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LITTLE DRAGONS TOP OF CATEGORY AT GREAT BENTLEY CARNIVAL!



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THE FIRST PAGE

I haven't seen what has come in or what is happening this coming month but I know there are pictures in this magazine of various events that took place last month. As always to put on an event, whatever the size, always involves a lot of work by a few dedicated and enthusiastic people. So, a thank you from all of us who go along and 'just enjoy'.

By the time you read this I shall have moved – I hope – to my new house in Lawford. These past few months have been a rollercoaster of emotions. I am leaving Great Bromley which is a lovely friendly village to live in. I am leaving the house George and I bought when the children were very young and where we spent over three quarters of our married life. It is where the children grew up. I have had to downsize (a hateful word) my and George's possessions (and sentimental life) in order to fit in to my downsized house which has been very difficult as well as hard work and I would like to thank here



all those of you who have offered practical help and support these last few months. Apparently moving house is in the Top Three Most Stressful Things along with divorce and bereavement and I can believe it! I have told the children they can move me next time! But I am not moving far. I have made some wonderful and lifelong friends here and as Arnold Schwarzenegger said in some film 'I will be back'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grant Hibbert very much for offering and taking on the task of putting The Messenger together this month whilst my head has been in packing cases. It is thanks to him you are getting a magazine at all this month. I have passed on all your reports and photographs straight to him on receipt here and I haven't heard back a single grumble or query, though he may, of course, have been mumbling to himself! He has just got on with it. So, on behalf of all you Readers of The Messenger Thank you Grant and I, more than anyone, am extremely grateful.

Happy holidays everyone.

Leonie

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ARE YOU GETTING SUPERFAST BROADBAND?

Essex County Council is running a public consultation during August 2017 to create an updated map of superfast broadband availability in the county. The council will publish an online map showing all Essex premises and their current classification (superfast broadband available or planned/ superfast broadband under review/ no superfast broadband available). Superfast broadband is now defined as a connection offering at least 30Mb download speeds most of the time. When the consultation launches on Monday 31st July, residents and businesses are invited to check their broadband status on the interactive State Aid map available at: www.superfastessex.org/whatshappeningnext.

The Superfast Essex programme team at Essex County Council would like to hear your feedback on the broadband status allocated to your address. This includes feedback confirming the broadband status shown on the map is correct as well as feedback from anyone who disagrees with their current broadband status.

Respondents will be required to provide some evidence to back up any requests to change the status of an address. Details about the type of evidence required and instructions about how to obtain this will be detailed in the public consultation feedback form. Full details about the consultation, including the link to respond, will be available on the same 'What's happening next?' page of the Superfast Essex website: www.superfastessex.org/whatshappeningnext with the interactive State Aid map. Please note the map being consulted on will be used to decide whether properties are eligible for public subsidy in the future. This is different to the interactive rollout map which is separate to this consultation.

The outcome of this consultation will form the basis for directing future investment by



Essex County Council to improve broadband access, with the ambition to ensure everyone in the county has a superfast connection by 2020 at the latest.

Feedback on the consultation must only be submitted via the online public consultation feedback form available on the 'What's happening next?' page at: www.superfastessex.org/whatshappeningnext. Residents in areas with poor connectivity are encouraged to take the time to visit libraries or use workplace computers to complete their feedback, as the team would like to hear from them in particular.

Unfortunately, due to the volume of responses expected and the need to process them quickly, Superfast Essex is unable to offer the option of hard copy correspondence. If you agree with the status of your property as shown on the map (e.g. no superfast broadband available), you do not need to take any further action, however we would welcome your feedback via the public consultation form to confirm the current status shown on the map is correct.

Lucy Dickinson
Superfast Essex
Communications
Manager (People,
Communities and
Economy)
Corporate Strategy



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

Clerk: Lizzie Ridout Email: clerk@greatbromley.org.uk

Connie Kerbst, Lead Officer for Superfast Broadband programme at ECC attended our meeting on Wednesday 12th July to discuss concerns raised by residents over the provision of broadband locally. Cllr Strowbridge explained that most of the village has no option of BT broadband. County Broadband had advised they could cover the area of Great Bromley but when requested to install they find they can't. Ms Kerbst advised that ECC needed to disprove County's claim until they can start influencing BT. To do that ECC needed residents to provide evidence, even if it's just verbal evidence stating date and time of call. She also advised that a public consultation would be taking place starting on 31st July 2017, details of which are within this Messenger, along with the type of evidence needed.

News just in! I have received a letter from the Post Office with good news about restoring a service to the village. Subject to a public consultation, they are proposing to offer a service each Wednesday from 10am -12pm at The Cross Inn Public House. The public consultation starts on 14 July and

ends on 25 August, and they plan to open straight after that. You can take part in the public consultation via www.postofficeviews.co.uk and use the reference 08011699, or telephone the Customer Helpline on 03452 660115.

Please keep letting us know of reports regarding the ongoing issue of HGVs, speeding or not, travelling through the village. Email clerk@gbpc.org.uk

A reminder that the Church Meadow will be closed on Wednesday 16th August.

No-one has objected to the proposed removal of the paper recycling bin in Church Meadow so this will be removed shortly.

The proposed motor rally through the village will be on the agenda for the meeting on Wednesday 9th August. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Lizzie Ridout – Parish Clerk

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN DAY CHARITY EVENT

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER
11.00am- 2.00pm

TETHER'S END, Ardleigh Road
Great Bromley
CO7 7TL
01206 230537



We are participating in the nationwide event and would be delighted to welcome you for coffee, cake and chat. Although there is no set charge, a donation of £3.00 would be most acceptable (always feel free to up the ante!). There will be a raffle and a 'regifting' stall, and a little musical entertainment. Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Brenda & Richard



THE BROMLEY CROSS

Great Bromley Village Post Office to Re-open at the Cross Inn

Great news for Great Bromley! We're getting our village Post Office back. It's been closed for over 18 months but on Wednesday 30th August at 10 am Great Bromley Village Post Office will re-open at the Great Bromley Cross. Initially it will only be for 2 hours every Wednesday from 10 am till 12 noon, but if we get enough custom the number of sessions a week will increase. And the pub will be open selling tea, coffee and cake while the post office is open. We hope it can develop into a sort of village drop in centre for post office users or anyone who just fancies a chat with the neighbours over a hot drink. But that's down to you, our customers and our community. And on Wednesday 30th we'll be having a celebration when we open the Post Office to mark this tremendous occasion. Keep an eye out for signs outside the pub, join our Facebook group, "Save The Bromley Cross" or drop us an email at info@greatbromleycross.co.uk for updates.

