

1422 AND ALL THAT



August is traditionally the month that people go away on holiday and with cheap air travel journey all over the world - preferably to the sun. France being our nearest neighbour has seen many an English family arrive to enjoy its various delights and more recently many of our countrymen have bought themselves a second home there or sold up and moved there full time.

We did not go to France (or anywhere else abroad), at least not physically. We did, however, go there via Stratford and courtesy of Shakespeare. We went to the newly constructed Courtyard Theatre built for temporary purposes whilst the original Memorial Theatre is being 're-modelled' next year. There we saw in this large metal box built of what look like rusty girders, Henry VI, parts 1, 2 and 3 on three consecutive nights each play lasting over three hours. But time had no meaning as it was riveting taking us through nearly 50 years of Anglo-Franco history during Henry VI's reigns, including the interruption of Edward IV, to his death with a glimpse into the future. Shakespeare, via the plays, guided us clearly from the death of Henry V through Henry's early years when England ruled

and owned much of France bringing in the battles with the Dauphin, Joan of Arc and her subsequent burning at the stake as well as the power struggle going on behind Henry VI and the politics which were much the same as they are today. On to the years of internal squabbling in England between the houses of York and Lancaster with the Wars of the Roses '*From off this brier pluck a white rose with me ... Pluck a red rose from off this thorn with me*' culminating in the last play of the breakdown of society as it was then.

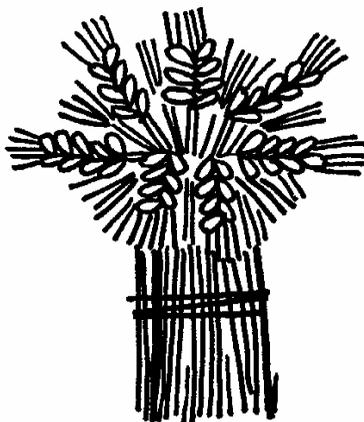
It was an extremely bloody, warlike period reflected in the plays. The use of blood, swords and ropes were used to great effect (I couldn't watch at one point after a tongue was cut out and thrown to the floor before other anatomical parts were removed, all realistically and horrifically done). The battle scenes were furiously loud and fierce with the audience nearest the stage finding 'dead' bodies draped over and above them dripping blood. At one point there is a riot '*The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers*' which enveloped us with rioters amongst us banging on the metal rails raising a din - the theatre shook to its metal foundations.

It was sensational viewing and the politics of domination of our land and of France was fascinating. In those days we fought to keep the lands in France but eventually lost them through greed and intrigue but perhaps the new English home owners in France are doing their bit to claw back the territories that were lost 600 years ago.

Leonie Henderson

**The Parochial Church Council Of The Bromleys
is pleased to sponsor this month's edition of
the Bromley Messenger and extends grateful thanks
to Leonie and her team for all their work.**

A welcome is extended to our Harvest Thanksgivings.



Harvest Thanksgiving Barn Dance & Supper

7.30pm Friday 22nd September.

Ardleigh Village Hall BYO Drinks.

Tickets £6 Adult & £4 U16s from Wendy Brothers 230314.

Harvest Evensong 6.30pm Sunday 24th September

at S Mary's Little Bromley with the Archdeacon Of Colchester.

Harvest Eucharist Sunday 10.30am 1st October

at S George's, Great Bromley

Harvest Lunch 12.30pm Sunday 1st October

at Great Bromley Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Tickets from the Post Office and Ann Wild 230679

Harvest Evensong 6.30pm Sunday October 1st

at S Mary's Ardleigh

Please bring any offerings of food to either Church
for distribution to the local homes.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 10 August 2006

Planning

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

Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road – variation of condition allowing for a further period of three years from 10/9/06 for the commencement of development to enable the change of use from public house to private dwelling.

West View, Frating Road – extension and alterations.

Rosewood Cottage, Frating Road – double garage.

Hamilton Lodge, Parsons Hill – variation in proposed single story extension to Selborne Court.

