



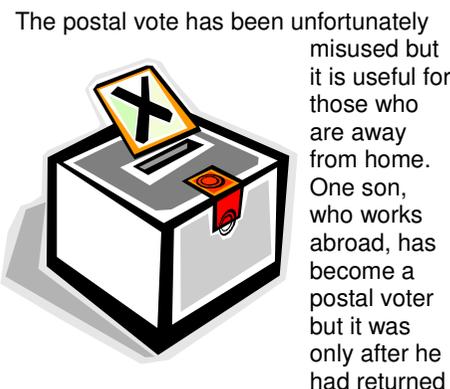
Services for May

Sunday 1st	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Easter 6 Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
2nd	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
4th	6.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
5th	7.00pm	Ascension Day The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
7th	9.00am 2.00pm	The Eucharist & Rosary Wedding of Vickie Clark and Tim Banks	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 8th	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Easter 7 Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist & Confirmation Evening Prayer	<i>St George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
9th	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
13th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
14th	9.30am 2.00pm	The Rosary Wedding of Sarah Coombs & Paul Turtle	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 15th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Pentecost The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
19th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
20th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
21st	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 22nd	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Trinity Sunday Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer	<i>St George the Martyr</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
23rd	9.15am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
26th	7.00pm	Corpus Christi The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
27th	11.00am	S Augustine of Canterbury Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
28th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 29th	7.30am 8.00am 10.30am 1.00pm 6.30pm	Trinity 1 Morning Prayer The Eucharist The Parish Eucharist Wedding of Claire Reed and Robert Jeffery Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
30th	12 noon	National Pilgrimage	<i>Walsingham</i>

IT'S YOUR CHOICE

The lambs are gambolling in the fields, the blossom is out on the trees and the politicians are rushing about the country. Spring is in the air. Hopes for new beginnings, renewals and fresh starts are rife.

May 5th, Election Day, is almost upon us along with our one chance in every four or five years to vote on the policies of those who seek to represent us at Westminster. I do not know how the parties decide upon their future policies but presume they canvass the opinions of their members on different matters. I never have belonged to a political party so my thoughts have never been sought. I do not hear until too late when candidates are speaking locally on their particular manifestos and so do not get to see in the flesh those who are asking for my vote.



The postal vote has been unfortunately misused but it is useful for those who are away from home. One son, who works abroad, has become a postal voter but it was only after he had returned the form that he discovered that the voting form is sent out a week before the election leaving no time for it to be sent to him abroad and returned back in time to be counted. He then investigated voting

by proxy but had left the country by the time the form arrived.

He would like to use his vote but there are many who will not bother despite their right to a democratic vote being hard won in the past. Is it because they think that the result is a foregone conclusion and so feel that their vote is worthless or is it because they simply can't be bothered, or are of the opinion that all politicians are the same? Maybe it is because they do not like the candidate of a particular party and cannot bring themselves to vote for any other party or even that no-one appeals to them at all. However, simply not voting results in a low turnout and talk of apathy. It registers none of these feelings as one can by abstention at a meeting. As there is no box to mark for abstention the only option available for those who wish to have their positive act of abstention counted is to spoil their ballot paper. Clearly a positive vote for a particular candidate should be one's first choice and apathy the last.

To have the freedom to be able to vote without fear or prejudice, unlike the case in some countries, is a precious thing and it good to feel that we all have a right to our say, whichever way, in the running of our country.

Leonie Henderson

The Parochial Church Council
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 and gratefully thank Leonie
 and her team for their work and support.



At S George's, we are seeking under God
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This month's Flower Festival (29th-30th) will be to
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 and buy food from the markets.' *Louisa
 Mahahela*

Louisa Elias Mahahela works on a sugar
 plantation in Mozambique, earning
 enough to feed her family. Her job is one
 of thousands that have been created
 since the Mozambique government
 helped its sugar industry by attracting
 investment to it. It set the price for
 imported sugar, most of which comes
 from rich countries where it is subsidised.
 This set price means that the locally
 produced sugar is able to compete with
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But Mozambique is an exception. Other
 poor countries are prevented from helping
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 countries and international institutions that
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 governments to accept free-trade policies.

Free trade means that governments may
 not interfere in the market place, and all
 traders – from rich and poor countries
 alike - must face each other in open
 competition. This gives the poorest no
 chance. To begin to make a decent living
 for their families they need some help
 from their government to support their
 industries – that is they need trade justice,
 not free trade.

