

FEBRUARY JOTTINGS

At the time of writing I understand that a report regarding the results of the Village Appraisal will be included with this issue of the magazine. Like you, I look forward to learning of its findings with regard to the wants, needs and criticisms of life in Great Bromley in all its forms.



Outside the wind is blowing a gale; the trees are swaying alarmingly and in our garden one smallish fir has blown over. After the previous high winds there were a number of old trees and numerous branches on the roads and I hope this finds none of you with any structural damage as a result of the winds. No doubt the high winds and rough seas will speed the normal rate of erosion for this area and take our villages a little bit closer to the sea. It seems that with global warming we can expect more of this kind of extreme weather. The WEA course this term is about coastal ecology and conservation with the first lecture being a background to our coastline and how it has evolved through millions of years with the movement of continents, after various ice ages and through the interference of mankind.

The kitten, aka The Yob, is alive and well despite having been blamed for some of the errors that appeared in last month's magazine. She is currently sporting a large red bandage on one leg which impedes her activities not one jot. This is as a consequence of, we believe, having jumped up on to the side where she brought everything crashing down, including the bread board. The consequence was a broken toe entailing X-rays and other expensive vet's bills.

Leonie Henderson

A Valentines Day Quiz

1. Who was Saint Valentine?
2. Where and when was the Saint Valentines Day Massacre?
3. When is a star sign ruled by the planet Venus?
4. Who painted "The Birth of Venus" showing her born from the sea as a mature woman, then blown ashore on a large shell?
5. Who sang "Venus in Blue Jeans"?
6. Who was February named after?
7. What was Cupids Greek name?
8. Who and what was Ishtar?
9. Who might a young girl hope to see in her mirror on All Hallows Eve?
10. Who discovered the true nature of the circulation of the heart?
11. How many chambers are there in the heart?
12. What is the other name for the plant called hearts-ease?

devised by Val and Ian Harris

Answers on page 13

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is very grateful and thanks all those who by their donations have sponsored this month's magazine through
PERSONAL AND CLUB DONATIONS

SPONSORSHIP AND NEW COVER

Sponsorship will be due in April, when we also decide on a new cover and update the information regarding the Clubs and Organisations of the villages.

Would you all let Leonie know what you want to change, or confirm not to change or add, to the inside covers.

If anyone would like to sponsor the magazine for a part or whole page advert in a month of your choice and have your information on the back cover every month then please contact me for prices.

Len Christodoulides

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

Report of Great Bromley Parish Council meetings held in December 2006 and January 2007

Planning

The Council considered the following planning applications:

The Firs, Chase Road West – extensions and garage conversion (no objection).

Arundel, Ardleigh Road – additional detached building in garden (no objection).

Land adjacent to mast in Hilliards Road – change of use from piggery to business, industrial, storage and distribution usage (no objection).

Dolphins, Colchester Road – replacement conservatory (no objection),

Land adjacent to Spread Eagle, Brook Street – new detached house (objection).

Tendring District Council has decided the following planning applications:

Horsley Cross industrial and business park – industrial and business units, storage and distribution depots, hotel, nursery and waste recycling plant (approval).

Mousetraps, Rectory Road/Parsons Hill – new additional dwelling (approval).

2 Alma Cottages, Briar Road – conversion of detached garage /workshop into new additional dwelling (approval).

The Firs, Chase Road West – extensions and garage conversion (single storey extensions (approval)

Financial matters

The council has decided its budget for 2007/8 with planned expenditure of £18,145. This will be financed by £13,500 from council tax revenue, £1000 from other income and the rest from reserves and/or grants. Expenditure will include the following: community grants – £2000, grass and hedge cutting - £3000 and £5000 on other projects stemming from the village appraisal.

Poorlands Charity

The trustees of Great Bromley's Poorlands Charity met in December and agreed to distribute grants of £45 each to four individuals and £100 to a family. The Trust's income in 2006 was £219, with some cash carried forward from the previous year. The Trust's investments are presently worth about £5,800.

The next meeting of the Council will be

Great Bromley Parish Council:

contracts for grass and hedge cutting

In March the council will be deciding the contracts for the maintenance of its land during the period April 2007 to March 2008. The total value will be about £3000 and those organisations or individuals interested in tendering for all or part of this work should contact the Clerk on 01206 230089.



Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 8th February 2007.

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

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Mrs Dorothy Roberts came along to our January 2007 meeting to tell us about her work with the East Anglian Children's Hospices (EACH). There are three Hospices for children in East Anglia which are at Milton near Cambridge, Quidenham in South Norfolk and in Ipswich. They cater for children from small babies up to 21 years old.

Every thought has gone into the patients' care. For the young the Ball Bath has recently been installed and is a great favourite, also a Sensory Room and Loud Room are some of the facilities. Activities include therapeutic play, music therapy, arts and crafts work, day trips and a memory day each year which is organised for families and helps them to move forward after a bereavement. Their key services include respite care and end of life care.

The staff are very dedicated as are the parents. There are some parent rooms available where they can stay whilst their children are receiving help. Unfortunately, staff levels have had to be reduced due to reduction in Lottery funding but they continue to help over 300 families each year.

Only a very small percentage (about 12%) of their budget is provided by the Government. They rely upon the generosity of individuals, companies, pubs, clubs, charitable trusts, with the vast majority of funding coming from people like you.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 7th February when Catherine Hart will speak on 'Know your face'. If you would like to join us please come along to the Village Hall for 7.30pm and you will be made most welcome.

June Willgress

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Whilst Mrs Biddis is making good progress in hospital she has decided with great sadness to resign from her post as Chairperson of the Club after 30 years - not many people can make a claim like that. We all look forward to her being with us at the meetings very soon.

The competition for February is - A Funny Postcard.

Vicky Griffiths



CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

- | | |
|------|----------------------|
| 1st. | Mr. James Pirie |
| 2nd. | Mr. Mark Lamb (Jnr.) |
| 3rd. | Mrs. June Wenden |

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

- | | |
|------|---------------------|
| 1st. | Mrs. Nicky Robinson |
| 2nd. | Mr. Leo Foley |
| 3rd. | Master Matt Halsey |

CAN YOU HELP?



I used to live in Little Bromley up until about 18 months ago. Whilst in the process of moving our cats went missing and to this day I have still not been able to find

them. We lost 2 tabbies and an elderly grey cat that is also blind and very special to me. I would be very grateful for any help so if you know of anything please contact me at

carlyluke@ntlworld.com

CHANGES TO THE 76 SERVICE COLCHESTER TO CLACTON



From 2 January 2007 most (all except the 1305,1505,1705 from Colchester) will go to

Elmstead Market via School Road, thus avoiding Wivenhoe Park corner for safety reasons. Times remain unchanged.

The reason is the closure of the slip road due to modifications to junction.

LBC

LETTERS

Berriedale
Great Bromley

Vera wishes to thank everyone for their Get Well cards, visits, and best wishes sent to her following her operation re. a broken thigh.

She is now in Clacton Hospital having physio treatment to speed up her homecoming.

Her thanks also for the Christmas cards, and wish all friends a Happy and Healthy 2007.

THANKS

New Year's Eve charity masked ball

Thanks to everyone for the great support, it was a very successful sell out night. The sum of £710 was raised for the Little Haven Hospice.

We could not have done it without the response and support with help, before during and the day after.

Many Thanks
Steve and Linda



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Crockleford Road / Tye Road, Elmstead

from its junction with A133 to its junction with Wivenhoe Road, Ardleigh.
The above road will be closed from 5 February 2007 for approximately two weeks.

Mill Lane, Ardleigh

Anglia Water Sewer installation.

The above road will be closed from 7 February 2007 for approximately 14 days.



FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

Ardleigh Surgery

Practice Nurse changes

Catherine Arter, our Practice Nurse, is leaving on the 2 February to take up a full time practice nursing post in Ipswich which is nearer her home. We are intending to replace her as soon as possible. Catherine joined us in August 2003 and has helped develop our asthma care and has also provided a stop smoking service.



We are pleased to report that Kate Strowbridge, our Nurse Practitioner, has successfully obtained an MSc degree from Essex University, following two years of study.