16 Bromley Road – first floor extension.

Tendring District Council has refused the following planning applications:

Land between Fieldside and Eltone, Frating Road – two new bungalows.

Land between Fieldside and Eltone, Frating Road – retention of temporary fencing.

The Walnut, Chapel Lane – continuing siting of mobile home.

Land adjacent to Spread Eagle/sewage works – stable block, store, manège etc.

Footpaths

The council has agreed to support a group of residents in their quest to have Footpath 11 (Chapel Cut) extinguished.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14 September 2006 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

Tendring Replacement Plan – Public Inquiry

The public inquiry will be held at the district council's Weeley offices during September to December this year. Members of the public are welcome to attend. The following sessions may be of particular interest to residents:

Opening sessions

12 September 10 am – 5 pm

Employment strategy

13 September 10 am – 5 pm

QL5c Employment land at Frating/Great Bromley

26 - 28 September 10 am – 5 or 1 pm

Oasis/housing

1 November 2 – 5 pm

Oasis/housing

2 November 10 am – 5 pm

Cheshire Home (Housing)

22 November 2 – 5 pm

The programme of hearings is liable to change and the timing and content of any session should be checked in advance with the inquiry office: telephone 01255 686192 or see the inquiry website at <http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk>.

Challenge 2000

Essex County Council is offering up to £4000 per project for voluntary activities involving young people aged 11 to 19 years. Funds can support existing projects or develop new ones and could be used to buy substantial items of equipment. Projects should aim to benefit either the community in which the youth group operates or young people from disadvantaged communities. The closing date for this year's applications is 30 September 2006. Further information and application forms are available from Ann Seaney of the county's Children and Young People's Services at telephone 01255 433800 or email: ann.seaney@essexcc.gov.uk

FROM THE PAST ...

The Hutments

Twenty eight women hoped that the winter of 1957 would as far as possible be kind because otherwise the Hutment occupiers would have to dry mattresses and bedclothes, hope the damp did not affect their furniture and hope the children did not have perpetual colds.

There were no enough Council Houses so that was why they were "temporarily" in the Hutment but some had been there for more than two years like Mr and Mrs Henry Taylor who had been waiting for a Council house for four years.

The Medical Officer of Health had declared these buildings as unfit for habitation.

These hutments were put up to accommodate WAAFs and WRAFs in WW2. The officers were billeted in The Lodge, now Hamilton Lodge.

John Appleby

If we thought the weather was kind to us on the flower festival, it was superb for the Teddy Bear's Picnic. The sun, and the hundreds of people who poured in, made this one of the most successful events held by the church. Success means £2,000 to the Repair Fund - it also meant agonizingly hard work to those who planned it - especially the catering staff! Everybody who helped - and there were so many that they could not be counted - contributed to this happy day. Our thanks go to everyone - but especially to Jean Harding who had the original idea and who master-minded the planning and day itself. What a stroke of genius it was of her to invite Mike Young and Super Ted! Those who came loved the day - so also, apparently, did the local Press!

Without the help and consideration of the Cheshire Home we could not have held the event - our grateful thanks to the Management Committee, Staff and residents for putting up with us.

FROM 'THE BROMLEY MESSENGER' 20 YEARS AGO



Flower Festival and Teddy Bear's Picnic

What a splendid display was put on for the flower festival by the very clever ladies of the village. Their handiwork

was very much appreciated by the large number of visitors who made donations totaling £205, split between the Repair Fund and general church expenses. Sunday visitors enjoyed a very happy tea in the Rectory garden. Our thanks go to all who worked so hard to prepare the church, sit in church on the festival days and helped to provide the teas.

SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

Influenza vaccinations delay again this autumn

The Department of Health recommends patients should have vaccination against influenza if they are aged over 65 or at particular risk if they have one of the following medical conditions; heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease including asthma, renal disease or are immunocompromised.

Unfortunately, similar to last year owing to problems with vaccine production, the 'flu vaccination campaign will be disrupted and delayed by gaps in the delivery of vaccines. This year our first delivery of 'flu vaccinations will be at the end of September, but we will have to wait to the end of October for the bulk of our order and the end of November to receive our final delivery.

