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4th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
5th	9.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 6th		Trinity Sunday	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. George the Martyr
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evensong	St. George the Martyr
7th	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
9th	10.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
10th		Corpus Christi	
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
11th		S Barnabas	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
12th	9.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	5.00pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Lt Bromley
Sunday 13th		Trinity 1	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. Mary the Virgin
14th	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
16th	6.00pm	The Eucharist	Hamilton Lodge
17th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
18th	11.00am	The Eucharist	Seven Rivers
19th	9.30am	The Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 20th		Trinity 2	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Sermon	St. George the Martyr
21st	9.30am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
23rd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
24th		Birthday of John the Baptist	
	10.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
25th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Seven Rivers
26th	9.30am	The Rosary	St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 27th		Trinity 3	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	St. Mary the Virgin
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	St. George the Martyr
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St. Mary the Virgin
29th		SS Peter and Paul	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	St. George the Martyr

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WOMEN'S ISSUES

'The Edge of the Land' performed recently in the Village Hall by Eastern Angles was an extremely good, interesting and thought provoking play, as usual brilliantly performed. It centred round the problem of illegitimacy and how in the 1950s it was perceived by all involved - mother-to-be, her boyfriend, her parents, society. It explored the emotional feelings of the mother having to give her baby up for adoption and to a lesser extent those of the father. Having been a child in the 50s and a teenager in the 60s, attitudes were starting to change by the time I left school in 1965. It was still expected for a girl to be married earlier rather than later and having a child born out of wedlock was still frowned upon though not the end of the world. When I left home to work in London in 1967 my



mother's parting words were that my parents were always there for me whatever problems I might have. It must have cost her dear to say those words coming from the era she was brought up in but I have never forgotten them and think that this is what parenting is about. It is therefore very sad to read recently about a 14 year old girl who elected to exercise her own right to have an abortion rather than discuss the matter with her mother first.

The right of a young woman to make these decisions for herself must stem from the long campaign by women, not only to take charge of their lives but also to be given equality, particularly in the workplace. Women have made considerable progress towards these objectives and some are now finding

themselves at a crossroads and are undecided as to which way they should go.

This was borne out recently in an article which said that women are rejecting the position they have attained in the workplace, opting instead to become full-time housewives without intending to do the work associated with the role. Why are these lucky(?) few, freed from economic pressures, returning to the home if it is just to meet friends for coffee leaving their home and family to be run by hired help? Will such a life truly

satisfy them or is there a hope that their energies will lead them to voluntary work in some form? Having left work when I had my first child I only returned to the workplace 18 months ago. The intervening

period has been spent looking after home and family and doing things for the wider community. I loved school holidays and doing things with the children whom I like to think benefitted. I also see nothing wrong with the delineation of labour: boring, yes, but housework whilst needing to be done does have a satisfying side - the pride of a homely place and I have little enthusiasm for the tasks my husband may undertake. It is flexible too - leave it a few days and the world does not come crashing down. Cooking also is satisfying - all your own work!

So why, when women have it all (and know they can do it all!) are they still dissatisfied, still searching for their role?

Leonie Henderson

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Dear Parishioner,

The Church is often criticised for not giving a stronger lead today. Inevitably when it does and that lead is not liked, the Church is then criticised for poking her nose in matters that do not concern her. A no win situation, so just as well that Church is not about winning and losing!

The role of the Church is to enable and encourage her members to live lives fully in the world according to the teaching of Jesus Christ. The Church openly welcomes non-members to share in occasions such as Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals and says “We believe this is a way to experience peace and truth here on earth. It works for us, if you think it might work for you, excellent, come and join us.”

So when the media report “the leaders of the Church said...” The purpose is to guide and instruct the faithful, and yes to open to others a view of living in this world. All of this comes from the decision of the leaders of all Christian denominations to speak out ahead of this month’s elections on the 10th.

