

LESS NOISE PLEASE!

This is the Year of National Noise Strategy, according to Defra, the responsible ministry. A certain national newspaper has also been calling for 'A Little Quiet Please'. It is all about noise pollution with which each of us, I am sure, has an issue in some form or another. The newspaper lists a number of noises that annoy us in the town, country and generally; reading through the list I decided it covered pretty well everything that has sound. There were some sounds on the list that I was sad to see mentioned - young children, church bells, fountains in ponds, crowing cocks - all 'noises' that have been part of life for centuries and which, to me, are associated with contentment and well being.

Musak/hi-fi, mechanical diggers, alarms, mobile phone ring tones, jet planes and other intrusive modern sounds are unfortunately a part and parcel of our way of life that no-one would want to change. I am sure that in the days of horse and carts, rutted roads and sailing ships that took weeks/years to reach their destination, people were just as dissatisfied with their lot and the noises which were different, but equally annoying, were probably as stressful as the present days ones.

However, in the 'old days' the sense of community was stronger. Everyone knew what everyone else was up to and shared, helped or looked on at each other's proceedings.

Nowadays everyone feels they have a 'right' to do whatever they wish, with no concern or thought at all for their neighbours or neighbourhood which possibly leads to the breakdown of tolerance towards others and the general lack of neighbourliness. I am not sure that I would have wanted to have lived next door to my husband's family in the early 1900s: his grandparents had eight children, six of whom were boys who each, along with grandfather, had their own motorbike which had to be maintained as their daily transport!

Until very recently Sundays were a 'day of rest' and therefore much more peaceful and quiet since there were no shops or other attractions open. Our battered eardrums were therefore given a day to recover before the onslaught of the new working week.

Leonie Henderson



THANKS

Many thanks to our fantastic team of distributors who delivered the Post Office booklet to every household in the village along with 'The Messenger' last month.

Ann and Leonie

'THE MESSENGER' ACCOUNTS

Accounts will be published in the June edition.

We are desperate to get someone to do a quick audit of the figures - about an hour's worth. You do not need to be accountancy trained, as we are too small an organisation to deposit proper accounts to HMIC nor are we VAT registered.

Please ring me if you would be prepared to have a go.

Len on 01026 251264



Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

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

Session Tel No: 0785 7503103
(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

A very warm welcome to Alex,
Alexander and Bethany.

We hope everyone had a great holiday and thank all those who attended our coffee morning/get-together on Wednesday the 11th. It was so much fun, for the adults as well as the children, that we hope to do it again in the summer break - watch this space for details.

Our first environment this term is the air - the children have been making parachutes, kites and experimenting with bubbles!! Whatever will they be doing for the arctic?!

Do contact us on the number above if you are interested in your child joining Playgroup, or meet some local mums at Scallywags on Friday morning.



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

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Angela Brakeway came to our April meeting to tell us about Marilyn Monroe. She had a rather sad life in spite of her beauty and becoming famous throughout the world. Even today she is often featured in the Press. She was christened Norma Jean Baker and her greatest sorrow was not to have known her father.

When Norma was three years old, her mother went out to work so she was fostered with a religious couple. Later, her mother had to spend time in hospital but she looked after Norma for a while. However she had to return to hospital where she eventually died. Several foster homes later, when Norma was about 12 years old, Grace, an old friend of her mother, cared for her until she was 16 and encouraged her to make herself lovely. At 16 she married the boy next door, Jack Dougherty, and was very happy. In 1944 Jack joined the Marines and Norma took a job in a factory. One day a photographer taking pictures of women working in the war effort asked whether he could photograph Norma as a model for his agency and in 1945 thirteen magazines published her pictures.

She eventually had an audition with a film studio, needed to dye her hair blonde and changed her name to Marilyn Monroe. She divorced Jack in 1946. In 1952 she married Robert Slatzer which



caused fury in the film studio, however the marriage was annulled after the weekend!

Husband Number

Three was Joe Dimaggio, the famous basket ball player, who she married in 1954. Later, Marilyn went out to Korea to entertain the American troops. Joe and Marilyn divorced but remained friends all their lives.

Marilyn met Arthur Miller, the famous playwright, and married him in 1956. They spent their honeymoon in England where she met Lawrence Olivier. Later she starred in "The Prince and the Show Girl" with him. Sadly, Marilyn died in August 1962, aged 32, in mysterious circumstances which were never solved.

At our May meeting we will be choosing the Resolutions for our National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual General Meeting which will be held in June at the Royal Albert Hall.