This means we will have less vaccinations available at various times to vaccinate patients opportunistically or during normal surgery appointment times. We, therefore, request that patients attend our 'flu clinic sessions which will be held on various Thursday afternoons from October to December. Please telephone the surgery to book into one of those clinics.

This disruption in the delivery of 'flu vaccines will affect all surgeries.

GP Care Adviser

We are sad to report that the Colchester PCT has withdrawn Care Advisers from general practices as part of the financial cutbacks that it is imposing to recover from a projected overspend of £8 million. GP Care Advisers have been attached to general practices since April 2000 and have provided a valuable service to many patients helping with the completion of claim forms for Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and

arranging mobility aids. Patients requiring help will now need to contact the Citizens Advice Bureau or Age Concern. Our own GP Adviser, Sarah Woods, has been made redundant as the PCT could not offer her a comparable post.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

Great Bentley Surgery

Well, it wasn't exactly "Strictly General Practice" or even "Doc Idol", but after hours of poring over CVs, an evening debating who was worth short-listing and then a really good day of interviews, the partners finally decided who will take over from Dr Steiner when he retires early next year.

It was a difficult process because we had a lot of top quality applicants from all over the country, many of whom would undoubtedly have done an excellent job. However, we wanted the very best for the practice and its patients and, in the end, the position has been offered to someone many of you will remember – Dr Sean O'Reilly.

For those of you who don't remember him (and for anyone who needs a refresher), Dr O'Reilly was a very popular Registrar here in 1999/2000. He is married to Sam, and has two children, Caitlin who was born while he was working here and Finn who is now four. He is a keen sportsman and an excellent footballer (he says). He admits that his children are being brainwashed into following Colchester United, (hooray!), Arsenal, (boo!) and London Irish (well, I suppose someone has to!)

Medically, he has developed interests in diabetes and coronary heart disease and he wants to become a GP Trainer. This last intention is great news for Dr Hunt as he has long needed someone to help

with, or even take over the training role which he fulfilled so successfully for seven years without a break. It put a lot of extra pressure on him and explains a few of the distinguished-looking grey hairs.

Dr O'Reilly has been a partner at the West Mersea practice for the last five years and we feel really fortunate that he wants to make the switch to Great Bentley. He should be joining us at the beginning of March, but more of that nearer the time.

On the subject of training, having been without a Registrar for a while, we hope to have a new one in place from February. The Eastern Deanery, which is the organisation that oversees GP training in the area, is at present advertising opportunities for doctors who want to become GPs. All being well we will be allocated one of the successful applicants.

Although they are here to learn, Registrars always make a genuine contribution to the practice. They bring new ideas, a different view of the modern world of medicine and, usually, the enthusiasm and energy that comes with being young. They keep us on our toes, not only because they constantly make us think objectively about what we are doing, but also because we have to undergo rigorous and regular inspections to retain our training status. You patients seem to like them too. It's been amazing how quickly most of the eight we have had here have developed their own following.

The other good news on the doctor front is that Dr Hickling has agreed to accept a further six month contract which will keep him with us until at least February next year. He and Dr Slawson, our "permanent" Salaried GP are really valuable members of the team, each with their own specialities and interests. We would certainly struggle without them these days.

To counter any flabbiness brought on by

too much sedentary World Cup watching, our social organiser, Di Woodward, has been cajoling us into making 2006 a sporting summer. A few weeks ago, we again took over a small part of The Green for a rounders match in which, in a complete reversal of last year's result, Dr Hunt's team slaughtered Dr Steiner's team by some totally forgettable score. (No prizes for guessing which team I was on.)