I am not about to tell you who to vote for, but I am saying that Christians should use their vote if they have one. I understand that voter apathy is at its height, but democracy is not served by failing to vote, because someone will be elected since we don’t have a system that says “not enough people voted so the election is void”. Do make sure you are on the electoral register and if you are unable to get to the polling booth, ask for a proxy or postal

vote by phoning 01255 255120 before Wednesday 2nd June.

Christians are called to be part of the world and use the democratic process wisely and prayerfully. They are to make sure that the candidate they are voting for is not going to be working against Christian values. So abortion and euthanasia, a fair distribution of the world’s food and water, a charitable outlook on those in prison, the refugee, the sanctity of human life, are all matters to be considered before placing your X. May God bless us in our choices and those elected to serve.
Fr Nicolas

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What Women Want

Young King Arthur was ambushed and imprisoned by the monarch of a neighbouring kingdom.

The monarch could have killed him but was moved by Arthur's youth and ideals.

So, the monarch offered him his freedom, as long as he could answer a very difficult question.

Arthur would have a year to figure out the answer and, if after a year, he still had no answer, he would be put to death.

The question?....What do women really want?

Such a question would perplex even the most knowledgeable man, and to young Arthur, it seemed an impossible query.

But, since it was better than death, he accepted the monarch's proposition to have an answer by year's end.

He returned to his kingdom and began to poll everyone: the princess, the priests, the wise men and even the court jester.

He spoke with everyone, but no one could give him a satisfactory answer.

Many people advised him to consult the old witch, for only she would have the answer.

But the price would be high; as the witch was famous throughout the kingdom for the exorbitant prices she charged.

The last day of the year arrived and Arthur had no choice but to talk to the witch.

She agreed to answer the question, but he would have to agree to her price first.

The old witch wanted to marry Sir Lancelot, the most noble of the Knights of the Round Table and Arthur's closest friend!

Young Arthur was horrified, she was hunchbacked and hideous, had only one tooth, smelled like sewerage, made obscene noises, etc.

He had never encountered such a repugnant creature in all his life.

He refused to force his friend to marry her and endure such a terrible burden, but Lancelot, learning of the proposal, spoke with Arthur.

He said nothing was too big of a sacrifice compared to Arthur's life and the preservation

of the Round Table.

Hence, a wedding was proclaimed and the witch answered Arthur's question thus:

What a woman really wants, she answered.....is to be in charge of her own life.

Everyone in the kingdom instantly knew that the witch had uttered a great truth and that Arthur's life would be spared.

And so it was, the neighbouring monarch granted Arthur his freedom and Lancelot and the witch had a wonderful wedding.

The honeymoon hour approached and Lancelot, steeling himself for a horrific experience, entered the bedroom. But, what a sight awaited him.

The most beautiful woman he had ever seen, lay before him on the bed, the astounded Lancelot asked what had happened.

The beauty replied that since he had been so kind to her when she appeared as a witch, she would henceforth, be her horrible deformed self only half the time and the beautiful maiden the other half.

Which would he prefer? Beautiful during the day....or night?

Lancelot pondered the predicament.

During the day, a beautiful woman to show off to his friends, but at night, in the privacy of his castle, an old witch?

Or, would he prefer having a hideous witch during the day, but by night, a beautiful woman for him to enjoy wondrous, intimate moments?

What would YOU do?

What Lancelot chose is below.

BUTmake YOUR choice before you read further.

Noble Lancelot, knowing the answer the witch gave Arthur to his question, said that he would allow HER to make the choice herself.

Upon hearing this, she announced that she would be beautiful all the time because he had respected her enough to let her be in charge of her own life.

Now....what is the moral to this story?

The moral is..... If you don't let a woman have her own way....things are going to get ugly.



EVENING READING GROUP

The "Evening Reading Group" first met in November 2003, as a result of an initiative of the Essex Library Service. Since then we have read and discussed a wide variety of books selected and supplied by the library service.. The Group is comprised of members with different interests and tastes, reflected in the types of books they would normally choose to read. One of the benefits of the Reading Group is that we are encouraged

to read books that would not normally be on an individual's "menu" for instance last month we read "The Paris Option" by Robert Ludlum. This month PD James' "The Children of Men" will be discussed - who knows what June's selection will be!