Surgery extension

The surgery extension building is proceeding on time for completion in May. We regret the inconvenience that has been caused occasionally with the closure of the surgery car park. Fortunately, we do have a free public park not too far away on the other side of the crossroads.

Patient survey

In the last edition, I provided details of the patient survey carried out by the practice in October 2006. A national survey of patients has also been commissioned by the Department of Health to take place in January 2006, which will no doubt receive media coverage when the results are published. Some of our patients may in deed receive a postal survey form to complete. The survey is likely to duplicate our own survey, but will concentrate on questions of access to primary care and patient choice of hospital care.

A number of patients in our survey requested certain improvements

particularly in connection with the need for a Saturday morning and evening surgeries beyond 7 pm. As far as extended evening surgeries are concerned this would mean that GPs and staff would have to shift work which would reduce the availability of surgery sessions during the day. It is not unusual for the evening surgery to finish near 7 pm. The Walk In Centre in Colchester has been opened to provide cover seven days a week from 7 am-10 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am-5 pm on weekends and bank holidays

A few patients commented on the length of time they sometimes wait in the waiting area for their appointment while other patients commented that they would like more than ten minutes of the doctors time. Surgeries sometimes overrun as doctors try to accommodate patients needs to discuss their problems and for referral to other services. Discussing the patient choice of hospital and using the new Choose and Book system all takes more time.

On the question of car parking, we are limited by the size of the area in front of the surgery, but do plan to provide two additional spaces following completion of the extension. We are fortunate to have a free public park a short distance away on the other side of the crossroad.

Quite a few patients expressed concern about the Out of Hours Service. This is managed by the Primary Care Trust and is based at the Walk in Centre in Colchester. On contacting the service, patients requiring the attention of doctor, are encouraged to attend the Walk In Centre but if it medically necessary, a doctor will visit. The new PCT is in the process of re-organisation so that one service covers both the Tendring and Colchester areas.

Great Bentley Surgery

The agreement between the government and the BMA to remove the responsibility of a 24 hour/365 day service by GPs as part of the new GP contract in 1993 was very much to address a recruitment and retention problem facing general practice at that time. Young doctors, particularly the increasing number of female doctors, were unwilling to enter general practice faced with that level of commitment and responsibility to provide a 24 hour service.

Dispensing area

Members of the PCT Pharmacy Services Committee are visiting the Manningtree, Mistley and Lawford area in February to review the proposed urban boundaries before making a decision that may adversely affect the right of certain patients to obtain dispensing services from the surgeries in that area.



Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

DOCTOR STEINER

Dr. Steiner started work in Great Bentley on 1st October 1976 when he joined Dr. Craig and Dr. George and at the "Old Surgery" now known as Bentley House. After 30 years' loyal service he has now decided to hang up his stethoscope and enjoy a well deserved rest. He will finish work on 1st March. I am sure we would all like to wish Dr. Steiner all the very best for a long and healthy retirement. A Gt. Bentley resident is organising a collection for a retirement gift and if you would like to make a donation there is a collection box at Evans (the new shop situated between the Doctors and the Pharmacy). There is also a collection point in our village situated in **THE POST OFFICE at the Cross Inn**. The money will be collected from each village on 21st February. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation made as in the case of Dr. George and of course this is being undertaken as a surprise. Thank you.

CHURCH NOTES

A new electoral roll is currently being prepared. This is a register of church members and anyone over 16, who has been baptised and attends services on a regular basis is eligible to apply. Members are entitled to vote on matters under discussion at the Annual Meeting. Forms are available in the church, from Fr. Nicolas or the secretary Marion Bromfield (tel. 230089).

Plans to install a toilet and meeting room inside the church have been approved by the diocese and it is hoped to start work on these in the near future.

Finally, there is small harmonium in the church, which is no longer used. It is quite good condition and if anyone would like it please get in touch with

Fr. Nicolas or one of the churchwardens. There is no charge but a donation towards church funds would be appreciated.



Raise a Roof in Rwanda

As you know, with one or two exceptions, we support local good causes but this year, in addition to raising funds for our regular charities, we are supporting ENGALYNX - details as follows:

In 1997, Maralyn Bambridge of Brantham, founded ENGALYNX, a charity solely for the purpose of relieving the suffering of orphans of the Rwandan genocide. The name, ENGALYNX, was given by the children at Manningtree school and its meaning is England linking with Rwanda.