The new service is called an Outreach Post Office and it works like this: A post master from Wivenhoe will setup the post office every Wednesday morning. It will offer virtually all the services that the Cross Inn Post Office used to provide but for only two hours a week. We realise that this won't meet everyone's needs, but the Post Office business models have moved on since ours closed in October 2015, and that's the best service we can get at the moment.

The services offered include:

- All Royal Mail postal services for home and abroad including signed for and special delivery
- Parcel Force 48 Service
- Health Lottery
- Mobile phone top ups
- Foreign currency to order
- Car Tax
- Fishing Licences

- Bill payments via cash, cheque or debit card
- Banking for most UK banks including cash withdrawals, balances, cash and cheque deposits
- Travel insurance
- Pay Station payments for gas and electricity
- Mail redirections and Keep Safe
- One 4 All gift cards.

If you can wait until Wednesday to use any of these services, then it will be a tremendous help for our village post office, and will lead to the post office opening on more days.



The Bromley Cross Great Bromley CO7 7TL

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and community-run
village pub*

Opening Times

Thursday	6:30 – 11:00
Friday	6:30 – 11:00
Saturday	6:30 – 11:00
Sunday	12:00 – 3:00

Events Diary

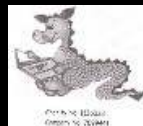
- Thu 3 Aug Games Night.
- Thu 10 Aug Charity Quiz Night for MS-UK 7.30pm. 
- Sat 12 Aug Afternoon Dog Walk & Evening BBQ.
Open at 2pm, walk at 3, BBQ 5 to 8.
- Wed 30 Aug Post Office Re-Opening Celebration 10 – Noon.
Tea, coffee and cakes.
- Thu 31 Aug Open Floor Acoustic Music Night 8:00pm.
- Sat 3 Sep Live Music with Grasshopper around 8pm.

<http://www.greatbromleycross.org.uk/>
info@greatbromleycross.co.uk

Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR
Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org
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HOLIDAY CLUB

We are running holiday clubs on the following days in the summer holidays:
Tuesdays and Wednesdays - 8.30 am-4.00 pm.

25th - 26th July

1st - 2nd August

8th - 9th August

22nd - 23rd August

See our website for further details or give us a ring to book a place for your child.

We have had a very busy time this term:

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre on 17th June, it was a great success. The weather was brilliant (if a little too warm at times) but lots of ice cream on hand to help!

On 22nd June we again took part in the Barnardo's Toddle around the beautiful grounds of Leonard Cheshire Disability. This year the theme was 'colours' and the staff and children looked great all dressed up. A big thank you to those who took part and the money you raised.

On 24th June we joined Gt. Bentley Carnival procession- we had a lovely time, a big thanks to Rob who dressed up as

'Sparky' the dragon (photos on our website!). Our float also won 1st prize in its category and we got a cup! (see front cover photo)

FUNDRAISING:

Please help us to collect:

Used Printer Ink Cartridges/ biscuit wrappers/ plastic bottle trigger heads and caps from washing up bottles.

OUR RECYCLING STATION now makes it easier to drop off items

We have set up an area - just inside our main gates, on the right, with boxes for you to drop off collected items. Thank you.

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.

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PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
17/00596/FUL Mr & Mrs Richmond	Proposed erection of 2no. two and a half storey detached dwellings.	Grange Hall, Hall Road Great Bromley, CO7 7TS	Refusal – Full 08.06.2017 Delegated Decision
17/00657/FUL Mr Robert Smith	Variation of condition 03 of planning permission 05/00008/FUL – To increase amount of caravans from 2 to 4 caravans.	The Caravan, Coppice View, Carringtons Rd, Great Bromley CO7 7XA	Approval – Full 07.06.2017 Delegated Decision
17/00689/FUL Mr T Redfern	Single storey side extension.	6 Meadow Close, Great Bromley, CO7 7UG	Approval – Full 15.06.2017 Delegated Decision

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
17/00850/OUT Mr Durrell	Construction of a two bedroom detached bungalow and detached single garage. Great Bromley Parish Council objects to the application as it is in front of building lines and is overdevelopment of the site.	Land to Front of 19 to 25 Ransom Court, Chase Road West, Great Bromley, CO7 7UA
17/00920/FUL	Office building and warehouse, including ancillary site works (car parking, landscaping, surface water management pond, new vehicular access points off Harwich Road and stopping up of existing access). Great Bromley Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is Grade 1 arable land. • We understand that Europark is going ahead within 2 miles and therefore site is not needed. • We believe there is an Article 4 directive on the site. • Open countryside. • Also loss of wildlife and damage to environment. • It will set a precedent for building from the A120 down to the bridge on A133 slip road. • Out of character for the local landscape. 	Land adjacent Cliphedge Farm Harwich Road Little Bentley Essex