We meet informally in one another's homes on the first Friday of the month. If you would like to join in, please call 01206 230563 for details.

HAVE YOU LOST A CAT?



There is a silver grey tabby cat wandering around Hare Green/Chase Road West area which appears to be a stray. It is a very friendly, un-neutered male with a loud cry and he isn't wearing a collar. If he belongs to you or you know who the owner is could you please contact me; if he is a stray I will take him to the cat rescue so that he can be re-homed. Many thanks.

Val Harris (01206 251691)

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THANKS

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Very many thanks to all who supported the Plant and Garage Sale, to everyone who donated plants etc., those who helped at the sale (before, during and after) and to everyone who came to buy!

The total raised to date is £600 and the MAGI stall has raised £61. Well done!

Ann and James

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FROM THE PAST ...

A RECTOR OF LITTLE BROMLEY IN COURT

The Court of Quarter Session Rolls 71/71d, 1578-81 have an interesting entry, The charge reads

"77/13 12 December 1580. RALPH KYNGE, of Little Bromley, Clerk, (he was Rector there 15-- to 15--), Robert Munke. And Lawrence Newman, of the same, Clerks (Incumbents of where or were they his Assistants?), for the said Ralph to keep the peace towards Christopher Wynter of

Kelvedon, clothier.

Under details of Sessions proceedings of 11 January, 1580/81 "*Ralph KINGE, of Little Bromley, discharged*".

So Ralph may have been the one who did us all a great service by copying the original paper Registers of the parish, as the Law requested, on to parchment from the time of 1538, but he was also a Rector who, maybe with two other clerics, had arguments with the tailor.

John Appleby

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2004 Planning

The Council considered and agreed no objections to the following planning applications:

- ▶ **Old Police House, Chase Road** – relocation of shed and pond
- ▶ **Thatched Cottage, Brook St** – garage and store
- ▶ **Meyrick, Colchester Road** – amendment to conservatory approval
- ▶ **Hazel's Garage, Harwich Road** – retention of portacabin for office use

The Council considered but objected to the following planning applications:

- ▶ **Barn adjacent to Portlands, Harwich Road** – erection of cart lodge
- ▶ **Barn adjacent to Portlands, Harwich Road** – rear addition to barn (appeal)
- ▶ **Coppice View (The Caravan), Carrington Road** - garden store and car port (appeal)
- ▶ **1 Chase Cottages, Stone Rd** – front extension and porch

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

- ▶ **4 Park Cottages, Mary Lane North** – replacement extension roof
- ▶ **Park Farm, Hilliards Road** – conversion of former agricultural building into food production centre (approval with conditions)

Planning appeal

Tendring Council has refused permission for a house to be built at '**Primrose Farm**', **Hall Road**. The Planning Inspectorate will hear the owner's appeal at the Weeley Planning Offices at 10.00 am on 15th June, 2004. The parish council has already made representations against the

proposal.
Tendring Local Plan

Annual Great Bromley Parish Assembly – 13 May 2004

Following his election again as Chairman Major James Heaney reported on the parish council's achievements and activities during the past 12 months. Reports were also given by other council officers and a district councillor. There followed a lively discussion of local issues raised by the dozen residents present. The main concerns were with speeding, motorcycles and roadside footways.

In conjunction with the County and District Council authorities the parish council is attempting to eliminate the environmental nuisance arising from motorcycles using private land between Boudge Hill Wood and the A120. Meanwhile the council continues to monitor and log motorcycling activity and reports of difficulties are welcomed.

Motorists continue to exceed the 30 and 40 mph speed limits which have been introduced following representations by the parish council. Although speed cameras have been refused by the Highways Authorities the police carry out radar checks when they can. The parish council has requested a mobile automatic speed warning sign at danger spots.

