



## Services for February

1st	6.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
2nd		<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
3rd	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
4th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 5th</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>	
	8.00am	<b>The Eucharist</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	<b>The Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
8th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
9th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
11th	9.00am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 12th</b>		<b>Third Sunday before Lent</b>	
	8.00am	<b>The Eucharist</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	<b>The Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
15th	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
16th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
17th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
18th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 19th</b>		<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	
	8.00am	<b>The Eucharist</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	<b>The Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
22nd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
23rd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
25th	9.00am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 26th</b>		<b>Next Sunday before lent</b>	
	7.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	<b>The Eucharist</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	<b>The Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
27th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

## FRIENDLY PLANTS

This is the time of the year when the garden starts to burst into life after the months of winter. It is a period I love and one of great affection as 'old friends' return to greet me.

The first snowdrops, already in the garden when we came to Great Bromley, are already in bloom heralding the onset of spring. The primroses too are in flower and the daffodils are showing through the ground ready to flower for my birthday. Soon the cowslips rescued from the plough in the 1950s, will bloom. I have a special affection for them and always think of my mother when they come out.

I have roses, shrubs and trees that came from village garden days over the years, the Cheshire Home Fete and church flower

festivals. There are shrubs from an aunt and herbs from a cousin and neighbours; the dahlias arrived via the post from a very green-fingered cousin in Dorset. Some plants I have bought on days out with friends which remind me of them and the day as they 'peak' during the year.

The 'landmark' plants such as the Silver Willow and the rose 'Peace' given to us mark our 25th wedding anniversary, the azalea reminds me of a Mothering Sunday present from the children and a passionflower, now very large and outside, arrived in a small pot one Easter from my eldest son - all are precious.

Irises, grasses, pond plants plus indoor

plants all bring to mind someone as I wander round the various parts of the garden. Seeds taken over the years from friends, relatives and whilst visiting gardens on holiday have, over the years, grown and matured - always giving a satisfying feeling that it has been nurtured to maturity.

The loss of a plant, through whatever reason, is always sad but when it has an 'attachment' to someone the loss becomes personal and real regret is felt at

the empty patch where once it grew. However, with care, this doesn't often happen and the good memories last.

For some people their garden is a place for their collection of ornaments which probably bring back similar memories for them. By way of a

variation a cousin of my

mother's went around the country collecting rocks and large stones for her enormous rock garden. She is long dead now but I still remember her staggering triumphantly back home with her latest find.

However, in whatever way you express yourself your garden can be a place full of personal memories which for me is one of the joys of gardening and each year I look forward to their coming into leaf or poking their heads through the ground once again.

*Leonie Henderson*



# The 'Bromley Messenger'

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## FROM THE PAST ...

### The Great Bromley Pylons

These were erected from 1932 and were six in number, three large and three smaller masts. There was a story which went the rounds that from these went a death ray which stopped engines of cars on the Harwich Road. Radio Direction Finders were operating for aircraft.

The masts were guarded by the RAF Regiment when World War II broke out and the WAAF's engaged on the equipment were accommodated in the Hutments near the school. Later the local Home Guard took over the duty from the RAF. The Radio Observer



Corps at Colchester sent sighting reports to the Pylons.

Bombs were dropped near the site by German planes on 24th August, 1941.

The equipment was upgraded in 1943 with magnetron-based-centimetre sets and Great Bromley became headquarters for "GEE", the first radar-guided-bomber navigational system.

Demolition took place in June 1970 but masts were left for use by the police and Marconi.

*John Appleby*

### Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd February, 2006. For the time and venue please contact the Parish Clerk on 01206 391015.

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Dear Parishioner,

It's that time of year for the accounts to be presented and annual meetings to be held and the Church is no different in that. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, as it is now called, is the time when the Parochial Church Council presents its report of stewardship over the past year. For Ardleigh this will be on 26<sup>th</sup> February and for The Bromleys on 5<sup>th</sup> March, both at 11.45am in Church after Morning Worship. The timing is to encourage people to attend these relatively brief meetings - last year at an evening meeting only 2 non-PCC members attended.

The meetings are open to everyone on the Church electoral roll. This is different to the civic electoral register, but open to anyone who lives in the parish or who regularly worships here. Application forms are available in Church if you wish to have a voice. The Annual Report itself will be available to members before the meeting and there is an opportunity for raising factual questions about the report and/or raising matters you wish the PCC to address during the coming year. Each year a third of the PCC is elected to serve for 3 years, and anyone who is Confirmed and a regular Communicant can stand for election. Again nomination forms are in Church.