Some of us also teamed up with Dr Carr and friends to play cricket against a team from Tending Cricket Club. To our astonishment, the "Clapped out Carrs", average age about 47 I estimate, managed to beat Tendring, average age under 20, in a very tight and thoroughly enjoyable match. Who was the star? No surprises there – Dr Hunt scored 73 not out and bowled superbly. (Don't you just hate people who have brains, are talented at everything they try, are good looking, nice etc, etc.) I suppose that when Dr O'Reilly starts it'll be football on The Green. I think I'll sit that one out.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

WEST AFRICA BY MOTORBIKE

(PART 2)

Arriving in Africa felt like the trip was really starting. Morocco was full of contrasts – from scorching heat to freezing snow, lush verdant valleys to dusty streets, rich red soils to mile upon mile of sand! We practiced our riding in sand techniques down near the Algerian border at Riseni – my first go in sand. Endless falls and buried back wheels later, I was wondering how on earth I was going to cross the Sahara. Why, oh why had I practiced at home in a muddy field and not on Point Clear beach! (Probably because the noisy motorbikes annoy me when I'm sailing – oh what double standards!)

After heading further south through Western Sahara, we crossed the border into Mauritania – an interesting border crossing – not for the faint hearted! The few miles of “no man's land” is basically sand covered in a maze of tracks and the odd sign advising you not to stray from the correct path as you are passing through a minefield! I'd recommend a

guide! Once in Mauritania the Sahara crossing starts. It's easy to see why the Tuareg tribesmen have hundreds of names for sand (I think I invented a few new unrepeatable names for it when I landed face first). One minute you can be on firm stuff and then for no good reason your back wheel sinks and you're fishtailing wildly. However it wasn't too



long before my confidence improved and I was able to make good progress (with more confidence and greater speed



GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee last met on 11th July and we are scheduled to meet again on 29th August, which will have taken place by the time you read this.

The traditional summer school holiday period (end of July through to the start of September) is usually a quieter time at the Hall although some clubs and bookings continue throughout this period. Others take a summer break and re-start again in September. The summer is quickly passing and we are reminded that winter is just around the corner as the full activities resume at the hall, also that our hiring charges revert to the winter rates with the coming of September.

Unfortunately, as from 1st September 2006, we have had to raise our charges in order to keep abreast of rising costs that we incur in making the hall available for use.

It is during this period we try and tackle those jobs which require the hall or parts of it to be free from use. This year we are planning to have the kitchen, small hall and billiards room cleaned down and



redecorated, which should be done by early September. We are also scheduling the main hall floor for cleaning, sanding and resealing (which means the main hall is out of use for one week) but this has been now booked in for the half term break at the end of October as the preferred contractor is busy until then. Other essential repairs, and hopefully improvements, have been done as well.

Do not forget to book your tickets to the Supper (Dinner), Cabaret (Cavender Singers) and Guest Speaker (Bill Pirie) at 6.45pm for 7.00pm in the village hall on Saturday, 7th October. Please contact

Frederick Nicholls on 01206 230688 or Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578 or Lynda Allam on 01206 230375. This promises to be an enjoyable evening, so ensure you secure your seat in the hall in good time and not be disappointed as demand may outstrip supply of these sought after tickets.

Thinking of winter, please note in your diary the Christmas Fayre planned for Saturday, 18th November from 11.00am till 2.00pm in the village hall, organised by the Village Hall committee jointly with the Women's Institute in aid of their funds.

Bevan Willgress



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

18 members and two guests came along to the village hall on the morning of 2nd



August to decorate pieces of pottery. Scott, from "All Fired Up" ceramics café, situated in the High Street, Colchester,

brought pottery for decoration and to advise us.

We had a very enjoyable morning which was rounded up by going to "The Cross Inn" where Brenda and Richard Perry had prepared a scrumptious buffet lunch for us.

This month, September, we have Mrs Ellis telling us about "Floral Art" on the first Wednesday (6th) at the village hall in the evening. Our President is also hoping that our decorated pottery will be back from firing for all to see. Visitors are always made welcome.

June Willgress

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Cycling Granny gave us a talk at our last meeting showing us on the maps the miles she cycles for various charities. Hundreds of pounds for hundreds of miles which took me back to when I had my first bike - do you remember the "sit up and beg" - tall with quite large wheels? I never walked anywhere, but then it was much safer on the roads.