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONTINUED

<p>17/00787/FUL Mr & Mrs Johnson</p>	<p>Proposed extensions and alterations to main dwelling. Proposed detached car lodge to side of main dwelling. Proposed detached car port.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council objects to the application and would draw attention to the planning officer that there is a high-tension cable which sags about 8-9m, and the proposed height of the building is 7.4m. The proposal is near to a ditch which is prone to flooding, the ditch drains all properties around The Cross area which were flooded badly last summer. This ditch drains down to a culvert further down and eventually into Bromley Brook.</p> <p>Entrance to the cartlodge is down a shared agricultural access road to a field behind (not in the owner ship of the applicant) and between 2 properties.</p>	<p>The Nook, Colchester Road Great Bromley, CO7 7TN</p>
<p>17/00629/FUL</p>	<p>Erection of one detached bungalow and two detached houses (amended application)</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council supports this application.</p>	<p>Land adjacent to and rear of Kia, Frating Road, Great Bromley</p>
<p>17/01010/FUL Mrs Lorna Sharp</p>	<p>Demolition of north east roof and end flank wall. Alteration of internal spine wall. Construction of two storey extension with enlarged existing infill central extension and single storey side extension.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council has no objection to the application however it appears that the applicants may have appropriated some land, thus making their side garden much bigger. This will be reported to Essex Highways.</p>	<p>1 Hill Cottages, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, CO7 7JA</p>
<p>17/01020/OUT T J and R A Chalmers</p>	<p>Outline application for up to 2 No. dwellings.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council objects to this application. The access on to the highway is contrary to the Highways Management Development Policy DM3 which states that no new access on to secondary feeder roads should be permitted. The proposal is non-sustainable and has poor transport links, along with no local amenities.</p>	<p>Land at Frating Rd, Balls Green, Great Bromley, CO7 7JU</p>
<p>17/01051/FUL Mr Gary Mills</p>	<p>Single storey orangery style extension.</p> <p>GBPC has no objection to this application.</p>	<p>Summer Breeze, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JW</p>

PLANNING APPEAL

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	STATUS
16/01992/ FUL Mr & Mrs Craven	New detached dwelling and detached garage/ cartlodge for private use.	Willow Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley	Appeal in progress

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

A couple of days ago, I was lucky enough to see a

Hummingbird Hawk Moth in my garden. I have not seen one for about ten years, and that was a hot

summer too. They are incredibly exotic and beautiful, but not as rare as I initially thought. Apparently they visit the same location every day, so I shall be on the lookout for further sightings.

It has been very hot over the last few days, not quite June levels, but hot nevertheless. I seem to be spending a great deal of time watering tubs, pots and grow bags, but it certainly seems worth it - they are putting on a fantastic display this year. The hot weather seems to have reduced the number of slugs around, and my trusty thrushes are making short work of any snails unwise enough to be visible in their presence. However, there seems to be an explosion of rabbits - we have never had a problem like this before, and the dog spends all his time rushing around with his nose to the ground, trying to track them down (unsuccessfully I have to say!).

August is generally a busy time in the garden. Watering is essential as mentioned before, but feeding will improve displays. Commercial feeds are widely available, applied during watering, but others can be made at home from comfrey, nettles, or even cow dung suspended in and old pair of tights and hung in a water butt.



At this time of year, lavender bushes can be pruned of their flower stems and hung upside down to dry out. It is best to do this in the morning when any dew has dried. Everlasting flowers can also be preserved in the same way. Any flowers that have set seed, and the pods dried can be harvested for sowing next year, bearded iris can be divided, and autumn flowering bulbs planted.

The vegetable garden will need lots of attention, with beans, lettuce, beetroot, turnips courgettes, onions, marrows, calabrese, summer squashes, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and aubergine all ready to be harvested. If you have any space in the vegetable garden, early carrots, peas, turnips, lettuce and oriental leaves can be sown. In the fruit cage, gooseberry, currant and summer fruiting raspberries can be pruned.

The butterflies have been spectacular this year, including the dreaded cabbage white, which seems to have found its way under the nets protecting the brassicas! I will have to pull off the caterpillars by hand to stop them munching all the cabbages.

Deadheading is still very important, especially on repeat flowering roses. Despite the lack of rain, the weeds continue to thrive, so regular weeding will allow what moisture there is in the soil to be used by your plants. Mulching may help too after the plant has been well watered.

Semi ripe cuttings can be taken now, especially from lavender and rosemary which root readily in gritty compost if placed around the edge of a pot.

If you are going on holiday this month, have a wonderful time. If not, enjoy your garden!

THE BROMLEYS SCARECROW FESTIVAL



From left to right: 1st Place –Rainbow Man by Leslie Childs, 2nd Place – Leprechaun by Elspeth Knott, 3rd Place –Hawaiian Girl by Natalie and Mia McLellan - keep a lookout for more scarecrows throughout the magazine!

The Bromleys Scarecrow Festival 2017 Following advance warning, in June entry forms were put around the villages and the first scarecrow was put in the Church meadow for all to see. With a rainbow theme, there was plenty of opportunity for bright colours and fun.

As deadlines passed we had 14 entries to find on our Scarecrow trail, which were available in both churches. We hope you enjoyed looking for them.

Councillor Carlo Guiglielmi very kindly judged the scarecrows and selected the winners. As always it was a very hard decision to make. Carlo and his wife Val came to St. George's Church, Great Bromley during the Flower Festival to do the presentation. So on Sunday the 2nd July at 3.30pm, Carlo was able to award all the winners with their prizes.

First prize went to Mr Leslie Childs for his Rainbow Man. Second prize went to Elspeth Knott for her leprechaun and Third prize went to Natalie and Mia McLellan for their Hawaiian Girl.

Carlo was also able to present a certificate to Deon Gray for her Skye-crow. Everyone

who took part received a certificate with a photo of their scarecrow. We would like to thank all those who entered as they have been a joy to see around the village.

Photos of all the scarecrows are on display in St. George's Church, Great Bromley and St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley.

Carol Cordwell



Little Bromley Church **Summer Theatre**

7.30pm 1st August

Macbeth by Shakespeare

One act version (75mins)

by This is My Theatre.

£12/10/5 tickets from

07732 253311.

Suitable for ages 10 upwards.