The civil war left a huge proportion of Rwandan children as orphans, many of whom had been dreadfully abused by aggressors from both factions. Although, currently, the political climate is relatively stable, so many children are trying to bring up their younger siblings with no practical help whatsoever. This is where ENGALYNX - **AND YOU** - come in. For every £600 (approx) raised, Maralyn can arrange for a dwelling to be built and furnished to provide safety and security for a family of orphans. 'Houses' are built in clusters so that children can support and care for each other. When sufficient funds are available, a school to provide basic education is set up and maintained. A goat is routinely purchased for minimum cost and given to each family, where it is taken into the home each night for the warmth and comfort it brings to lonely children.

This year, we would like to raise the funds to build as many homes as possible, but, of course, we need your help to do it. During the year, we will be holding several functions and hope that you will support these whenever possible. As you know, we have already begun a toy exchange where your children can 'bring and buy'.

Because this charity is not linked to any religious, political or governmental agency, you can be sure that your money will not be going into a bottomless pit to be wasted on

admin costs or accommodation for relief workers. It will be given to Maralyn who ensures that every penny spent is cost-effective. In fact, Maralyn will be giving an illustrated talk over the Easter period so you will have the opportunity to ask questions and see what can be done when there is goodwill and application. For those of you who have doubts about this project, think of your 10-year-old child/grandchild/niece/nephew/Godchild. Think what they received for Christmas or their birthday and then think of that child trying to raise and provide for siblings younger than them without the benefit of parents, carers, guides or welfare workers. That is the fate of thousands of Rwandan children. Our kids have so much - these kids just want the chance of a life. PLEASE - help us to help them. Thank you.

The Cross Inn, Gt Bromley (01206 230282)



The Guinness Trust's Tending Home Improvement Agency

Working in partnership across Tending to help over 60s, disabled or vulnerable people with repairs, improvements and adaptations to enable them to stay in their own home in greater comfort, warmth and security.

Do you need help and advice with anything from minor repairs and major adaptations to your home?

If so, then call: 01255 814410

Fax: 01255 818091

Email thia@guinness.org.uk

or write to:

Tending Home Improvement Agency

61 Frinton Road

Holland-on-Sea

Essex CO15 5UH

GARDENING TIPS for FEBRUARY

Whether we like it or not global warming is here to stay. Gone are the days when we had snow at Christmas, lovely warm rain in spring, summer was from May to September, then came the brilliant reds and gold of autumn.

As the seasons change so some of our ideas on gardening must change, one of which is in watering.

This year instead of placing rubble in the bottom of pots, tubs and trays I shall be placing cut up pieces of foil, plastic or grow-bags. The obvious idea is to retain moisture. Left for a day any water given to tubs etc. will run straight out of the bottom, so by leaving out the rubble and using plastic it will help to keep the soil wet during the hot weather.



Frank Griffiths

FROM THE PAST ...

More Place Names in Gt Bromley
In 1582, Roger Hec(k)ford, a husbandman, left his houses and lands called FENE HOUSE to his wife Agnes for life and when she died to his son called John. He was prudent and said that if John died without heirs then his three daughters, Charity, Anne and Emme would have this and land called MONTES and a wood called SELESSTERS (Celesters) GROVE. There was also land called PREESTES (Priests).

All the goods in and without the house went in the same succession - wife, son, daughters.

The poor were not forgotten and were to have two bushels of rye at the harvest

KITCHEN CORNER

Carrot Soup

This is my favourite carrot soup recipe and works without fail!

Ingredients:

10oz carrots (peeled weight)

6oz onion

2 crushed cloves garlic

1½ pts chicken stock

3oz butter

½ pt single cream

1 teasp caster sugar

1 oz plain flour

Salt & fresh ground pepper.

Method:

Grate carrots and onions coarsely (or in food processor). Melt 1 oz butter in heavy based pan and cook onion till softened and transparent. Add carrot and garlic, cover and sweat 10 minutes. Pour on stock and cream, bring to boil then simmer 30 minutes. Towards the end add seasoning and sugar. in small pan melt other 2 oz butter and blend in flour.