June Willgress

FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES



Great Bentley Surgery

Travax, tel. 0906 5500 059,
website www.travax.nhs.uk

Following the fantastic spell of warm weather that we have been enjoying lately, everything seems to be really advanced early. We've had bluebells out in the wood behind where I live for well over a month. (I can't smell them, but Zoë assures me that their scent is marvellous.) Most hedgerows seem to be green (even those which are being ripped out) and the bees and butterflies don't seem to have had any rest at all this winter.

So, ever the spoilsport – here's an early sunburn warning. Even spring sunshine can be intense enough to burn you badly if you aren't careful. So, if you are going to be out in the sun for long periods, even at this time of year, please slap on the sunscreen. Children will be especially vulnerable of course.

We are coming up to peak time for holiday jabs now, so even those of you with needle-phobia might be pondering what you will need for that exotic trip you have planned. Whilst we can do the jabs – we provide a full travel vaccination service including Yellow Fever - we don't have the expertise, the time or the facilities to keep up to date with what vaccinations and anti-malarial drugs are necessary in different parts of the world.

For this reason, our nurses will only give travel vaccinations or organise anti-malarial drugs for you if you have a proper, written report from an expert source telling you what is required for the country and area that you intend to visit. You need to do your research in good time, by the way, as some jabs take a few weeks to become effective. Possible sources of this information (in no order other than alphabetical) are:-

Fit for Travel, website www.fitfortravel.scot.nhs.uk
Foreign Office Travel Advice Unit, tel. 020 700 80232/3, website www.fco.gov.uk/travel
MASTA, tel. 0870 6062 782, website www.masta.org

You might have to pay a charge for reports and services provided by some of these organizations. Please check before using them.

Also, please note that there will be a charge for some travel vaccinations and for any anti-malarial drugs prescribed, as they are not part of NHS services. Information is available from our nurses.

On a completely different tack, we seem to have had a big increase in the number of people not turning up for appointments over the last few weeks. In the first three months of the year, we lost well over 200 slots because people had booked appointments then missed them without bothering to let us know that they weren't coming. Putting this into perspective, it was the equivalent of having a doctor sitting twiddling his thumbs and doing nothing for almost two weeks.

Whilst accepting that everyone forgets things now and then, some of these were "urgent" slots, booked on the day, so it's difficult to believe that the non-attenders simply didn't remember to come. Some were double or even treble appointments meaning that two or three people who really needed to be seen had to be squeezed in at the end of surgery.

Please, please, if you find you can't keep an appointment, let us know as soon as you can. If we don't know you aren't coming, we can't recycle your slot. Persistent offenders are likely to get a stern letter.

Finally, I haven't forgotten that I said I would give you more details this month about what is happening with the new national computer system. However, I'm going to have to put that on hold for the moment, as I don't yet have enough information to do the subject justice. More will follow.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee will have met again on 24th April in the Hall.

An area of grass at the rear of the Hall between the Cricket Pavilion, the Hall and boundary fence will be fenced in to provide an outside play area for the Playgroup. This fencing will also help to prevent vehicles from being driven on the grass when the ground is wet and soggy.

For your safety, all the fire equipment and plug in portable electrical items have been checked and tested. When you are in the hall, please be aware of the emergency exits, under no circumstances should they be blocked by any furniture or equipment. Doors of all



kinds on the outside should not be obstructed by parked vehicles or other material things.

Have you an idea that you would like to share with others? Maybe you could hire a room at the hall for your activity? If you have, our bookings person, Lynda Allam, will be glad to discuss your proposal and sort out time, space and costs with you. Call her on 01206 230375.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Charity will be held on Wednesday, 9th May at 8.00pm in the village hall. You are welcome to come along and take part, any nominations to the committee should be handed to me before the meeting commences. Nomination forms may be had on request.

On Saturday, 19th May at 7.30pm in the hall we have much pleasure in welcoming back Angie Diggins for a further evening of music and entertainment. Sorry this is

short notice but the date could not be confirmed whilst other contracts were being negotiated. Tickets may be booked with Beryl Hurst on 01206 230578,. We hope you will support us as we are sure you will enjoy the evening.

The Village Hall committee will be organising a coffee morning at the hall on Saturday, 7th July. Please book this date in your diary, more details nearer the time.

Bevan Willgress

KITCHEN CORNER

May is the month when I look forward to warmer weather, the first roses and, later on, the elderflowers. I can't wait to make more elderflower cordial; it is so much better than any you can buy! (for recipe see the June 2006 issue)

I have a cake recipe for you this month, sufficient to make 15 'squares'.