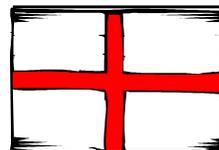
The Highways Department is scheduled to put down a metalled footway between the Cheshire Home and Hall Road houses. Highways have also been asked to provide a proper footway along the Harwich Road between Selectacars and Hare Green.

Tendring's draft new Local Plan can be consulted at either the Weeley Planning Office or exhibitions in the area during June and July. Comments on the plan need to be submitted on an approved form which will be available at the exhibitions or

MATERIAL for the **July 2004** edition of 'The Messenger' should therefore reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by **MONDAY, 14th June, 2004** please. Contributions from anonymous sources will not be printed. Copy can either be delivered by hand or sent by post, fax or e-mail.

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ALL WEEKEND BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday, 19th June

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, 19th/Sunday 20th June

BEER FESTIVAL

Sunday 18th July

COUNTRY FAIR

- **Thursday, 17th CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**
In aid of W.A.I.F.S. animal charity.
- **Wednesday, 23rd MUSIC NIGHT** **8.00 start**
Come and sing, play or just listen to traditional music and rhyme.

JULY EVENT

- **Sunday, 18th Country Fair**

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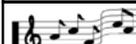
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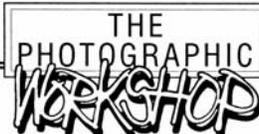
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from the Parish Clerk. The nearest
exhibitions are as follows:
Weeley Village Hall: 17 June (1030-1730),
24 June (1230-1930), 10 July (1030-1430)
Ogilvie Hall, Lawford: 19 June (1030-
1430); Manningtree Methodist Hall: 20 July
(1030-1730)

**Parish Councillors' allowances and
expenses for 2004/5**

The council has agreed that as from 1
April, 2004 its members will continue to
decline any allowances but can claim
expenses at the approved rates for official
travel outside the parish.

Hare Green recreation field

MOBILE LIBRARY

The County's Mobile Library
will call at the following
locations in **Great Bromley** on



Thursdays:

Church Meadow 9.20 - 9.30 am
Back Lane (West) 9.35 - 9.45 am
Chase Road (West) 9.50 - 10.00 am

It will also stop at **Little Bromley** on
Fridays:

Shop Road 1.00 - 1.10pm

The council has been awarded a £4,320
grant from the Lottery Fund towards the
cost of a tarmac/skateboarding area, picnic
seats and toddler equipment.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at
7.30 pm on Thursday 17 June 2004 at the
Village Hall Great Bromley.

KB 17/5/04

HANNINGFIELD AWARDS - 2004

Essex County Council is offering 10 Jubilee Awards of up to £2,000 each for individuals
or groups of young people (aged 18 - 25 years) who have proposals for innovative or
challenging projects. These could be any worthwhile activity involving for example:
volunteering, education, performing or visual arts, community, social, disability, sport,
the environment ...

Closing date for applications - 18th June, 2004.

Further information and application form from Jillian Frake, tel: 01245 436632.

**LITTLE BROMLEY
PARISH NEWS**

**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING**

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish
Council will be held on 8th July, 2004.
For the time and venue please contact the
Parish Clerk on 01206 391015.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

On Saturday 13th March, Little Bromley
Amenities Committee held its first village
event of 2004 at the Fox and Hound
Function Room, Little Bromley.

We are pleased to say that the
afternoon was very well attended, with
visitors from all over our village. As well
as refreshments, children's games and a
raffle, residents had the opportunity to
view plans for our new village sign - work
in progress we promise!

It was great to catch up with old friends
and meet some new; often although we all
live in the same village we seldom get the
chance to actually meet!

We hope to hold a Summer Fete
and/or Picnic and also plan to
hold an evening event,
hopefully in the wonderful
function room at the Fox &
Hounds.

For more information
contact Kate on 01206 397111.



TENDRING PUTS REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN, FIRST DEPOSIT DRAFT OUT FOR CONSULTATION

Tendring District Council has produced a Replacement Local Plan, First Deposit Draft – and is looking for feedback from the public. The Replacement Local Plan will guide the future development of the Tendring district up to the year 2011.