Our next meeting is on 21st September when the competition will be "A Drinking Beer Mug" (not tea!).

See you then.

Vicky Griffiths

CARPET BOWLS

During August we met Boxted Club for the first time and enjoyed two very pleasant friendly matches, both home and away. A very hot evening for the away match but very thoughtfully cold drinks were provided throughout and delicious refreshments at the end.

We have played in just one charity tournament but not quite good enough to come near the top.

Attendance numbers have been down recently on club evenings, not entirely due to holidays, but nasty little 'bugs' seeming to have taken a liking to Pam, Evelyn and Pauline. However they, all three, are better now and we wish them well from now on. The club pairs competition is still ongoing; I hope to have a result for that next month.

Nancy Kempster

Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Ipswich Operatic & Dramatic Society Concert, Ardleigh Church, 7.30pm
- 3 Colne 25 Sponsored Cycle Ride, Brightlingsea
- 5 Public Inquiry re: Tendring Replacement Local Plan
- 6 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Friends of Essex Churches & St George's Sponsored Cycle Ride
Cricket Club Fun Day & Presentation Evening
- 9 – 10 Festival of Flowers and Music, Little Bromley Church
- 13 Parochial Church Council meeting, 7.00pm
- 14 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 WEA Lectures begin, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 22 Harvest Thanksgiving Barn Dance & Supper, Ardleigh Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Coffee Morning in aid of East Anglian Children's Hospice, Village Hall, 10-12
- 24 Dedham Fun Run

OCTOBER

- 1 St George's Harvest Lunch, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 3 Autumn Sale, Gt Bromley Village hall, 10.30am
- 7 Supper & Cabaret with the Cavender Singers, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 6.45pm
- 28 Cricket club Quiz Night, Village Hall

WEA

The Ardleigh branch of the WEA will start their Autumn term on Thursday September 21st 2006

We meet in Ardleigh Village Hall at 2:30 pm – 4:15pm each Thursday afternoon.

The course consists of 10 lectures. The tutor will be Roger Bawden and the course is entitled "Why put Salt in your Dishwasher?" Roger is a chemistry teacher and his lectures are on everyday chemistry; a light-hearted and fascinating look at the whys and wherefores of all the things we use in our homes, along with foodstuffs, food production, pesticides etc. There is no need to enrol until after the first lecture, so why not come along to see what it is all about!



The National Trust Colchester & N.E. Essex Centre

IPSWICH OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

IN CONCERT

featuring Songs from the Shows
Saturday, 2nd September
St Mary's Church, Ardleigh
7.30pm



Tickets £7.50 each *including a Glass of Wine/
Soft Drink and Light Refreshments*

To book tel:
David Wright on 01206 231745

Dedham Run 2006

10k race & 2.2k Fun Run
Sunday 24 September
*Proceeds to Dedham
Primary School*
Ring Glenys for details
01206 322358



COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 23rd September
In Gt Bromley Village Hall
10.00am—12 noon

- ▶ Produce Stall
- ▶ Raffle
- ▶ Competition

Admission £1

In aid of East Anglian Children's Hospice



CRICKET CLUB

FORTH COMING EVENTS

9th September
**FUN DAY and PRESENTATION
EVENING**

28th October
G.B.C.C. QUIZ NIGHT
at the Village Hall.
Phone 230375 to book your table



Friends of Essex Churches & St George's CYCLE RIDE

9th September
For more details contact
James Wild (Tel: 230679).



HARVEST THANKSGIVING BARN DANCE & SUPPER

7.30pm
Friday 22nd September.
Ardleigh Village Hall
BYO Drinks.

Tickets £6 Adult & £4 U16s
Available from Wendy Brothers 230314



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Little Bromley Church
9th – 10th September



Saturday 9th September 10 am – 5 pm
1:15 - 2pm Family Concert with songs and keyboard music
3:45 - 4.:30 Teatime organ music
Sunday 10th September 12 noon - 5 pm
1pm - 2pm Lunchtime organ music
4pm - 4.45pm. Songs of Praise - Come and sing some favourite hymns !