This is why Christian Aid is campaigning
 for trade justice, not free trade. The
 campaign is informed by the biblical vision
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Registration fee is £5 per walker, there is no minimum sponsorship but walkers are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as they can. Proceeds will be used to further the work of The National Kidney Research Fund and help improve the lives of people living with kidney disease.

At present there are over 180,000 people in the UK suffering with some form of kidney condition and 35,000 are on renal replacement therapies, which include dialysis and transplantation. As yet, there are still no cures.

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Statement of Accounts



	2004/2005 £	2003/2004 £
Income		
Carried forward	46.07	320.50
Creditors	0.00	125.00
Donations	127.81	149.00
Advertisements	1,748.50	489.00
Sponsorship	1,010.00	1,051.50
Interest	0.00	0.00
Total	2,932.38	2,135.00
Expenditure		
Printing	2,143.36	2,020.45
Postage	39.05	21.48
Expenses	46.39	47.00
Debtors	30.00	0.00
Overpayment	45.00	0.00
(Loss) /Gain	628.58	46.07
Total	2,932.38	2,135.00

Honorary Treasurer L.B.Christodoulides MBE

Report

We have had a good year with advertisements reaching a record level, especially as they have invariably come to us by word of mouth. Most of the advertisers are local and one even stopped advertising because they received too much work. Postage has increased due to inflation and to accommodate the paperwork involved in the bigger "circulation". Sponsorship stays in the doldrums but the regulars keep up this valuable input to funds.

Donations are dwindling with only 4 contributors but still very much appreciated with ultimate praise, when they write to me, always going to our Editor, Leonie. Barclays no longer give any interest on charity accounts, however there are still some accounts that do. I will look into this.

The delivery "boys" (of which I am one), do a grand job with Ann Fairley organising the distribution (and Henry the deliveryman).

If there are any questions on the figures above please do not hesitate to call me or email lenchristo@onetel.com

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GT BENTLEY SURGERY NEWS

It's great to see the sun and some warmer weather again. Long may they last. Being able to take the dogs for their evening walk in daylight gives me a real boost. Any day now, the swallows and house martins will be buzzing The Hollies again and I promise that this year we won't be doing any outside decorating to put the martins off nesting.

Holiday time is approaching and I guess that a lot of people will be thinking of heading off somewhere really exotic in the next few weeks. Just a word of warning though. At present, Yellow Fever vaccine is all but unobtainable, so before you book it's worth checking that this isn't one of the essential jabs. You might possibly find another Yellow Fever centre that still has stock, but we don't know when we will get it in again.



If you are going abroad and think that you might need jabs or anti-malarial drugs, please get a written report showing what you need from one of the recognised sources of up to date travel information before ringing us to book an appointment. Our nurses must have it before they give jabs or prescribe anti-malarials.

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You can also access their websites to print off a report. Either way, there may be a small charge involved, but compared with the cost of your holiday it will be tiny and the advice you get might be a life-saver.

Whilst on the subject of vaccinations, anyone who will be 65 or over by 31st

March next year is now eligible for a free pneumonia jab. (It was 75 or over until a few days ago.) If your age is right and you haven't had the jab yet, do book in for one. It only takes a minute, won't hurt even if you're a total wimp and could spare you a very nasty illness. For most people, the jab lasts a lifetime, so won't need repeating.

I've been specially asked to remind everyone that both the surgery and the pharmacy are closed on Saturdays these days. Our gardening guru, Betty Harvey, tells me that people still turn up at both doors hoping to be looked after. You can always get emergency medical treatment outside normal surgery hours by ringing the surgery telephone number which will automatically transfer you to the Primicare out of hours service. The pharmacy, however, is closed from 6.30pm on Friday until 9.00am on Monday.

I don't often blow the surgery's trumpet - you lot are usually kind enough to do that - but this month I am going to. The NHS year has just finished and it's the first time that we have been awarded points for achieving targets. These include clinical issues such as helping patients get their blood pressures or cholesterol levels under control, ensuring that we offer the right levels of service and various administrative matters.

I am delighted to say that we scored 97% of our available points which I reckon is pretty good. Congratulations to everyone here who worked so hard to achieve that result. We aren't going to be complacent though. Next year we want 100%. We are also still open to suggestions from patients about how we can improve things, so please do let me know if you spot something that we need to work on.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

CLACTON & DISTRICT STROKE ASSOCIATION STROKE PREVENTION INFORMATION

Reducing Cholesterol can help prevent a stroke

What are saturated and unsaturated fats?