Tendring has developed its first draft Local Plan in order to achieve a number of key objectives:

- Provide much needed employment opportunities
- Provide a better housing mix including houses to buy and affordable houses to rent
- Protect valuable community facilities, including village pubs
- Secure new public open spaces and appropriate play equipment
- Protect the natural environment and air quality
- Reduce the reliance on cars and encourage walking cycling and public transport wherever practical

Tendring is launching its public consultation campaign from 28th of May 2004 until 23 July 2004. Reference copies of the plan are available for public inspection during normal office hours and free of charge at:

- Tendring District Council, Council Office, Weeley, Essex, CO16 9AJ
- Tendring District Council, Council Office, Town Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

The plan will also be made available for viewing during normal opening hours at the following libraries:

- Jaywick Library, Public Hall Golf Green Road, Jaywick, Clacton-on-sea, CO15 2RG
- Clacton Central Library, 96 Station Road, Clacton-on-sea, CO15 1SF
- Frinton Library, 59 Old Road, Frinton-on-sea, CO13 9DA
- Holland on Sea, Public Hall, Frinton Road, CO15 5UR
- Brightlingsea Library, New Street, Brightlingsea, CO7 0BZ
- Harwich Library, Upper Kingsway, Harwich, CO12 3JT
- Walton Library, 52 High Street, Walton-on-Naze, CO14 8AE
- Manningtree Library, High Street, Manningtree, CO11 1AD

Tendring has also organised Public exhibitions to tour the district, to help explain the changes and future process regarding the Plan. These are being held at the following venues across the district:

Mon 14 June	Brightlingsea Parish Hall	10.30 – 17.30
Tues 15 June	Sam's Hall, Clacton-on-Sea	12.30 – 19.30
Weds 16 June	Dovercourt Central Church Hall	10.30 – 17.30
Thurs 17 June	Weeley Village Hall	10.30 – 18.30
Fri 18 June	Frinton Women's Institute Hall	13.30 – 19.30
Sat 19 June	Ogilvie Hall, Lawford	10.30 – 14.30
Mon 21 June	The Columbine Centre, Walton	10.30 – 17.30
Wed 23 June	Frinton Women's Institute Hall	13.30 – 19.30
Thurs 24 June	Weeley Village Hall	10.30 – 17.30
Fri 25 June	Holland-on-Sea Public Hall	10.30 – 17.30
Mon 28 June	Jaywick Resource Centre	14.00 – 17.30

KITCHEN CORNER

ELDERFLOWERS

These delightfully fragrant bounties of nature can be used for many purposes in the kitchen. They are best picked when just opening, as the fragrance fades quite quickly.

I use them to flavour puddings and ice creams - steeped in the hot milk for 10 minutes before making up Baverois or custard. Another idea is for gooseberry and elderflower jelly. Cook the fruit with a head or two of the flowers before straining through a jelly bag, and making in the usual way - 1 lb sugar to 1 pint liquid and boil till setting point is reached.

Another popular item in our family is homemade lemonade flavoured with elderflowers. Very refreshing in hot weather! One can buy this in the shops but it is nicer and much cheaper, homemade.



Jill Frostick

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated luscious cakes, knitted goods, jewellery, plants, white elephant for our "Open Day" and especially our TEA LADIES who coped so well making and serving teas for so many people.



Our next meeting is on 17th June and the competition is a *Serviette Ring with Serviette*.

Vicky Griffiths

GARDENER'S CORNER FOR JUNE

DAHLIA & GLADIOLI: Plant dormant dahlia tubers and gladioli corms.

PERENNIALS: Cut down early-flowering perennials to 3" from the ground.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: Complete stopping of outdoor flowering plants.

LILIES: In humid weather spray with Bordeaux mixture to prevent lily disease.

POTATOES: Why not plant a few potatoes in large pots to have early new potatoes in September.