Admission free to all events.
Light lunch £1 / Tea & cake 50p
Home made refreshments
car parking and WC available

Flowers from our gardens and hedgerows.
If you would like to help with flowers or refreshments please contact
Carol Cordwell 01206 395103
see www.littlebromley.org.uk

- **This autumn we are planning to start a Friends group to encourage greater use of the church for various events. We hope to assist the Churches Conservation Trust with the church and the PCC with the churchyard. More information will be available during the Festival – we will welcome both supporters and active helpers.**

EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 1st October
12.30pm for 1.00pm
Great Bromley Village
Hall



Adults £6.00
Children £3.00
Tel 01206 230679 or
01206 252192

Tickets on sale till 24th September
Please bring your own drinks, glass
and cutlery

CABARET & DINNER

Saturday 7th October 2006
6.45pm for 7.00pm
Great Bromley Village Hall

3 Course meal and Cabaret
with the Cavander Singers & Bill Pirie

Tickets £12.50 Licensed Bar
For tickets telephone:
01206 230688, 01206 230375
or 01206 230578

*Proceeds in aid of
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Seven Rivers Cheshire Home
AUTUMN SALE



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fabulous range of stalls,
ceramics, children's clothes, greeting
cards, Italian china,
jewellery, photo frames,
shoes, silk scarves,
stocking fillers, toys and a
variety of gifts
at*



*Great Bromley Village Hall
On Tuesday, 3rd October
10.30am to 3.00pm*

*Entry £2.00
Refreshments, including coffee, cakes,
sandwiches, will also be available*



LITTLE BROMLEY FIREWORK DISPLAY

on **Friday 3rd November 2006**
(ENTRY FREE)

"Best Guy" competition

an enjoyable evening for all the family.
There will be burgers and mulled wine
available to buy.

There will be lots more details to follow
nearer the event,
but if you would like to be a part of this
fun evening
contact Major Downes on 01206
391015 or
Carol Cordwell on 01206 395103.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A.



Saturday 18th November
We are organising a **live band**
at Gt Bromley village hall.
Further details to follow.



Scallywags

At Great Bromley Village Hall
Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30am
0-5years.Parent and child group.
Activities/themed sessions/play
equipment etc.

For more details or visits please
contact 01206 230625



Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

At Great Bromley Village Hall.
Monday & Thursday 9.30-12 noon
Wednesday 9.15-11.45am
& 12.15-2.45pm

(Lunch time session also available)
Children: 2years-6 months to 5years.
£5.00 per session Ofsted inspected.
For more details/visits, please contact
Group Secretary-Debbie on 01206
250183

St. George's (C of E) School, Gt. Bromley

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley
Parish Council will be held on 14th
September 2006.

For the time and venue please contact
the Parish Clerk on 01206 391015.

GARDENER'S TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

TREES and
SHRUBS: Take
semi-hard cuttings of
evergreen conifers,
holly, laurel and
acucba.

ROSES: Keep
dead-heading to
encourage late
blooms. Tie in new
shoots on climbers.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: Take late
flowering types into the greenhouse at
the end of the month. Also move stools
of early flowering types into the cold
frame.

DAHLIAS: Keep well watered and
support tall stems against high winds.

CARNATIONS & PINKS: Plant young
border plants. Pinch out the growing
tips.

BULBS: Plant daffodils and narcissi
bulbs. Pot up bulbs for indoor flowering.

IRISES: Remove dead leaves from
irises. Plant Dutch, English and
Spanish irises.

Frank Griffiths



Marie Curie Cancer Care's Devoted to Life "Wig Walk"

Marie Curie Cancer Care is currently organising its annual Devoted to Life Walk with a difference on September 3rd 2006. We are inviting you to don a wig (the wackier the better!) and join us on this quirky event which supports cancer patients who may have lost their hair during chemotherapy treatments.