The terms saturated, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated refer to the make up of fats and oils. The body handles saturated and unsaturated fats differently. Saturated fats raise cholesterol more than unsaturated fats. A diet containing more unsaturated fat than saturated is thought to be healthier.

Saturated fat comes mainly from animal fats, whereas unsaturated fat comes mainly from vegetable and plant origins. Vegetable oils such as corn or sunflower oil are high in polyunsaturates, and oils such as olive are high in monounsaturates.

What happens if there is too much cholesterol?

Whilst the body needs some cholesterol, extra cholesterol may get stored in your arteries (blood vessels) leaving deposits or patches called atheroma. Patches of atheroma, also called plaques, are like small fatty lumps that develop on the linings of arteries causing them to narrow. The tendency to have narrowed blood vessels throughout the body is called atherosclerosis. Large deposits can block an artery, so the blood cannot flow through. This can affect any blood vessel. If the vessel is an artery to the brain then a stroke can happen.

What are the risk factors for high cholesterol?

Cholesterol is present in large quantities in foods such as egg yolk, liver, kidneys, other meat offal, processed meats and fish roe. Overweight people tend to have

raised cholesterol levels, and higher LDL and triglycerides. Eating less fat and taking more exercise will help lower the average cholesterol level. If the cholesterol level does not respond to the measures to help lower it, then a doctor may think it wise to prescribe some medication. For high levels of fat in the blood called hyperlipidaemia, lipid-lowering drugs may be recommended.

Lowering cholesterol levels

Lowering cholesterol by eating healthier food is easier than you might think. You don't have to give up your favourites, just eat them less frequently - as a special treat perhaps? We can all benefit from eating less fat and finding new ways of cooking and preparing food, trying new recipes and experimenting can be fun. Why not give it a go! Your doctor will advise if you should take a statin or other lipid lowering medicine.

Eating a low fat diet can help to lower cholesterol levels. Stopping smoking, getting regular exercise and losing weight are also beneficial.

Changing to a new way of eating is far easier than you think - it becomes just as much a part of your everyday life as your old eating habits did and it's often less costly too.

The above information forms part of an article in The Stroke News. If you would like a copy of the full text please phone 01255 815916 plus any information on stroke prevention or post stroke literature.

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**GREAT
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DISTRICT
CRICKET CLUB**

We would like to thank all who came to the Quiz Night on 2nd April. A very enjoyable evening was had which raised £420 for the G.B.C.C. Colts. Magnificent!

Forthcoming Events

29th May Kwik Cricket Festival
25th June Chairman's Day

Kwik Cricket Festival

On 29th May commencing at 12 noon there will be 16 teams from local clubs. The boys will all be primary school age. This will be followed by a 20-20 cricket game by the adult cricketers. There will be a Barbecue and all sorts of games for the children. The bar will be open. Please come along and join in the fun.



100 Club Winners for March

1st Tony Clarke
2nd Peter Brinkley
3rd Harry Hitchcock



CARPET BOWLS

The summer league started on 7th April, the first two matches were at home, Great Bromley beat Weeley 8-1 and Gt Bentley 7-2. A match constitutes 9 games of singles each of 9 ends. On 3rd April, three supporters saw Andrew safely to Braintree for his next round matches in the Essex Singles Championship. Unfortunately he wasn't able to progress further in the competition winning two games but losing two, but he said that he enjoyed the experience. Apparently as winners of the 2nd Division league we go to Braintree in May to play for the County Plate - and much to our surprise, as winners, are to receive medals!! That's a first.

We welcome new member, Shirley Cater, who has been with us since February and has got to grips with the game very quickly considering that bowling was completely new to her. We hope she enjoys her new hobby and our company.

Nancy Kempster



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The outing to Windsor is still in the balance if we don't get 25 people at least - the cost at the moment will be £12 for members and £15 for non-members.

Payment at the May meeting if you have not already paid.

At our last meeting we were entertained by Mrs Dennis and Kelly who has a beautiful singing voice and her solos were a pleasure to listen to. We hope to have them with us again at a later date.

The competition for May is a BIRD ORNAMENT.