This year there will be an extra opportunity to discuss the plans for providing facilities in the Churches, particularly a lavatory and refreshment point. The latest proposals are before the Church's planning body at the moment and can be viewed in Church. In both cases this is a result of many years planning and consultation and

represents the best use of the space and resources within the restrictions placed on us by English Heritage, the Diocesan Planning Committee and of course our own needs to secure the church as a place of worship and sanctuary.

Both villages are blessed with buildings that are of national importance historically, as well as being places where many come to meet with God and other Christians to be strengthened to live lives of love in our world. I am proud that we have PCCs who are doing this, and doing it well, now and for the future. Your support and encouragement is both needed and welcomed.

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Fr Nicolas.

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The Certificate of Merit was presented by George, the Regional Manager, together with a prize of gift vouchers and chocolates which Richard shared with Dinah saying that they are a partnership and equally deserving. This prestigious award is well deserved and we are delighted the commitment and dedication shown by both Richard and Dinah has been recognized officially and rewarded.



**BRIGHTLINGSEA ROTARY**

The Christmas Carol Concert held at the Cheshire Homes went down well, with all residents receiving a pressie from Father Christmas. This year we kept up with the times and pre-recorded the carols on an organ so that all we had to do was sing along like a Karaoke.



Our Christmas Sleigh collection raised over £2600, not as much as last year as we had to curtail our evenings due to running out of able

bodied collectors. In fact we did ask for help which resulted in Brightlingsea in Bloom, the Sea View Players and Good

Companions all getting a proportion of their evening collection for their help. So next year we shall probably sub out some of the evenings to Charitable organisations, news of this later in the year if you are interested?

One of our members (Howard) got married in Brightlingsea to a Nigerian (Elizabeth) just before Christmas and instead of presents asked for donations to Farm Africa a charity that helps small farmers to start up projects for food production - they raised £640.

*Len Christodoulides*

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The Bridges Walk starts and finishes at the Tate Gallery on the south side of Tower Bridge and walkers will snake across the eight bridges, including Tower Bridge, London Bridge, Southwark Bridge, Millennium Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge.

Registration fee is £7.50 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 Kidney Research UK and help improve the lives of people living with kidney disease.



Kidney Research UK is the leading national charity funding research to save lives from kidney disease. This cutting edge research has always focused on the prevention, treatment and management of kidney disease. The charity also dedicates its work to patient care and educational initiatives. Currently in the UK 2.5 million people are suffering Chronic Kidney Disease – this figure is set to rise to 12.5 million people over the next 10 years so we need to act now!!!

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The walk is a wonderful opportunity to view the many historical sites along the Thames and the route offers great views of the London. It is open to anyone who wants to help make a difference in the kidney community.

For more information or to take part in the London Bridges Walk please call Kidney Research UK on 08456 121226 or visit [www.kidneyresearchuk.org](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org)

## How You Know You Have Been In London Too Long (Part 1)

You say "the City" and expect everyone to know which part of town you are talking about.

You have never been to The Tower or Madame Tussauds but love Brighton.

You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Shepherds Bush to Elephant & Castle at 3:30 on the Friday before a long weekend, but can't find Dorset on a map.

Hookers and the homeless are invisible. You step over people who collapse on the Tube.

You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual.

You've considered stabbing someone. Your door has more than three locks. You consider eye contact an act of overt aggression.

You call an 8' x 10' plot of patchy grass a garden.

You consider Essex the "countryside". You think Hyde Park is "nature".

You're paying £1,200 a month for a studio the size of a walk-in wardrobe and you think it's a "bargain".

Shopping in suburban supermarkets and shopping malls gives you a severe attack of agoraphobia.

You pay more each month to park your car than most people in the UK pay in rent.

You pay £3 without blinking for a beer that cost the bar 28p.

You actually take fashion seriously.

## ARDLEIGH FLOWER FESTIVAL & VILLAGE FAIR

May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2006

**Preparations** are well under way for this celebration of village life under the theme of "Creation". S Mary's Church will be open for three days, beautifully decorated with flowers for all to see this unique building looking at its best. Let us know if you would like to create a display or sponsor one.

On the Saturday there will be stalls and games in the Church yard and at Seeley Court by village clubs and societies. Anyone can hold a stall, all we ask is that 50% of any profit you make comes to the Church.