With 200 staff and 65 people living in its community, Acorn Village is thriving in a lovely 14 acre location in Mistley, near Manningtree, Essex. Michelle Cook, Acorn's Chief Executive came to the Gt. Bromley WI meeting on July 5th to share her vision for Acorn Village and how much the community is looking to the future. Driving forward on the foundation built by Denzil and Phyllis Green in 1972, Acorn Village empowers people with learning disabilities to 'do what they want to do'. Focusing on 'people centred care' each of the 65 village residents is placed at the centre of their own life, living with the people they choose to live with in flats and high-dependency units. Some villagers have lived at Acorn village for over 35 years enjoying their independence in a safe environment.

A registered charity, Acorn Village is funded by social services, fundraising events, legacies, monthly giving, and donations. These enable the village residents to take up hobbies such as horse riding, sailing, fishing, and swimming. It has three charity shops, one in Manningtree, one in Brightlingsea and one on-site at the village. There is also a furniture shop there where you can pick up your next up-cycling project, or another bargain to change the look of your home.

A coffee shop on-site, staffed by village volunteers, enables you to have coffee and cake and have a chat to one of the villagers who will most likely regale you about the CEO and the operations manager getting covered in gunge in June, or invite you to the family dog and classic car show on 5th August. You might even get asked to the 'Acorn's got talent' show on 15th and 16th September.

There is an independent building – the Oakroom - in the grounds of Acorn village which is available to hire for conferences, events and a fabulous dance floor, should you want to hold a party, event or wedding there. A marquee could also be erected if you have too many friends for the venue itself.

Acorn Villages motto – 'life is for living', certainly applies to the village residents and staff who make this vibrant community so engaging and safe for its residents. Come along to one of its many events, pop in if you are passing, have a look at the craft centre, the charity shop, or buy a new project from the furniture shop. Sit in the garden with a cuppa and a sweet treat, enjoy the views, and know that you are making a difference to people's lives by your contributions. Acorn Village is well worth a visit.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The June meeting began with various ideas being discussed for the annual outing. Date and destination to be announced. Members were asked to suggest a hymn to be included in the "Songs of Praise" at the church on Sunday 2nd July during the Flower Festival weekend. Our suggestions were included in the service which was well supported by our Club.

Our Speaker for the afternoon, Maralyn Bambridge, was then introduced. Maralyn

told us of her continuing work raising money and changing lives of Rwandan orphans and the opening of the Maternity Unit in Ntunga. She had many items made by the local people which were on sale, the proceeds of which will go towards more equipment for their development.

The August meeting will be the annual auction. No raffle or stalls for that month.

JABEZ HENRY SPRAGGONS (1891 – 1917)

Jabez Spraggon and his twin brother Robert were born in Great Bromley – probably at the family home on Back Road, Hare Green - in the summer of 1891. The twins were the youngest of Alfred and Eliza Spraggon's six children, though the only other boy had died as a baby.

Alfred Spraggon (originally from Waldringfield, near Sudbury) was an agricultural labourer, and had married Eliza Taylor from Elmstead Market in 1879. For the first years of their marriage they lived in Elmstead, which was where Jabez's three sisters were born, before moving to Great Bromley sometime after 1886.

After leaving school, Jabez was employed as a Farm Labourer and remained living at Hare Green after his father's death in 1909, along with his mother, brother and eldest sister.

In early 1912, Jabez joined the Essex Regiment. He may well have been posted overseas for garrison duty in India, and later Mauritius, before being recalled to the UK in late 1914.

Jabez and his Battalion, the 1st Essex, were among the first Allied troops to land on the Gallipoli peninsula in April 1915. Jabez was wounded in the first weeks of the campaign, but re-joined the 1st Essex, almost certainly before they left Gallipoli in January 1916 as part of the Allied withdrawal. The 1st Essex were sent to France in late March of 1916, and in the next year and a half took part in the Battle of the Somme, the Battle of Arras and the Third Battle of Ypres.

We do not know when Jabez was wounded for a second time, but it seems likely to have occurred on 10th August 1917 near the village of Pilkem, just north of Ypres. The Battalion were subjected to heavy shelling whilst on trench duty in the support line, though the War Diary records that they suffered very few casualties.



Jabez was evacuated to a Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) just north of the town of Poperinge in Belgium, and approximately 18 miles behind the front line. This was the second of three CCS that had been humorously nicknamed by the British soldiers as Mendinghem, Dozinghem and Bandaghem.

Jabez died of his wounds on 16th August 1917, and was buried in the adjacent Dozinghem Military Cemetery. It is the last resting place of over 3,000 Commonwealth war dead, most of them from the Great War.

Note: Jabez Henry Spraggon is the name under which Jabez's birth was registered, and the name he used when joining the Army in 1912. This contrasts with the names GH Spraggon, and George Spraggon, under which he is commemorated on Great Bromley's War Memorials. Does anyone know why? His sisters were all registered at birth as Spraggon! We would be very grateful to make contact with any Spraggon (or Spraggon) relatives.
Mark Ashmore & Hugh Frostick.

2017-18 EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1 Macbeth at Little Bromley Church—7.30pm
10-11 Cricket and Beer Festival, Gt Bromley Cricket Club, from 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Leonard Cheshire's 100th Birthday Party, Seven Rivers

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

CRICKET & BEER FESTIVAL

at Great Bromley Cricket Club

Thursday 10th August

Bar Opens 2.00pm till late

BBQ available in evening

Cricket match: Phil Allam Memorial cup:
40 overs per side start 2.00pm

Friday 11th August

Bar Opens 4.00pm till late

Food available from 7:15pm

Live band – The Remnants (evening)

Cricket Match: Great Bromley vs
Springfield Match start 11.00am (all day
game)



FREE ENTRY BOTH DAYS!
Adults and children
welcome



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



100 Club Winners June

- 1st Mrs. Marion Britton
2nd. Mrs. Ann Wild
3rd. Mrs. Beryl Hurst

KITCHEN CORNER

Cottage Eggs

Here is an idea for picnic
food.

- 3 eggs
- 3 oz cottage cheese
- 1 tsp chopped mint
- 2 tsp chopped chives
- salt and pepper



- Melt 1tbsp butter in a heavy saucepan, break in 3 fresh eggs and stir vigorously with a fork.
- As they start to set add cottage cheese, mint, chives, salt and pepper to taste.
- Stir over low heat to consistency you like, remembering they will be firmer when cold. Chill thoroughly before using to make sandwiches or to fill hollowed out rolls.