Gradually whisk this into soup and cook till thickened. Serve with extra cream/chopped chives etc. if liked (but do not sieve the soup).

Jill Frostick



after John's death.

Also named in the will were David, a brother, who wrote the will for five shillings and saw to John's wishes, Robert Parsons and John Cabboud (Cobbold), tenants of the manor, with Mr Wentworth representing the steward of the manor.

John Appleby

Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 5 Road closure—Crockleford Rd/Tye Rd, Elmstead
- 7 Road closure—Mill Lane, Ardleigh
WI Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 24 Talent Show, St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, 7.00pm
- 28 Cricket Club A.G.M., Cricket Pavilion, 8.00pm

MARCH

- 17 'Nostalgia' Big Band, Village Hall, 7.30pm

JUNE

- 1-3 Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show
- 15-17 West Woodhay House Garden Show
- 23 Essex Police Band, St George's Church
- 24 London Bridges Walk in aid of Kidney Research UK



Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden

This wonderful Garden Show will be held again this year from 1st-3rd June at Little Bentley Hall, home of the Palmer-Tomkinson's.

The show will be even bigger than in 2004 when 12,000 visitors came and enabled us to raise over £60,000 for Charity.

This year the private gardens and waterways will again be open, and the show will feature 10 Show Gardens, an Art Show, Antiques Valuations by Sworders of Sudbury, and over 100 Trade Stands.

This year's show will be in aid of Canine Partners, the three churches of Little Bentley, Tendring and Beaumont, also Cheshire Homes, Wix Young Farmers and other local charities.

There is also a schools 'Grub in a Tub' competition, where schools create a Container Grown Garden. This has already

resulted in entries from schools from as far afield as South Essex and Suffolk, but we have so far not had entries from our Local Schools in Great Bromley, Tendring & Great Bentley. Come on parents give these schools a nudge to support the largest Charity Garden Event in East Anglia this year, and help our local children learn something about gardening and where our food comes from.

The show will offer local Groups/Clubs a special entry price of just £4 each based on groups of 20 for the Saturday and Sunday, providing these are applied for now..

A Gala Night will again be held on the Friday evening 1st June, for an invitation contact the Organisers.

Full details about the show and entry for competitions can be obtained from www.littlebentley.net or call Nigel Dyson 01206 251790.

Football Funding for your Parish

Over the past five years the Football Foundation has provided over £6m in funding for facility projects in Essex. Parish Councils and Community Groups have gained funding for a wide range of projects.

The current Essex Facility Strategy is coming to an end and over the next 6 months we will be developing a new strategy. As part of the consultation process your parish council will be invited to provide potential projects for the strategy that will run from 2007 to 2012. If you would like to discuss a facilities project or the next Facilities Strategy please contact Val Blower, Local Authorities Consultant on 01702586428 or valblower@aol.com

The Goalpost Safety Scheme

Essex FA are promoting the Football Foundation Goalpost Safety Scheme. This Scheme will fund 50% of the cost to replace if your current goals fulfil any of the following criteria:



- Pre-1991
- Wooden
- Freestanding
- Mini-Soccer goals which are now incomplete
- Metal cup hooks on posts and crossbars - these goals will be banned from the 2007/08 season
- Corroded or rusted

Have you applied yet? If not, the process is very simple. For an application form please contact Nick Perchard, County Development Manager at Essex FA on 01245 393077 or nick.perchard@essexfa.com

“Walk the famous London Bridges to help promote awareness of kidney disease and fund research to save lives”

London Bridges Walk – 24th June 2007

Want a walk with a difference? Fancy seeing the stunning sights of London, while raising money for charity? See London's spectacular sights while raising awareness of kidney disease and supporting research to save lives by walking eight of London's bridges on Sunday 24th June 2007.

The Bridges Walk starts and finishes at Potters Fields near Tower Bridge, and walkers will snake across eight bridges, including the Tower, London, Southwark, Millennium and Blackfriars bridges.

Registration fee is £7.50 per walker and there is no minimum sponsorship requirement 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 focuses 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 London. The atmosphere on the day is second to none and it is open to anyone who wants to help make a difference.”

