.

- Remembrance Services at Great and Little Bromley at 10.45am followed by service for all in the Church.
- Christingle Messy Church Sunday 6th December in Ardleigh Church followed by Evensong Great Bromley with Bishop Roger
- Crib service 24th December in Great Bromley Church 5pm
- Lunch with us again 7th November and 2nd December. Everybody is welcome in the Church, come for a chat, support bring a friend – 12 noon.
- The Christmas Fayre this year on December 12th is being run on behalf of the Village Hall and the Church. If you would like to help in anyway please contact me or any P.C.C. member. Come for lunch, refreshments all day
- St George's is once again the venue for Midnight Service 2015 please join in this year, all are welcome – it is always a very special service with candles and festive decorations – you are welcome to come and decorate the tree or help with decorations in the Church. Just phone or email me.
- Put the dates in your diary now!! We would love to see you.

"Post Script" - Meeting 15th October – no decision made although it looks as though number 1 is the favoured option.

Jenny Nicholls
Church Warden



ARDLEIGH and THE BROMLEYS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Church of England Services - OCTOBER

Sunday 1st	All Saints Day	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6.30pm	Evensong to commemorate All Souls	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 8th	Remembrance Sunday	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.45am	Act of Remembrance & Family Service	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
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Sunday 15th	St Luke the Evangelist	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 22nd	Christ the King	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 29th	Advent Sunday	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	<i>Joint Service of Sung Eucharist - The Bromleys, Elmstead & Ardleigh</i>	

Holy Communion

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

Church Lunch

7th November at 12 noon
and

2nd December at 12 noon
St George's Church

Everybody is welcome

Come for a chat, support, bring a friend

From the Church Register

Marriage

7th October

Robert Fisher and Simona Vaitkaitiene

Funeral

12th October

Charlie Pirie.

J.A.M. DROP- IN

Every Friday in St George's church * Term time only

Parents & children welcome

All are welcome * 3pm to 3.45pm * Refreshments, activities