A good addition would be some chopped chicken or ham added after the cheese.

Jill Frostick



SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

August has arrived (or nearly) as I write this and like most of you we look forward to having time with our children or grandchildren now that they are off school. Last year on a day when I took my grandchildren to Colchester zoo with my sister (for moral support) we noticed just how many grandparents were looking after their lovely grandchildren.

Within our home we have a few residents who have school aged children. They spend their time with grandparents as due to circumstances they have one parent living with us at Seven Rivers. This can be hard on everyone, the parents and the children. Over the years I've noticed that the younger the child the easier they cope, I think it's because when you're younger

you ask the questions. As we get older we feel we can't ask those questions - making it harder for older children to adjust to a parent living in a nursing home. So just to remind everyone never be afraid to ask the question you might even like the answer.

So this August I have my orders from my 9 year old grandson, can we go to Jimmy's Farm Nana, Please. Of course I've said yes, and I know my home like my work home will be filled with children running around while laughing and singing. Enjoy the time you have with them, but you are allowed to be pleased when they go back home or back to school.

Take care
Liz x

ST HELENA HOSPICE

St Helena Hospice is pleased to share its new St Helena Home Care service, which provides person-centred care to help people to live as independently, comfortably and securely as possible. The service includes assisting people with personal care tasks for example washing, dressing, and maintaining a hygienic environment by ensuring cleanliness of certain rooms.

With the launch of the new service, the hospice is now looking to recruit passionate care workers to expand the team. It is essential that all applicants can drive, have access to a vehicle and have an NVQ qualification in Health and Social Care or have at least six months' proven experience of care work.

"It is a privilege to work for St Helena Home Care; since starting work I have been given the opportunity to further my qualifications within my hours of work and have been



supported by the team and other staff at the hospice. The team is friendly and we receive good rates of pay compared to some care agencies." Angie Gaught, Care worker, St Helena Home Care.

If you're interested in finding out more about the role please contact 01206 913240 or come to one of the open days at 1 – 4pm and 6 – 8pm on 19th July, 14th August and 28th September at St Helena Hospice Education Centre, Myland Hall, CO4 9JU

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Great Bentley Surgery



The Government via NHS England is actively trying to get surgeries to work together and in some parts of the country, huge areas have seen dozens of practices come together in what's called 'Super-Partnerships'. Invariably this has always resulted in many mergers, with some smaller practices being swallowed up and patients having to travel further to see a GP and continuity of care being affected as a result. NHS England have also made it very clear that smaller practices like ours are not the future and that organisations with 30,000 to 50,000 patients are preferred. As such many existing and new contracts will only be made available to these larger practices which could affect the financial viability of those left behind.

Here at Great Bentley Surgery, we know our patients value the continuity of care and the personal touch we are able to provide given our smaller size. We have always been very mindful of wanting to keep this whilst planning to protect the surgery's future here in Great Bentley Village.

However, we also need to be in a position that we do not miss out on any future opportunities due to being small, which could result in the practice becoming financially unviable. For the last 6 months, we have been talking to a small group of like-minded practices spread around North East Essex to create an organisation. The single most important factor for us all is to keep our identity and autonomy so we can always make decisions based on what's best for the surgery and our patients, but not miss out of any opportunities ahead.

We've now created a Limited Liability Partnership with 5 other practices, so that we have 3 in Tendring and 3 in Colchester. This gives us an excellent coverage of the area and will allow us to potentially provide more services and share resources. The aim is for this to secure all of our futures for

our patients and the new group is called the North East Essex GP Network. We even have a basic website already which you can view at www.NEEGPNetwork.com and our logo is to the right.



Mobile phones

We are seeing an increased use of mobile phones DURING consultations with our health care assistants, nurses and doctors.



Whilst we are happy for mobile phones to be used in the waiting room, using them in consultations is completely inappropriate. We hear stories of phones being answered and parents asking to speak to

a nurse again as they were not listening to the advice given to their child as they were too busy on their phone. This not only wastes our precious time, but is extremely rude!

Patient Participation Group

This month the patient participation group will not be meeting due to the August break. The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 21st at 6.30pm at the Great Bentley village hall as usual.

Richard P Miller
Practice Manager



COFFEE BREAK NUTRITION with Suzanne Abbott

THE HUMAN MICROBIOME

What is it?

The human microbiome is the collection of bacteria living in and on our body. It consists of about 100 trillion bacterial cells. This is 10 times more cells than the number of human cells in the body! The gut's bacterial population weighs in at around 2kg. And most of it, 99% are found in the gut.

We all know that there are bacteria all around us. Often we think that bacteria are bad and must be eliminated at all cost from everywhere; be it by the use of antibacterial hand soaps, antibacterial wipes and a multitude of other antibacterial products for floors, kitchen tops, bathrooms etc. This is what the manufacturers of these products want you to believe. In fact the use of vinegar, salt and hot water mixture is an age-old answer for the prevention of bacterial contamination around the home, especially in the kitchen.

We are slowly beginning to realise that the vast majority of bacteria that reside on, or in our bodies (the microbiome) are harmless and even helpful. The bacteria living on our hands, for instance, will protect us from invading bad bacteria, so using an antibacterial soap that will kill 99.9% of bacteria may not be such a good thing after all. Ordinary soap and water or liquid soap without the antibacterial will do just fine.

A recent paper¹ published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation from New York University tells us: *'The composition of the microbiome and its activities are involved in most, if not all of the biological processes that constitute human health and disease, as we proceed through our life cycle.'* Although much evidence about the importance of our gut health has been in existence for many years, much of it has been ignored. It has now been established that it is absolutely essential to take care of it from birth to old age. 10 years ago scientists were only just beginning to

explore the depths of the human gut. The results are outstanding. It's never too late to start looking after your gut.