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

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee met on 7th November with 11 members present and by the time you read this the meeting scheduled for 23rd January should have taken place.

May I apologise for not providing any Village Hall news in last month's Bromley Messenger. It so happened that the news deadline coincided with my short stay in hospital which somewhat curtailed my activities during the month of December. Thank goodness for June's caring abilities!

With the provision of a new finish on the main hall floor, we ask all users to refrain from dragging tables, chairs and other equipment across the surface. Please pick up these items and carry them or use an appropriate wheeled trolley. Ladies, would you also ensure that your high heeled shoes have a protected heel spike please.

Would all hall users please ensure that they do not leave any food items at the hall unless it is secured in a cupboard in a metal container so as not to attract any

vermin. Please remove any waste food from the hall at all times, put it in the bin over by the hedge or take it home.

To users of the card tables, you will find we have provided a retaining frame in the store room to hold the tables when they are not in use. Hopefully, this will make storage easier and prevent the tables from becoming a hazard, please use the frame, it is behind the door.

On Saturday, 17th March, 7.30pm till 11.45pm we are bring 'Nostalgia' Big Band to the Village Hall for another evening of dancing and entertainment.

To ensure you have a place please book your tickets with Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578 as soon as possible.

Bevan Willgress



Answers to A Valentines Day Quiz

1. He was supposed to have been the Bishop of Terni martyred in Rome, but is now thought to have been non-existent.
2. In a garage on Clark Street, Chicago on 14th February 1929 seven men died in a hail of 150 bullets. Bugs Moran the main target was across the street at the time and escaped. The man responsible for the massacre, Al Capone was finally jailed for tax evasion not murder.
3. When the planet Venus moves into the section of sky ruled to the star sign or constellation.
4. The most famous painting was by Sandro Botticelli in 1485.
5. Mark Wynter, it reached number four in the hit parade in October 1962.
6. The Greek god Februus who was originally an Etruscan god, and this, his sacred month, was the month of the dead.
7. The Greek god Eros.
8. She was the Babylonian goddess of love.
9. A young girl would hope to see her future husband.
10. It was formulated by William Harvey in 1628.
11. There are four chambers, two auricles and two ventricles.
12. Viola

RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

New Recycling Collection Arrangements



On 2nd January 2007 Tendring introduced a more frequent collection service with a new weekly collection of recyclables from domestic properties. The recycling will be collected on the same day as your household

refuse but by a separate vehicle. All properties in Tendring have been supplied with a 55 litre green box to store recyclables. Please leave your recycling and refuse just inside your front boundary - but make two separate piles to prevent confusion when the collections take place.

For more information on the new service please see the [New Waste Collection and Recycling Contract](#) through the website www.tendringdc.gov.uk.

If you are elderly or disabled and cannot put your recycling on your boundary, we can arrange an assisted collection for you where your recycling will be picked up from a location that is convenient for you, please email wcrusader@tendringdc.gov.uk or telephone the contact number shown at the bottom of the page to arrange this. N.B. an assisted collection service is also available for your household waste.

Alternative collection arrangements are available for certain properties such as blocks of flats and farms. For more details or to arrange a collection, email wcrusader@tendringdc.gov.uk or telephone the contact number at the bottom of this page.

What can I put out for recycling?

Yes please:

Paper (including junk mail, paper bags, envelopes, old catalogues and telephone directories)

Card (including cardboard and greetings cards)

Cans (including aerosol cans, lager cans and soft drinks cans)

Tins (of all varieties including pet food tins and sardine tins)

Plastic Containers (plastic milk bottles, cleaning products, shampoo bottles, plastic food packaging, plastic bags, plastic flower pots, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots).

There is no need to separate materials but please ensure tins, cans and plastic containers

are rinsed out.

No thanks:

Glass - please deposit these at a bring bank in the district

Textiles - please deposit these at a bring bank in the district

Aluminium Foil - please wash, squash and place in a can bring bank

Polystyrene - please put this in your domestic refuse or reuse it to aid drainage in the bottom of pot plants.

See website for details of the locations of the [Recycling Points in Tendring.pdf](#)

What if my green box is not big enough to hold all my recyclables?