Sunday will see the usual round of worship with the evening being Songs of Praise. The hymns to be sung will be chosen by you - Ardleigh's Top Ten Favourite. A scratch choir and instrument group will compliment the evening.

On Monday there will be a grand Draw at 3.30pm to round of the event. All through the weekend there will be various refreshments.

If you'd like to be involved in any way please contact one of the names below.

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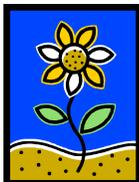
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- 3rd. Mr. Peter Saych.

### JANUARY

- 1st. Mrs. G. Wright.
- 2nd. Mr. Tubby Austin.
- 3rd. Miss Gemma Foley.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Gt. Bromley Cricket Club will take place at the Pavilion on 3rd March, 2006. at 8p.m. Any matters for the agenda must be sent in writing to the Secretary by the 25th February, 2006.

A Quiz Night will be held on 25th March at the Village Hall 7.30 for 8p.m. £3 per person, tables up to 8 people. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Give me a ring on 01206 230375 to reserve your tables.

*Phil Allam*



## CARPET BOWLS

League matches resume on 18th January and after beating Lawford 6-2 at home and losing 2-6 to Weeley away, we are in second place.

The Club Singles Cup was won this year by Ron Copp. Ron is a founder member and was club captain for several years. He has competed every year in this competition, but this year raised his game to a higher standard which brought him to the final, and gave him his first trophy.



Pat Petchey did very well to reach the final, but just wasn't on form this particular evening. Ron started off by winning the first three rounds, Pat was unable to gain on him by any margin, and Ron continued to keep ahead till 9-4 was reached after 8 ends. Although the match was already won, being sportsmen, they played the last end for the benefit of the watching members who were very generous with their applause. The Cup was presented to Ron at the Christmas social evening.

We all send "Get Well" wishes to Dick Wilsher recovering from a hip replacement operation and hope he'll be back with us soon.

*Nancy Kempster*

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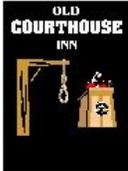
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Mr Pettit came to tell us about his hobby which is “corn Dollies” at our January meeting. It is an interest which has lasted for 27 years taking him to many places meeting interesting people. He actually presented the Queen with one of his corn dollies when she came to Colchester to open the new hospital in Turner Road.

Apparently the making of corn dollies is a very old custom as some “Corn Mummies” have been found in Egyptian tombs. Years ago, everyone relied upon a good corn crop and corn dollies were made during the winter months. Each season the last small patch of corn was always made into a dolly that rode on the last cart of straw, also two candlesticks were carried in front of the last horse and cart.

Everyone rejoiced and danced in the harvest field accompanied by Morris Dancers. A new dolly was always hung up before the old one it replaced was taken down, in case they upset the Harvest God. Nowadays, corn has to be specially grown because the modern crops are not tall enough as the straw needs to be one metre in length. Mr Pettit illustrated his talk with various methods and machinery for harvesting the crops over the years.

Our February meeting should also be interesting as Mrs Newman is talking to us about “The History of Gardening”. If you would like to come along to hear the talk we will be meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1st February. Do join us.



*June Willgress*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We were unlucky not to have any outings last year, but it has been suggested that half-day outings may not be so tiring. If you know of any GARDENS, or any other venues you think may be interesting to visit, please let Beryl know as soon as possible, the coaches get booked very early in the year. The Christmas Party was a success and a donation of £19.11 was taken to the St Helena Hospice together with a box of stamps. Keep saving them!



We are sad to report the death of Mr Les Hollingsworth which brings us a total of seven members we have lost during the year - we miss them.

The February meeting is on 16th - the competition is a POSTCARD - not a photograph - with a BRITISH SCENE. KEEP WARM, KEEP WELL, see you soon.

*Vicky Griffiths*

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### Patient choice and Choose & Book

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The Choose and Book system shows a GP the available hospital services they can refer patients to and background information about the hospital such as star rating and waiting times. It then allows the patient to book their first outpatient appointment at the time they are referred. Patients do not have to decide the time and date straight away and can contact a booking service by telephone shortly afterwards.

Unfortunately, Colchester General Hospital's computer system cannot accept on-line booking and is not being replaced until at least June 2006. This means that until then, patients will have to telephone the hospital to arrange an appointment date if they are referred using the Choose and Book system.

Ardleigh Surgery is the first practice in North Essex to start using this new system. It is trying out the new system so only selected patients will be referred using it to begin with. The doctors are wishing to gauge how much of their consultation time with patients is going to be spent using the new system as this is of major concern.