So what do we need to do? It's pretty simple – start eating foods that will stimulate the many different species of gut bacteria. They need feeding, just like you do. In a nutshell, our diet should be varied. We need to eat lots of different vegetables, preferably locally grown. Eat butter, not margarine spreads. Drink full fat milk, organic is best. Eat meat in moderation, that means not every day and give preference to fish, followed by white meat (chicken). Drink plenty of filtered water, snack on nuts and seeds and don't buy processed 'food'. Also introduce fermented products into your diet. They are of great benefit to your gut. These include full fat natural organic yoghurt, Kefir drink and sauerkraut made from white cabbage. I am planning to run a sauerkraut/Kefir workshop on 12th August from 10:30 – 3:30 @ £50 per person including refreshments, lunch, handouts, a Kefir starter and a jar for the sauerkraut. Places are limited to 10, so please contact me via my website to book your place.

If you have unresolved health problems or are feeling under the weather for no reason, there could be a simple solution related to the food you eat. You can book an appointment with me via my website. Details on opposite page.

Best of health!

Suzanne

Natural Health Consultant

Specialising in Naturopathic Nutrition

1. *The Microbiome Revolution*
Martin J. Blaser, First published 1. Oct 2014 in the Journal of Clinical Investigation.



BECKY'S BUTCHERS

After a very hot few weeks during June/ July our pigs have been enjoying a daily water bath to roll in. Being able to wallow allows them to cover their



skin in mud to protect from burning as well as keep their body temperatures down. We have been lucky to get some rain to help the crops grow prior to harvest and also our grass fields, where our livestock roam.

After a very hot and successful Tendring Hundred Show, harvest is now in full swing. You will have seen and heard many combines going till late into the night. At Badley Hall Farm we have started the winter barley fields and will soon be moving onto our winter wheat followed by bean fields.

Are you able to tell the difference between wheat and barley? Well wheat is slightly darker in colour to barley. There are different groups of wheat, group 1,2 and 3

are produced for human consumption including bread, pasta, cake and biscuits. Group 4 wheats are produced for animal feed.

Barley has a similar seed head as wheat does, except the awns or "beard" of the head is much longer than wheat, and the head itself is not as coarse. Barley can also be very itchy if come into contact with it. Barley is mainly grown as animal feed but is also used for human consumption in breads and soups as well as beer.

It is also a busy time in the butchery with spring lamb now readily available as half or as individual cuts. We have also been experimenting with our own bacon, including smoking!

Until next time, Thank you
Becky

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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Council are pleased to say the Village gates have been approved and the positioning of these has been agreed with Highways. The design of these will be very similar to the gates at the entrance to Wix being UPVC plastic with hopefully little or no maintenance.

The Council understands that a car rally is being planned for April next year in conjunction with a Chelmsford Motor Racing club. The position of TDC is that this is a positive thing for the area as it is hoped that it will bring tourism to the area and generate income for small businesses on the route. We understand that roads will be closed on that day although, at the moment, the route doesn't include any roads in Little Bromley itself. This issue will

be discussed at the forthcoming Council meeting especially the inconvenience it will cause to the people living around here. As part of the Lorry Watch in conjunction with Gt Bromley, Councillor Smith has proposed that lorry weight signs be requested on the A120 right and left hand turns and also on Cox's Hill before the approach to Bromley Road. We will be contacting Highways with this request as at the moment the only signs are at the beginning of the roads when the drivers have already committed themselves to the routes.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the 21st September at 7.30 pm at The Haywain.
LB Parish Council

GREAT BROMLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

A long time ago the new theme for the 2017 Flower Festival was announced. 'Rainbows', could they easily go into a flower display?

The answer is yes, due to lots of thought and careful planning, fantastic displays were produced to cover the church from porch to far corners. Local organisations and flower arrangers came together to make their creations. On Thursday 29th June, everywhere you looked the church buzzed with activity. Even if the same topic was chosen, the end results all looked different. We were very lucky to have a lot of generous people who sponsored the cost of the flowers for our event. A list of our sponsors will be up in the church for the next month.

Thanks to the lovely posters produced for us by Mrs R. Keitch and St. George's School, which were on display everywhere, we started to welcome our visitors. From Friday the 30th June until Monday 3rd July the church was very busy.

With laden refreshment tables, organised by Sue Clark, a cake stall, an art exhibition, cake stall, raffle, bric brac, pottery, Cheshire Home stall, Lucky Bag game and much more we were ready. Free entrance and a programme were given out by the stewards at the entrance. With reminders to look for scarecrows on the trails, do the quiz and answer any questions, this was a very important job. On Friday we were able to listen to hand bells being played and later on some children from St. George's School came to entertain us.

On Saturday the W.I. had a lovely stall and a steady stream of visitors kept the church busy all day. Flower arrangements were discussed and admired constantly. Tasty ploughman's and plenty of cake were eaten and we often heard lovely music from

Gregory or Stephen on the organ. David Wenden led some popular tower tours in the afternoon.

On Sunday, we were very busy. Tasty barbecues at lunchtime, tower tours plus all the various stalls, etc. meant plenty to see and do. It was nice to have Rev. Simon Heron in attendance.

At 3.30pm local Councillor Carlo Guiglielmi very kindly presented the prizes for the Scarecrow competition. First prize was won by Mr Leslie Childs.

A little after 4pm, following cream teas provided by Sue and Jenny, Laura Garnham very kindly drew the big raffle for us. With 33 lovely prizes to be won, a lot of visitors waited for the draw. The First prize of £100 went to Mr Tim Birkin of Coggeshall. We must thank all of our

wonderful sponsors for the raffle prizes and A&S Aggregates for sponsoring our raffle tickets, as without them all there is no raffle. A list of all those who supported the raffle will be up in the church for the next month.

At 5pm we had a visit from the Chairman of

the Tendring District Council, Cllr. Mark Platt, just in time for our 'Big Sing'. This was very enjoyable, the music was played by Gregory, Laura took the service and additional music was played by Peter Clayton and Julie Harmer. It was really nice to see so many people sitting and standing among the beautiful flowers and singing their hearts out.