Frank Griffiths



At our 'Resolutions Meeting' in May, Mrs Marie Codd was our Women's Institute Advisor for the evening to discuss with us the three Resolutions short listed that our delegate will be voting upon at our National Annual General Meeting in June. Our voting this year was

- (1) for Trafficking of Women and Children,
- (2) against the Growing of GM Crops in the UK, and
- (3) for Air-Ambulance Funding by Her Majesty's Government.

Our June meeting is a Members' Meeting, when the Committee have a well earned evening off and the other members organise the proceedings, including a Country Market stall. If anyone is interested, do come along on 2nd June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



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▪ Fri 2 July	Dovercourt Central Church Hall	12.30 – 19.30
▪ Sat 3 July	Sam's Hall, Clacton –on-Sea	10.30 – 14.30
▪ Sat 10 July	Weeley Village Hall	10.30 – 14.30
▪ Sat 17 July	Dovercourt Central Church Hall	10.30 – 14.30
▪ Tues 20 July	Manningtree Methodist Hall	10.30 – 17.30

Any supporting comments or objections to the Plan should be completed on a response form available from the Council office and returned to Graham Thomas, Planning Policy Division Manager, at Tendring District Council, Council Offices, Weeley, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO16 9AJ at the latest by 23 July 2004. Please note that representations received after this date can not be considered as valid comments.

For further information and copies of the response form please contact Mr. Andrew Tyrrell or Mr. Gary Ashby at Tendring District Council, Council Offices, Weeley Essex, CO16 9AJ, or telephone 01255 – 256148 or 01255 – 256150.



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Further information from Clare Evans of RCC Essex on 01255 256103. If you require transport then phone TCVS on 01255 425770.

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P.T.A.

The children's Bingo Night was held at the School on 26th April and a wonderful time was had by the 50+ children who attended. Approximately £90 was raised for the school.

Many thanks to all the hard work and time given by Sarah Del-guise.

The Chocolate Night and Ladies Evening held at the School raised approximately £70. Thank you to Rachel Lopez of VirginVie cosmetics, the silverware lady and 'Chocoholics'.

It was with some surprise when I put out a letter about plants for sale through School at a discount price direct from a nursery that we would have such a fantastic response. The plants arrived last week and were excellent quality. The School raised over £100. Many thanks to everyone who placed an order.

Race Night, 15th May

Many thanks for everyone's support. All eight races have kindly been sponsored by

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4. Oaks Hospital (c/o Philip Tyler)
5. The Snooty Fox
6. The Paul Club
7. A.C.J. Insurance Services (c/o Les Marshall)
8. Old Courthouse Inn

Thanks also go to Hazel Hadkiss for her very kind donation towards the evening. Out of 64 horses - 55 were also sponsored.

Many thanks to all who now own a horse! With such good support we hope to raise valuable funds for St George's. We will keep you advised.

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday, 11th July Family Funday

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GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION STOUR VALLEY BRANCH

Guide Dogs for the Blind Stour Valley Branch, which includes the parishes of Great and Little Bromley, are holding their annual 'Dog Walk'

on Sunday 27th June starting at the Royal Square, Dedham, walking beside the River Stour. The first walk leaves 10.30am. Last walk 2.45pm. The route is just over



CARPET BOWLS



In April Jayne and Linda represented us in a pairs tournament at Wimbush.

They acquitted themselves very well, not sufficiently to be amongst the winners, but they enjoyed their day out. Three more home matches were played this last month. We won 5-4 over Gt Bentley, 7-2 against Walton and 8-1 against Weeley. There is a certain advantage being on home mats so we will have to play extra well when it comes to the away games.

Just before the start of the match with Weeley the visitors joined us for a one minute silence in tribute to club member Roger Kynaston who died the previous week. Our condolences had been sent to his widow, Moira, and her family. Roger had belonged to the club for many years and supported on a regular basis when his health allowed. We, as a club, will miss him a great deal.

Nancy Kempster



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GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on Wednesday, 12th May at 8.00pm in the Village Hall when the following people were elected or appointed to serve on the Committee for a further year.