The walk promises to be a great day out and with 6 and 12 mile options it is open to all ages and walking abilities. Both routes start at the pretty fishing village of Leigh on Sea and will take walkers on a lovely late summer coastal jaunt through Southend on Sea. The 6 milers will end at Thorpe Bay Bowling Club which boasts fantastic sea views and then the 12 milers will walk back to Leigh on Sea. It costs just £5 to register, £10 with a specially designed T-shirt, and we encourage walkers to raise a suggested £60, which

would fund three hours of Marie Curie nursing.

Many walkers take part to remember a loved one, others simply enjoy a day walking in a beautiful setting. All walkers will be given a helium balloon to walk with if they wish. Those celebrating the life of a loved one may wish to write the name of the person they are walking in memory of on their balloon to carry as they walk.

All money raised from this walk will be used to help support the local Marie Curie Nursing Service.

Marie Curie Cancer Care provides high quality nursing, totally free of charge to patients and their families, to give terminally ill people the choice of dying at home supported by their loved ones.

If you would like to take part then please call Fiona in your local fundraising office on 01920 468956 or email Fiona.andrew@mariecurie.org.uk.

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Citizens Advice Bureau Tendring is a charity and a company limited by guarantee. It serves the residents of Tendring District by the provision of advice services from a number of outlets.

Clacton and Harwich each have a permanent bureau, whilst Frinton, Walton, Manningtree and Jaywick have outreach services.

- A team of trained volunteers provides generalist advice at each of the outlets.
- Paid, specialist caseworkers receive referrals for cases concerning debt, welfare benefits and employment problems, where the clients are eligible for legal aid.

CAB Tendring is looking for volunteers as follows:

- **Trustees**, or people willing to be co-opted with a view to becoming trustees in the future. In particular we need a **Treasurer**. The bureau employs a book keeper, so the treasurer's role covers overview of the finances, strategic direction, financial controls, etc.
- **People willing to train to be advisers**. We need good communicators, able to assimilate complex information and be interested in people.

The trustee board meets every two months on a Monday evening starting at 5 pm. All trustees will spend more time (by arrangement) than just these two meetings. This will be on work required by their responsibilities – for example staff recruitment, fundraising, IT or as chair or treasurer.

For further information on any of the above posts or the work of the CAB please contact either of the bureau managers, Sue Wood and Phil Drake by telephone - 01255 436464, email - bureau@tendringcab.cabnet.org.uk or in

writing to the Citizens Advice Bureau Tendring, 18 Carnarvon Road, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 6QF.

CITIZEN ADVICE CENTRES IN TENDRING: OPENING HOURS

Clacton – 18 Carnarvon Road, Clacton

Monday by appointment
(Call 01255 428643)

Tuesday by appointment
(Call 01255 428643)

Wednesday by appointment
(Call 01255 428643)

Thursday by appointment
(Call 01255 428643)

Friday Closed

Harwich – 298 Main Road, Dovercourt

Monday 09.30 – 14.30 Drop in

Tuesday 09.30 – 14.30 Drop in

Thursday 09.30 – 14.30 Drop in

Frinton – Council Offices, The Triangle, Frinton

Wednesday by appointment
(Call 01255 436464)

Thursday by appointment
(Call 01255 436464)

Walton – Community Project, 61 High Street, Walton

Wednesday by appointment
(Call 01255 436464)

Manningtree – 13 High Street, Manningtree

Wednesday 10.00 – 14.00 Drop in

Jaywick – at Signpost, Enterprise Centre, Lotus Way, Jaywick

Wednesdays by appointment
(Call 01255 688683)

Telephone Advice – 08707 510952

Monday – Thursday 10.00 – 12 noon

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Web Site – www.adviceguide.org.uk.

Re~Cycle

Bikes for Africa

Please bring your unwanted bikes and bike parts to Re-Cycle and we will ship them to Africa where people often spend a large part of their day walking to work, to collect water or to get children to school.

We also collect workshop tools.