On Monday morning the Little Dragons children entertained us and were joined by Bishop Roger of Colchester and Rev. Simon. A group from Harwich came for a visit and had afternoon tea, following a short talk about the church.



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GREAT BROMLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

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A Flower Festival needs a lot of people to make it work and we were very lucky that so many came forward as volunteers.

It also needs the visitors who make everything worthwhile. There is nothing nicer than hearing a nice comment about a display. The flower arrangements involve most of the organisations throughout the two villages which makes new friendships along the way. There are too many people to mention by name but we must say a special thank you to Jenny Nicholls who was the driving force behind the whole 'rainbow' event. Thanks must

Little Dragons at the Flower Festival

On 3rd July the children were invited to the church to sing some songs for their parents and friends, they had been practising the songs and were in excellent voice on the day. Afterwards we looked at all the beautiful flowers and displays. The children had worked hard on our own display of Elmer the elephant and a rainbow made of all the children's handprints.

We still found time to look after and then harvest our vegetables: peas, potatoes, beans and carrots.

We would again like to thank all our parents, friends and staff for their continued support, time generosity and hard work.



also go to Yvonne Cobbold who spent a lot of time counting all the proceeds from the stalls, etc. and from your very generous donations. She was able to tell us that we have made over £2500 during the weekend towards the church. What a result! A lovely end to a lovely weekend.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Midsummer Tea and Pimms Party

On Saturday 24th June the Friends of St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley held our annual Midsummer Tea Party.

We were pleased to welcome 55 people who came to listen to local a cappella group 'Rococo'. 'Rococo' consisting of Wendy, Gill, Claire and Kate sang a wide selection of songs showing their lovely vocal range.

During breaks Anita did a great job of providing thirsty Friends with Pimms while the tasty cakes made sure no one would go home hungry.

An additional event this time was the Friends Annual AGM. This short meeting gave a resume of the year's happenings

and a mention of upcoming events to look forward to. Many people were thanked for their help. The committee were also re-elected back en bloc.

More songs from Rococo completed the afternoon. We would like to thank them for their very enjoyable performance. We would also like to thank our flower arrangers for their pretty arrangements and our cake makers for their delicious cakes. Finally we would like to thank Gregory, our Chairman who does so much for the church. Over £250 was given in donations during the afternoon.

Carol Cordwell on behalf of the Friends of Little Bromley Church.

MARY ELIZABETH HART (1945-2017)

Mary was born on the 30th October 1945 and lived in Great Bromley all her life, first in Brook House opposite the primary school, and then when she married she moved to Pondfields, off Parsons Hill. She attended the local school until she passed the 11+ exam and went on to the Colchester County High School for Girls. (It was the girls in the family who were the clever ones!) She was very close to her sisters, Jean and Margaret, particularly Jean as they were both staunch Ipswich Town fans, even travelling abroad to support them. On leaving school she worked for the Inland Revenue in Colchester, and was not sure that her Dad ever forgave her for that!

Mary married Ron in 1967 and they had 2 children, John born in 1969 and Catherine born in 1972. Sadly the marriage did not last and she brought up the children on her own. She had two grandchildren, Alice and Freddie, who she loved to bits and she loved baking cakes with them.

Mary was not afraid of hard work and after her children had started school she worked for Hamilton Lodge, Mark Lawrence Grain in Ardleigh and then for Car Spares in Harwich and Clacton before being made redundant. Mary was also a volunteer for the Samaritans for quite some time.

She played a major part in village life, being Parish Clerk, on the Village Hall Committee and following in her mother's footsteps as a member of Bromley WI where she became secretary. She was also involved in the spin off groups like "Knit & Natter" and "Pins & Needles" at St George's Primary School where she was well liked by the children who thoroughly enjoyed their creative time with her.

Mary had a wise head on broad and responsible shoulders. Her excellent memory and recollections were invaluable on so many occasions when planning events or filling in missing elements of village history.

Mary and John were season ticket holders at Ipswich Town Football Club for many

years, with her brother Bill taking over John's ticket for some years until they realised they were wasting their money! She really enjoyed her many Saturdays at Portman Road, going for breakfast at Manningtree Station or to Frankie and Benny's for lunch.

She enjoyed going on holiday with Bill to Scotland, the home of their ancestors. Mary had a liking for a large glass of Merlot. On one of their holidays they had booked into a Travelodge with a Little Chef next door.

Over dinner they discovered to their horror the alcohol license had expired so Mary could not get her favourite glass of red.

However, all was not lost - they had taken six bottles to give to their host, a cousin, who never did query why there were only five bottles in the box when she opened it! Mary was kind and very good fun with her excellent sense of humour, even when the fun was light-heartedly at her expense.

She loved her garden and particularly enjoyed her roses and growing vegetables.

She was generous with her time and hospitality – her infamous summer bank holiday BBQs will be remembered affectionately by many for years to come.

She loved listening to Cliff Richard and used to play him loudly on Sunday mornings to get her hungover teenage children out of bed!

Mary will be very much missed.
John & Catherine





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

Telephone: 01206 230305

Class 3 Singing at the Flower Festival

On Friday 30th June, St. George's Church had a rainbow themed Flower Festival. The pupils of class 3 were asked to sing at the church. At two o'clock we walked over and set ourselves up at the front of the church. We sang some of our favourite songs including; Hey Mister Miller, the School's Song and Stronger Together from the Young Voices concert. People from Cheshire Homes also came to listen to us. We enjoyed singing but also looking at the flowers, it was a beautiful sight. Some of us even went back to see the rainbow flowers again. We also loved



seeing the rainbow themed scarecrows—well done to all the participants.

By Alice Black, Pru Fricker and Alice Hart

Cluster Scatterball Tournament

On Friday 30 June we played in a scatterball tournament against 12 other teams. It came to the last game versus Tendring and we won by 2 points which meant we won the tournament! We played really well and had lots of fun. We won a gold medal and a trophy.