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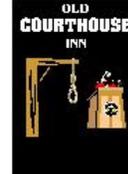
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The Village Hall Management Committee met on Tuesday, 8th March at 7.30pm. The next meeting of the Management Committee will be on Tuesday, 26th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th May at the Hall when the officers give their reports and five people are elected to serve a further year on the committee. Seven of the committee are appointed by organisations named in the Trust Deed and up to a further three may be co-opted. Please come along and give the hall your support, without it the local community would suffer a severe loss. Sir Percy Crossman was a great benefactor to provide the original building.

The Village Hall will be your Polling Station on Thursday, 5th May, 2005.

The 14-piece Big Band sound 'Nostalgia' were at the Hall on Saturday, 19th March. We hope you had an enjoyable time dancing and listening to their great programme. Thanks to Beryl Hurst and helpers for staging the event and to you all for supporting the evening. The amount raised was £483, a great effort: thank you all very much.

We are planning a coffee morning with light lunches for Saturday, 2nd July from 10.30am till 2.00pm in the garden of the Chairman and June's home. More information next month when the plans have been developed a little but please note the date.

Bevan Willgress



FROM THE PAST ...

MEDIEVAL BROMLEY PARSON LAND OWNER



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 14 April 2005

Planning

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

Primrose Farm, Hall Road

- extension to barn

Parkside, Back Lane West

- replacement roof to increase floor area

Greenacre Cattery, Carrington's Road

- 12 units of cat accommodation

4 Meadow Close

- two-storey extension

The Council considered but objected to the following planning application:

2 Rose Cottages, Mary Lane North

- two-storey extension

Tending District Council has refused the following planning application:

Primrose Farm, Hall Road

- farm office etc

Hare Green Recreation Ground

A picnic table and benches has been installed at the ground. During the summer the uneven surface, caused by the subsidence of the drains, will be made good.

Jesus College land

Jesus College Cambridge is expected to sell off its Cold Hall estate later this year. The parish council will explore the possibility of acquiring some of this land for amenity purposes.

Future meetings

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday 12 May 2005, followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 7.30 pm.

Great Bromley Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Great Bromley Parish Assembly will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12 May 2005. The Chairman will report on the parish council's activities during the past 12 months. There will then be an opportunity to raise matters of concern to the village, ask questions of the council and also make suggestions.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on **Thursday, 16th June, 2005 at 7.30pm**. For details of venue please ring Parish Clerk.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Essential Track Maintenance

Ardleigh Level Crossing, Ardleigh
23:30 Saturday, 7th May -
08:00 Sunday, 8th May

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- Friday 27th - Bank Holiday Monday 30th BEER FESTIVAL**
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Why not come along to Bateman's Tower, Brightlingsea, and join in the fun? Our LowTide Day celebrations will start at 11.00am with activities running throughout the day until 4.00pm.

There will be much to see and do, and not just for children! Attractions include:

- a crabbing competition
- children's activities organised by the Essex Marine Conservation Society
- puppet shows
- the chance to visit the *Pioneer Sailing Trust* exhibition
- story walks by an Essex storyteller
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MAY GARDENING TIPS

Bulbs: There is still time to plant gladiolas. Bulbs that have finished blooming can be dug up and either left to dry ready to plant next autumn or heeled in until a space is ready to replant.



Lawns: Keep the mower going. Feed with sulphate of ammonia and water in.

Roses: Spray roses against pests and diseases and apply a general fertilizer.

Dahlias: Plant out young dahlia cuttings which were taken earlier in the spring.

Annuals: Plant out half-hardy annuals. Sow biennials, Canterbury bells, foxgloves, sweet William and wallflowers.

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KITCHEN CORNER

Toffee Date Pudding

6 oz dates
½teasp vanilla
1 tblsp black treacle
1 teasp bicarbonate of soda
Pour 6 fl oz boiling water over the dates, stir in other ingredients and set aside.

Sponge:

3 oz butter
3 oz caster sugar
2 oz soft brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten
6 oz SR flour

Make up in the usual way, then add to the date mix. Put the mixture into a greased 2 pt basin and steam 1¾ hours.

Sauce:

6 oz light brown sugar
4 oz butter
6 tablesp double cream

Heat the butter and sugar in a pan until dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in the cream.

Turn out the pudding on to a warm plate, pour over some of the sauce and decorate with pecan nuts. Serve rest of sauce separately.

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Future Events

On Saturday, 18th June at 7.30pm there is to be a Barn Dance. This is going to be a fun evening. Tickets will be £10 and are available from the school office. There will also be a hog roast with all the trimmings.