£10 will pay to ship a bike to Africa - a small donation towards shipping is much appreciated
Thank you

You will find us at:

Unit A, Moorside
Eastgates, Colchester CO1 2TW
(near Rollerworld)

Open:

Tuesday —Friday 9.30am-5.30pm
Saturday 10am-midday

Tel: 0845 4580 852
e-mail: info@re-cycle.org

www.re-cycle.org
Registered.Charity No. 1063570

Thank you for donating your bike to Re~Cycle

We will be shipping your bike to Africa where it will be refurbished before being distributed to the local community.

A bicycle can triple a person's load carrying capacity, it creates new employment opportunities and improves access to education - some children walk more than five miles to school then back home again. Some bikes are donated to deserving causes such as HIV-AIDS care volunteers and district nurses who can then visit more clients in remote parts of the country.

There are various ways you could help us:

- Prepare bikes for shipping - turning the handlebars, removing pedals etc - experience not necessary.
- Bikes too old to refurbish are stripped of spare parts - again we can show you what needs doing.
- Help load a container with bikes one Saturday - not all hard work & lunch provided.
- Help In the office on PC - we also need an accountant.
- Help with promoting Re~Cycle - displaying one of our posters in your workplace, local library, or school will spread the word, especially when we have an event to advertise - **please send us your e-mail address.**
- Does your car have a tow hook? We need someone to tow our car trailer to the metal waste sometimes.
- Help raise much needed funds towards shipping.

If you could help for an hour or two every now and then please contact Sue or Derek on

Tel: 0845 4580 852 or E-mail info@re-cycle.org

website: www.re-cycle.org

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THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS



Dear Parishioner,

As I write the harvest seems to be truly well gathered in for another year. It's not as simple as that of course because harvests are made with different crops and vegetables all the year around now due to demand. That said, at the end of the month we shall offer our thanksgivings for the harvest and for the abundance that we experience in this country.

It comes through a lot of hard work and heart ache from our farmers who have seen their way of life change dramatically over the years for not much profit or gain. As well as producing our food and drink they are custodians of our countryside; something we in these parishes are particularly able to enjoy. We can support them when we see them and by buying their produce at markets and when you see the red tractor-produced in Britain logo. This will make you a custodian of our countryside and way of life as well.

My harvest this year will be different as I

shall be in the US trying to raise awareness- and some money- for the historical churches in this country, especially S George's. The descendents of the Stone brothers who emigrated in 1633 are very attached to their "home" and have responded generously to our needs in the past. Please pray that they do again!

S George's, like S Mary's, has been the centre of village life for hundreds of years and I and the congregation want to secure that for the present and future generations. So we are working hard to keep them open and to bring them up to date for 21st century needs. A different type of harvest maybe, but one which will provide rich blessings to those who choose to enter in and be fed and nourished by God.

May you be blessed in your thanksgivings.

Fr Nicolas.

RATAWATTE APPEAL

The PCC of the Bromleys is supporting the appeal for Ratawatte Methodist Church, the oldest Christian church in Sri Lanka.. The congregation has to find the money for a new building because of severe structural decay. Their problem is the recent inflation in building costs and they have appealed to us for help. Our link is through our congregation member Richard whose parents worship at Ratawatte.

If you can help please make a donation or cheque to 'PCC of the Bromleys' and send it to one of the churchwardens marking your envelope 'Ratawatte Appeal'.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for September

1st	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
2nd	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 3rd		Trinity 12	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
7th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
8th		Nativity of Our Lady	
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
9th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 10th		Trinity 13	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
13th	6.00pm	Holy Communion	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
14th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
15th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
16th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 17th		Trinity 14	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
21st	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
22nd	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
23rd	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	12 noon	Richborough Festival	<i>S Alban's</i>
Sunday 24th		Trinity 15	
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Harvest Evensong	<i>St. Mary, Lt Bromley</i>
28th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
29th		SS Michael & All Angels	
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
	7.30pm	Patronal Eucharist	<i>Thorpe</i>
30th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>