If you would like an additional box they are available for collection from various locations in the district, to find a collection point near you please see website for the [Recycling Box Collection Points.pdf](#). You can also leave your recycling out in cardboard boxes, carrier bags or clear plastic bags.

N.B. Black refuse sacks must not be used as these are treated as rubbish, not recycling.

What if my recycling is not collected?

Check that you have only placed materials that we collect out for recycling and that they have not been put in black sacks, which will be treated as rubbish. All missed recycling collections should be reported directly to Veolia Environmental Services on 01255 431620 after 3.30pm on the day of collection. These will then be picked up the following working day. What happens to the rubbish I put out for recycling?

Veolia takes your recycling to a Materials Recovery Facility where the different materials are sorted and sent for recycling. The various plastics are sorted into types and made into a wide range of products including bins, compost bins, patio furniture and even fleece clothing. Paper is pulped and reprocessed to make more paper. Cans are melted down to make more cans, saving energy and raw materials.

Contact Details:

E-mail: wcrusader@tendringdc.gov.uk

Address: Environmental Services, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, Essex, CO16 9AJ

Telephone: 01255 686788





THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS



Dear Parishioner,

In the recent Village appraisal carried out for Great Bromley 80% of the respondents said they valued S George's Church and saw it as a central part of village life. I expect a similar picture would be seen if a survey was carried out in Ardleigh. I say this because whilst it is obvious that 80% of the village's population does not regularly worship in the Churches I am privileged to minister in, at times of importance like Christmass and Remembrance Sunday, for Christenings, weddings and funerals, people do turn out to Church.

In my time here I have been generously received and welcomed in many places and homes and been able in different ways to give something in return. Call in comfort, call it tradition, call it security or peace; the church here still has a place in our communities.

My reason for writing about this is the approaching Annual Parochial Church Meetings, which are when those on the Church Electoral Rolls gather to receive the report of how the PCC has conducted itself during the past year, and elect new members to serve alongside myself as stewards of our beautiful buildings and seek to share God's love.

This year there is an element of having to face difficult truths; not about the faith but about money. At Ardleigh the situation is cushioned by the fact that the interest received from the sale of the Vicar's Room is enabling work to be carried out. The Bromleys does not have that luxury and so the truth is far starker. When various one off amounts are taken from the final accounts (none of which can really be seen as being a luxury) we will have a deficit of around £3,000; a similar deficit as the year 2005.

Fortunately we have savings which means we will not be going bankrupt, but at a similar rate that will be the case in three years time. Like all our homes the main reason is that oil, electricity and insurance prices have risen. This has nothing to do with the separate ring fenced funds for the fabric or new facilities, neither of which are particularly healthy or up to the demands of the future. The amount given by members of the congregation has not significantly dropped despite some deaths and people moving away. Basically those who worship regularly cannot keep up with what it costs to keep the place open and running.

Some people will find this letter embarrassing and accuse me of washing dirty laundry in public, but it seems only right that I should be open with you all about the situation the local members of the Church Of England are in. You may be able to help, by making a financial donation to our general fund, or if you do not wish to be involved on a faith level, making a donation to the fabric, facilities or grass cutting funds all of which seek to keep the Churches open, alive and at the centre of our community life. You may have a fundraising idea, or be able to give some advice on how we should use the limited resources we have. The PCCs and I would love to hear from you and if you do feel that the Churches here are important then just telling us is a good start, on which we can build in the future.

May God bless you.
Father Nicolas

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for February

1st	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
2nd		Presentation of the Lord	
	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
3rd	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	Sunday 4th		Third Sunday before Lent
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	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>
5th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	7.45pm	Prayer Meeting 871727	
7th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
8th	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
9th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
10th	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 11th		Second Sunday before Lent	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
12th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	7.45pm	Prayer Meeting 871727	
14th		SS Cyril and Methodius	
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
15th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
16th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
17th	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 18th		Next Sunday before Lent	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	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>
19th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	7.45pm	Prayer Meeting 871727	
21st		Ash Wednesday	
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
22nd	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
23rd	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
24th	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 25th		Lent 1	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
26th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	7.45pm	Prayer Meeting 871727	