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CHILDREN'S PAGE



MEMORY ALBUM

Memory albums have been popular in the USA for some time and are a way of storing and displaying photographs along with a 'diary' record of particular occasions such as a holiday, birth of a baby, special family occasions - the list is endless.

You will need:

- Card and paper
- Ring binder/Notebook/Scrapbook
- Glue
- Scissors
- Hole punch (if using a ring binder)
- Photos
- Other memorabilia such as tickets, coins, postcards etc

Choose three or four pictures that you want to put on one page. You may want to cut figures out, or crop some pictures. When you are happy with their position,

glue the pictures down.

The photos can be in frames from thin card or gummed paper. The frames can reflect the mood of the photos or the season (eg holly for Christmas, buckets and spades for summer)

Use stickers and stencils to add interest to the page. Any relevant items, such as theatre tickets, theme park tickets etc can also be stuck on.

Finish each page with photo captions to say who, or what, is in the pictures and when they were taken.

If you have kept a diary during the period being remembered word memories from that could be used to illustrate the occasion.

If you have a camera

- **Make sure** you know how to use your camera.
- **Remember** to have a fully charged battery in your camera and take spare batteries with you.
- **If** your camera takes **film** always have a spare film with you
- **If** your camera is **digital** start off with an empty card.
- **Think** about what your pictures will look like before you press the shutter and try to take pictures from interesting angles. For example, squat on the floor and look up at your subject through the viewfinder. Alternatively, stand on a chair and look down on your subject.
- **Try to fill** the view finder with your subject. Move closer or zoom in, if you can, but avoid cutting off heads or feet.
- **Check** the background before you take a picture - just to make sure that it doesn't look like strange objects are growing out of people's heads!

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At our April meeting, Barry Moulton came along to tell us about the unusual craft of 'Wax Moulding'. He told us that he has been creating pictures with this method for 15 years and holds exhibitions of his work.

Barry brought along his 'tools of the trade' which consists of a special iron and a pen, both of which can be warmed up, a special type of card and various coloured blocks of beeswax - it's very important to use beeswax. He showed us how to create a picture of your choice by turning the warm iron at different angles and using various colours separately. As the iron is moved around all the wax blends into lots of shapes - trees, flowers etc. Barry also showed us how to print a scene he had created, on to a



piece of fabric. We all enjoyed the evening very much.

Our May meeting (Wednesday 4th at 7.30pm) is our Resolutions meeting when a Women's Institute Adviser will help us to decide on which resolution, or resolutions, we will want our representative to our National Meeting in June, to vote for on our behalf.

Our June meeting is to be an 'Open Meeting'. If you feel able to come along there will be a speaker and refreshments afterwards. The date is Wednesday, 1st June in the village hall at 7.30pm. We will be pleased to see you, Gentlemen also welcome! A £1 charge will be made but it includes a ticket in the raffle.

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Forthcoming Events



MAY

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Election Day
- Ascension Day Eucharist, Ardleigh church, 7.00pm
- 7 Plant & Garage Sale, Ilex Farm, Gt Bromley, 10.00am
- LowTide Day, Brightlingsea, Bateman's Tower, from 11.00am
- 12 Annual Gt Bromley Parish Assembly meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Rotary Club Golf Day, Frinton Golf Club, 9.00am
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- The Bromleys PCC meeting, St George's church, 7.00pm
- 21 London Bridges Walk
- 22 Tour de Tendring cycle day
- 23 Ardleigh PCC meeting, St Mary's church, 7.00pm
- 26 Village Hall Management Committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 29 Kwick Cricket Festival, 12 noon
- 27-30 Beer Festival, The Cross Inn
- 28-30 Flower Festival, St George's church

JUNE

- 1 WI 'Open' meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4-12 Leonard Cheshire Week, Seven Rivers
- 11 Coffee Morning, 43 West Street, Wivenhoe, 10.30am
- 16 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 18 P.T.A. Barn Dance, 7.30pm
- Play Area Safety & Maintenance Training, Great Dunmow, 9.30am
- 25 Cricket Club Chairman's Day

JULY

- 2 Coffee morning with light lunches, Pippins, Burnt Heath, from 10.30am
- BBQ, The Rectory, 5.00pm
- 16 Strawberry Tea, Chaffinch Gardens, Colchester, 3.00pm

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