Peter Wenden - Chairman, Bevan Willgress - Secretary, Lynda Allam - Treasurer and Bookings Person, Vera Biddis, Gill Christmas, Beryl Hurst, June Willgress, Dean Dasley, Henry Fairley, Martin Frostick, Pat Petchey and Pat Swanston. Marion Britton, our Caretaker also attends the Committee meetings. Dennis Simons was appointed our Independent Examiner for a further year. We currently have two vacancies as the Great Bromley Pantomime Group and the Royal British Legion have not yet appointed representatives.

We are sorry to receive the resignation of Nigel Rowe from the Committee after 30 years' service and support of the Village Hall. Nigel has been the Pantomime Group appointed representative for many a year and stepped in as Caretaker for a while following the passing of Stan West.

We plan to have a coffee morning at the Hall on Saturday, 3rd July from

10.30am till 2.00pm.

Stalls and light lunches will be available for your enjoyment. Why not come along?

The Village Hall Management Committee are

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Just before our Easter break we did a sponsored 'Colour Collect'. This proved to be a FANTASTIC fundraiser for Playgroup as we raised a superb £300, in fact I think that the figure may now be higher due to late monies coming in. But WELL DONE to all the children who took part. Playgroup has purchased a new slide and play equipment.

We also had our Cheese & Wine evening which took place on the 23rd April, and that too was a great success. It was an interesting and fun evening, with possibly a lot of sore heads in the morning! But all those sore heads helped us raise over £500, so well done and THANK YOU to all who believed in us and supported us in making the evening a worth while occasion!

We look forward to holding it again next year.

We said thank you, but not good-bye, to Lisa our Treasurer, who stood down from the treasurer's position after kindly stepping in *temporarily* a year ago. We are really grateful for all Lisa has done for playgroup.

Kelly Buckingham.



SCALLY WAGS

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First of all we would like to thank all the children who took part in our Fill an Easter Egg competition. We raised a fantastic £48 - from our children's odd coppers and coins - which they kindly donated to Scally Wags!

They also decorated around the outside of their eggs, which was also to a very high standard. We had two winners who were Amber and James. They each won an Easter egg bumper pack.

We also held an Easter theme cake stall which raised a wonderful £26, so thank

you to you all who brought and kindly donated cakes.

We at Scally Wags are really pleased with how the morning session is running; we are always seeing NEW faces, have lots of babies who come along and we even have some expectant mothers! So if you're thinking of coming along, please do so. It's very informal and really friendly and most of all the children love it!

We have different activities each week and we always have a wide range of toys from birth to fives years on offer.

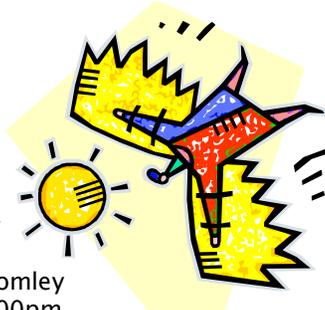
Once again thank you to all our supporters, and we look forward, as always, to seeing NEW faces!

Kelly Buckingham & Tracey Sutherland.

Forthcoming Events

JUNE

- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Coffee morning/stalls/light lunches, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 12 Hamilton Lodge Trust Summer Fete/ Plant Sale, 2.00pm
- 11-13 Waterways & Garden Show, Little Bentley Hall
- 12/13 Music & Flowers, St Mary's Church, Lt Bromley
- 17 Friendship Club Meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 June Music, Cross Inn, from 3.30pm
- 19/20 Beer Festival, Cross Inn
- 25 Evening Reading Group meets
- 26 Church Bar-B- at The Rectory, Gt Bromley
- 27 Guide Dogs for the Blind 'Dog Walk', Dedham Square, from 10.30am



JULY

- 3 Coffee morning, Village Hall
- 8 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting
- 10 Tendring Hundred Show
- 11 PTA Funday, St George's School, from 1.00pm
- 18 Country Fair, Cross Inn
- tba P.T.A. Car Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Q



SEPTEMBER

- 15 Sponsored Churches Cycle Ride
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