### Dr Claire Stebbing returns from maternity leave

GP Registrar, Dr Stebbing, returned to the surgery on 30th December at the end of her maternity leave and will complete her GP training in August. She had a second baby boy in July. Welcome back Claire!

### Surgery extension obtains planning permission.

We finally received planning permission for our surgery extension and are progressing with detailed drawings with a view to going out to tender in February. We are hoping the surgery extension will be completed by September.

### Flu targets achieved.

Despite all the problems this year with 'flu deliveries we have managed to hit our targets for 'flu vaccinations by the first week of December. 79% of our over 65 patients and 90% of patients with certain chronic diseases were vaccinated by the beginning of December. The only exception is patients with asthma where only 57% requested a 'flu vaccination, probably reflecting the fact that patients with asthma tend to represent a 'younger' age group.

*Fred Merrin, Practice Manager*

### Correction to article in the November 2005 edition of 'The Messenger'

A few words were transposed in the Ardleigh Surgery article in the December edition of the Messenger that altered its meaning. The paragraph about the closure of the Saturday morning surgery implied that because the Walk In Centre was not very accessible then the surgery was introducing alternative arrangements. It should have said that because the Walk In Centre existed and these alternative arrangements were in place, then the practice had no plans to reopen on a Saturday morning.

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## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall Committee met on 10th January with eleven present. Two sent their apologies.

We are pleased to welcome Fred Nicholls to the committee as a co-opted member and hope that he will enjoy working with us for the benefit of the community. Beryl Hurst has agreed to be the Friendship Club appointed representative in place of Vera Biddis who has retired and June Willgress will be the appointed representative from the Women's Institute instead of Beryl. This leaves an elected member vacancy to be filled at our annual meeting in May.

Internal redecoration of the Main Hall has been completed and the curtains washed/dry cleaned. We are planning to clean and reseal the floor shortly as soon

as we can find a suitable time slot in which a contractor can work. The Village Hall electrical system has again been tested and found to be satisfactory, something that must be done at regular intervals.

On Saturday, 18th March, "Nostalgia" will be back at the Hall to lead a pleasant evening of dancing from 7.30pm until 11.45pm. Do come along, tickets may be booked with Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578, cost £7 and bring your own nibbles and drinks. If you don't dance, then just come and listen or chat.

The committee next meet on Tuesday, 7th March at 7.30pm in the village Hall.

*Bevan Willgress*



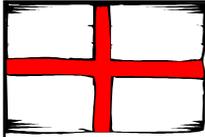
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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Great Bromley Parish Council

**Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meetings held on 15 December 2005 & 12 January 2006**

#### Planning

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

**The Two Hollies, Harwich Road** – sun lounge and alterations

**Bay Trees, Parsons' Hill** – extension, dormer and conservatory

**West View, Frating Road** – extension and alterations

*The Council considered but objected to the following planning applications:*

**Primrose Farm, Hall Road** – change of use of (part of) existing agricultural storage to meat cutting plant and retail outlet.

**8 Spring Hill Close** – new bungalow and garage.

*Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:*

**Bay Trees, Parsons' Hill** – extension, dormer and conservatory.

**Morants, Colchester Road** – first floor extension and conservatories.

#### Council's budget and precept for 2006/7

The council has set its precept at £13,500 for 2006/7, which is the same as this year. Budgeted expenditure will be £21,260 to be financed from the precept, grants and reserves. The council has increased its allocation for community grants to £2000 and will be contributing £2500 towards the cost of the village hall's maintenance. £6000 will be spent on tree planting and improvements to Church Meadow and the cemetery.

#### Church Meadow

Residents are reminded that overnight parking is not allowed in Church Meadow

and the council is considering introducing a byelaw to deter those who might consider infringing this rule.

#### Bus Service 105/107/109

There are some small changes to the bus timetable, which has been posted on the notice boards. See also the bus operator's website –

<http://www.firstgroup.com>.

#### Parish notice boards

The notice boards are currently being renovated, which accounts for their absence in certain locations!

#### Contracts for grass and hedge cutting

In March the parish council will be deciding the contracts for grass and hedge cutting at its properties during the 2006/7 period. The total value of the work is about £3000, although this is normally divided between several contractors. Please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in tendering.

#### Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9 February 2006 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

#### Community Initiatives Fund

Essex County Council (ECC) has allocated £5 million to parish councils and community groups for **capital projects** over the next three years. £150,000 is available to the Tendring District during 2005/6 and **applications must be submitted by 24/2/06**. Projects should be designed to promote the social, economic or environmental well-being of a village and must result in the **creation of a new physical asset**. Staff or running costs cannot be funded. All project proposals must be supported by the parish council. Further information and application forms can be obtained from Sandra Bushby of ECC, telephone 01245 437157 or e-mail [Sbushby@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:Sbushby@essexcc.gov.uk). Questions about the scheme should be addressed to Jane Gardner of ECC, telephone 01245 436079 email [jane.gardner@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:jane.gardner@essexcc.gov.uk).



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 4oz sugar  
 4oz marmalade  
 a little milk

Mix the  
 breadcrumbs, suet  
 and sugar, stir in  
 marmalade.

Lightly beat eggs  
 and mix in with  
 enough milk to  
 soften the mixture.  
 Put into a well-  
 buttered basin and  
 cover with foil.

Steam 2 hours and serve with cream or  
 custard.

If liked you can put more marmalade in  
 the bottom of the basin before adding the  
 mixture.

For chocoholics you can add 3 or 4  
 segments of dark or orange chocolate.  
 Put half the mix in basin then chocolate,  
 add rest the of the mix.

*Jill Frostick*



## GARDENER'S TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

So another year starts and our battle  
 with weeds and lawns becomes a never  
 ending chore.

**Roses:** In mild weather pruning can be  
 carried out. If the weather is too bad to  
 carry out pruning climbing and ramblers,  
 it can be done now. Prune to an  
 outward facing bud.

**Annuals:** Fork over sites in preparation for  
 annuals and biannuals and work in a  
 general fertilizer (Growmore)

**Lilies:** These should be potted up or  
 planted in the garden this month.

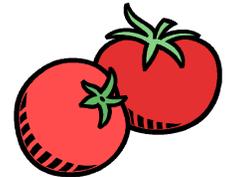
**Irises:** If you have cloches, Dutch irises  
 can be planted now  
 for cut flowers.

**Tomatoes:** If you  
 are growing  
 tomatoes outdoors  
 now is the time to  
 prepare the site.

Cover the area with  
 compost or well rotted manure (be  
 generous), then the first week in May  
 lightly spread a fertilizer (Growmore)  
 and fork in. In May, when fear of frosts  
 is over the tomato plants can go in.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW  
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*Frank Griffiths*



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A bike shed, and a large oven with extraction to improve the lunches are being applied for, both as grants from ECC.



### Dates for your Diary:

**18th March** Quiz Night PTA £5pp includes Cheese Platter 7.30 at the School

**21st March** Childrens Beetle Drive 3pm at the School

**30th March** EASTER FAYRE 1.45pm at the School

**1st. April** Non Uniform Day proceeds to Children in Niger and Madagascar

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# Forthcoming Events

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 9 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 New Zealand Spectacular, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Ardleigh APCM

## MARCH

- 2 Bridge Drive, William Loveless Hall, Wivenhoe, 2.00pm
- 3 Cricket Club A.G.M., Cricket Club Pavilion, 8.00pm
- 4 The Sutton Hoo Mob (Eastern Angles), Village Hall, 7.30pm (Supper 6.00pm)
- 5 The Bromleys APCM, 11.45am
- 18 Dance to 'NOSTALGIA', Village Hall
- PTA Quiz Night, St George's School, 7.30pm
- 21 Children's Beetle Drive, St George's School, 3.00pm
- 25 Cricket club quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 30 Easter Fayre, St George's School, 1.45pm

## APRIL

- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter Day
- 23 St George's Day

## MAY

- 6 Plant Sale at Ilex Farm
- 27-29 Ardleigh Flower Festival & Fair



## LAUGHTER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Don't miss an entertaining evening in Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 4th march, 2006, when the Eastern Angles Theatre

Company will perform their hilarious comedy "The Sutton Hoo Mob", based on the discovery of the ship burial and its priceless treasures at the beginning of World War II. The play begins at 7.30pm but before the performance come and enjoy a two-course supper of delicious home-made food, with wine and beer available. Supper places are limited so waste no time in getting your combined play and supper ticket. The meal will be served at 6.00pm.

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*Proceeds will go to the St George's Church Repair Fund.*

Anne Clapham



## BRIDGE DRIVE

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## EVENTS AT ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

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21st March  
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30th March  
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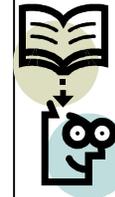
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*Ian and Sue Orriss*

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