TANGY CITRUS CAKE 'ST CLEMENTS'

Grease and base line a tin 28 x 18cm (11" x 7")

170g (6oz) margarine
115g (4oz) golden granulated sugar
3 medium eggs
200g (7oz) SR flour
170g (6oz) orange marmalade
Grated zest and the juice of 1 lemon

Cream the margarine and sugar, beat in the eggs, adding some flour if it looks like curdling. Fold in the rest of the flour and add the marmalade, zest and juice. Mix well, spoon into the tin and spread evenly. Bake at 180 °C (355 °F) for 35-45 minutes till golden brown and springy. Cool in the tin before cutting into squares.



Jill Frostick

CARPET BOWLS

Having met Elmstead Market only once before, years ago, in a friendly, it was a pleasure to be playing them in our first fixture in the Summer League on 11th April. Neither teams were familiar with the new layout (three mats instead of two) so there was no home advantage. Both teams bowled well and the result of a 6-3 win for Great Bromley could so easily have been the other way round. We look forward to the return match later on.

PAIRS COMPETITION

This club competition was concluded last month with Nan Percival and Richard Bates meeting Pauline Keeble and Pam Frostick in the final of 9 ends. With 6 shots against them on the first end, Pam



and Pauline just could not recover. They fought hard and were edging their way up but Nan and Richard rather ran away in the last ends making it unnecessary to play the final one. Now the winners will have to share the polishing of the Cup for a year! Well

played - all four.

Saturday, 14th April saw a team of four Great Bromley members in a charity tournament at Weeley. They won two and lost two matches so progressed no further, but supporting these events for charities is all important. Also this month Andrew has played his first game for Essex County. Perhaps he will pick up a few tips that he can pass on to us 'mere mortals'. A few new younger members would be welcome. With no youth club there must be some around with time to spare. Think about it.

Nancy Kempster

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



At our last meeting Mr Canham from Millrace Nurseries answered all our problem queries in the garden.

The next meeting is on 17th May - the competition is "a bracelet".

Vicky Griffiths

CRICKET CLUB

I do apologize for the delay in the 100 Club Draws. I thought I had passed the job over to another member who then disappeared along with books. All is now well, the books have been recovered and the job has been passed back to me!



The season has now begun, Home Fixtures for May are as follows:-
Two Counties Sat 5th Witham 111
Two Counties Mon 7th Stowmarket 11
Two Counties Sat 19th St. Margarets 11
P.D.Q. Sun 20th Lexden
P.D.Q. Sun 27th West Mersea

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY

1st. Mr. Ivan Arthey
2nd. Mrs Carol Simons
3rd. Edward Wright

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

1st. Mrs Nancy Kempster
2nd. Mrs Beryl Hurst
3rd. Mr. John Boulton

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH

1st. Mr. Tony Clarke
2nd. Mrs June Wenden
3rd. Mrs Livermore

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL

1st. Master Jack Allam
2nd. Mr. Simon Baines
3rd. Mr. Richard Lawson

Phil Allam

Forthcoming Events

MAY

- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Local Election Day for Parish & District Councillors
- 4 PTA Golf Day, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club
- 5 Plant & Garage Sale at Ilex Farm, Ilex Farm, 10.00am
- 9 Village Hall Charity Trustees AGM, Village Hall, 8.00pm
- 10 Gt Bromley Village Appraisal volunteers needed - contact Parish Clerk
Gt Bromley parish council meeting, Village Hall, 7.00pm
Gt Bromley Annual Parish Assembly, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 19 Angie Diggins (Music & Entertainment), Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Guide Dogs for the Blind Dog Walk, start in Dedham, 10.30am
- 26/27/28 Flower Festival, S George's church

JUNE

- 2 'Summertime' Concert, St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, 7.30pm
- 2-3 Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show
- 9 Hamilton Lodge Summer Fete / Plant Sale, 2.00pm
- 16 W.I. Strawberry Tea, Fryerning, 2.00pm
- 15-17 West Woodhay House Garden Show
- 16/17 Art Exhibition, Elmstead church
- 21 Friendship Club Open Day, Village Hall
- 23 Essex Police Band, St George's church, 7.30pm
Cricket Club Chairman's Day
- 24 London Bridges Walk in aid of Kidney Research UK

JULY

- 7 Coffee Morning, Village Hall
- 8 Colne 25 Bike Ride, starting Colne School
- 15 PTA Summer Fun Day, St George's School



ANGIE DIGGENS

Saturday, 19th May
At 7.30pm

Great Bromley
Village Hall

An evening of
music and
entertainment



For tickets please contact Beryl Hurst on
01206 230578

In aid of Village Hall Funds

COFFEE MORNING

7th July
Village Hall

Watch this space!