By Daniel Harden, Bobby Branchflower and Alfie Westall



Recent Meetings

On Wednesday 12th July Dr Stephen Ashworth, Senior Lecturer, UEA, talked on "Kitchen Chemistry". An interesting science show using readily available materials to illustrate some of the principles of chemistry. Acids, bases, catalysts & indicators are all part of this exploration of some of the chemicals that are all around us.

Future Meetings

We do not have a speaker meeting in August but our popular Summer Dinner takes place once again at the Constable Hall on 4 August.

Our speaker on 13 September is David Whittle, Vice Chairman of the Harwich Society, whose presentation is entitled "I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside".

"Being a Woman Racing Driver & Racing at Le Mans" is the subject of our talk by Celia Stevens on 11 October. She will talk of her experience of racing historic cars three times at Le Mans Classic, once at Nuremburg & all over the UK. And she is still racing!

Membership

Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment and emphasis is always placed on making learning active and fun as well as helping in developing

friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, country walking, computer studies and gardens, churches and historic buildings visits. In the main, membership is drawn from communities in the lower Stour Valley and adjacent areas including Brantham, Capel St Mary, Dedham, East Bergholt, Holbrook, Lawford, Manningtree, Raydon, & Stratford St Mary. We are affiliated to the ThirdAge Trust, have over 260 members and 21 groups. For further information please visit www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk where membership secretary Gillian Gibbs may be contacted.

Meeting Venue

We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 a year and this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except August and December.

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Licenced Bar & Raffle

Tickets £15.00 Adults Only

Tickets from Debbie on 07920 772082

Tickets will need to be presented on the night to gain entry
Fundraising event for Great Bromley Cricket Club





STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Recent Meetings

On 5 July Lewis Tyler presented "Daddy, what is TV" and then on Wednesday 19 July we held our summer lunch to which we invited our Spouses and Probus Widows to join us. This year we moved to The Haywain and the occasion was enjoyed by all.

Future Meetings Diary Dates

We don't hold a meeting in August and return after our break on Wednesday 6 September when Tom Williams presents "Everyone has a book in them" and on Wednesday 20 September Philip Roberts' talk is entitled "The Mary Rose". Our first October meeting is on Wednesday 4th when Roy Wood will tell us "How to enjoy a healthy retirement followed on Wednesday 18 October by David Ablewhite, who returns

again, presenting "The Royal Family".

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

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 Speaker Secretary Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

WEA Ardleigh Branch now meeting in The Millennium Room

Great Bromley Village Hall
Autumn Term 2017
Course title: Ten Britishers of Note
Tutor: Edward de Maunsell

This ten week course is about ten randomly selected individuals from the history of the British Isles that have left their mark on the historical development of the UK. The figures we will consider and their qualities are: Boudicca, Edward I, Tyndale, Elizabeth I, Oliver Cromwell, Nelson, Wellington, Aneurin Bevan, Churchill, and Thatcher.

As can be seen the people chosen cover a wide sphere, Kings and Queens, Political, Military and Religion. We do hope you will find it of interest and come along and join us.

Each week one of the above 10 people will be discussed so missing a week for holidays, illness etc. will just mean you will miss discussion on one of the ten

individuals.

A 10 week course
First meeting 21st September 2017 14.30 - 16.00

Cost of course £52
Come along to the first week and see if it is the course for you
Payment must be made on the second week of term

There will be a short tea break half way through each weeks course. It will be decided with members attending the first week of the course if there will be a break for half term.

For further details please contact:

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FROM THE RECTORY

French military leader and statesman Charles de Gaulle was a man with a good grasp of attempting the impossible. While serving as President of France he asked the presumably rhetorical question 'How can you govern a country which has two hundred and forty-six varieties of cheese?' Understandably, he didn't attempt an answer.

De Gaulle understood the impossible. Others less so. William Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin was a hugely successful mathematical physicist, engineer and inventor. Among other things he was knighted for his work on a transatlantic telegraph cable, he determined the lower limit of absolute temperature, and had had the scale of temperature measurements named in his honour. He wasn't always right though. In 1895 he declared that 'heavier than air flying machines are impossible. It was just eight years later that he was shown to be completely and utterly wrong.

The history of mankind is littered with some spectacular achievements that undoubtedly started out looking not just impractical, but completely out of the question. The first attempts, glorious failures and partial victories that make up the road to success often go unnoticed, as it's only the final triumphant success that gets credit. And then the previously unthinkable becomes

feasible, and what was impossible is not just possible, but a part of everyday life.

The bible tells us about a conversation that Jesus had with a wealthy young man who wanted to know how he might get eternal life. The culmination of their discussion sees the young man walk away when it all seems too hard, and then Jesus tells his disciples, 'it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

As wealth was seen as a blessing from God, who then could be saved?

Jesus tells us. "All things are possible with God."

From the greatest to the least, we are all welcomed by God. He doesn't see the colour of our hair or skin, our width or our height. He doesn't see our wealth or lack of it. With the life that faith in Jesus Christ offers, God just sees possibilities.

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ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



Services for August

Welcome to our services

August 6th **8am Holy Communion (BCP)**
Trinity 8 **6.30pm Sung Evensong**

August 13th **10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW1)**
Trinity 9

August 20th **8am Holy Communion (BCP)**
Trinity 11

August 27th **10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW1)**
Trinity 12

*The church is open daily and you are welcome to visit.
More details and information at www.greatbromley.org.uk
Facebook or Twitter @StGeorgesGtBrom*

St Mary's church, Lawford

Every Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
1st Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	10.00am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Evensong
3rd Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Café Church
4th Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's church, Little Bentley

1st Sunday	10.30am	Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion

St Mary's church, Ardleigh

1st Sunday	10.3am	Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.30am	Parish Eucharist
4th Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion

Church Lunch

Friday 4th August
12 midday

Please come and Join us for friendship
and fun.

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Every Friday in St George's church
Term time only

Parents and children welcome

All are welcome

3.00pm to 3.45pm
Refreshments, activities