In aid of Village Hall Funds

ST GEORGE'S PLANT & GARAGE SALE

at
Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane
on
5th May
10.00am - 1.00pm

Plants or anything for the
Garage Sale (no books, clothes
or small bric-a-brac) gladly
accepted the day before the
sale

Tel: 01206 230679



FLOWER FESTIVAL 2007

St George's Church, Great Bromley

“Saving our World”

Saturday, 26th May 10.00am-5.00pm
Sunday 27th May 12-5.00pm
Songs of Praise 5.30pm
Monday 28th May 10.00am-4.00pm

Refreshments all day

BBQ Lunches served
12-2.00pm every day

Strawberry Tea Sunday

Grand Raffle (Caroline McShane
323188)

Stalls * Cakes * Tombola
Produce and Many More
CDs * Toys * Books
Games for Children

Entry £1.50 per adult
Plenty of Free Parking

** Please come and help **

For further information please contact
Jennifer Nicholls (230688) or Fr Nicolas
(230344)

ESSEX POLICE BAND

23rd June
at St George's Church
at 7.30pm

Tickets £8 including
refreshments

To book please telephone Barbara Hall
on 01206 230673



HAMILTON LODGE TRUST

Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Colchester

SUMMER FETE / PLANT SALE

Saturday, 9th June
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Grand Raffle

Large variety of Stalls and Entertainment
Tail Waggers Dog Show
Free entrance and parking

Registered Charity No. 306080



Friendship Club

OPEN DAY

21st June

More details to be announced

Great Bromley W.I. Strawberry Tea

16th June
2.00pm - 4.00pm
In the garden at “Fryerning”,
Hall Road, Great Bromley
Tickets available soon
Tel No. 01206 230688



“SUMMERTIME” CONCERT

The Colchester branch of the National Trust invite you to a concert featuring:

- Songs from the Shows
- Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue'
- A 'Last night at the Proms' finale

St Mary's Church, Ardleigh
Saturday 2nd June at 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 (includes a glass of wine or soft drink during interval)
Please contact David Wright on 01206 231745



Little Bentley Hall Charity Garden Show

Off A133 north of Colchester

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June

10.00am—6.00 pm

Entry £6 Children under 16 Free

Gardens open. 100 Trade Stands * Antiques Road Show & Fine Art Exhibition

Show Gardens & Schools Competitions * Hot and Cold Food available

This will be the largest Charity Garden event in East Anglia in 2007 when up to 15,000 visitors are expected to flock to these Private Gardens owned by Christopher and Virginia Palmer-Tomkinson. Quite apart from the spectacular gardens, the show will feature 12 Show Gardens, Schools Grub in Tub competitions and 100 trade stands. There is also a Fine Art Show and Antique valuations.



All proceeds will go to local Charities, and we hope to raise more than the £60,000 which was raised when the village last held this event in 2004. Not a bad effort for a small village of just 200 people.

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www.greatbromley.org.uk or www.littlebromley.org.uk

Please support the sponsors of our magazine.

COLNE 25 BIKE RIDE

Sunday, 8th July

This year the Rotary Club of Brightlingsea & District are holding this event for the third time.

There are 3 lengths: 5 miles, 25 miles and 40 miles.



You can enter either for the fun of it or obtain sponsorship for your charity or sponsorship for the Rotary Charity.

Starting at the Colne School, entrance fees apply depending on which distance and if a family or not.

Ring John Holding 303135 or go to www.brightlingsea-town.co.uk then Rotary Club for entry forms.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION



Guide Dogs for the Blind, Stour Valley Branch are holding a Sponsored Dog Walk on 20th May starting at the Royal Square, Dedham.

The first walk 10.30am, the last walk 2.45pm. We would be pleased for you to join us, with or without a dog, sponsored, or a donation if you would prefer or visit our merchandise/plants stall in the Royal Square.

Sponsor forms and details from: Rhoda Crisp 01255 870194 and Marjorie Culham 01206 393504

GREAT BENTLEY FARMERS' MARKET



Wednesday 9th May
2pm - 4pm

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL

For more details
Tel: 07879 846330



The Friends of Elmstead Church

ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th June
in Elmstead Church

which will be beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion

Pictures for sale at reasonable prices by Essex artists

Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm

Sunday 12- 5.30pm

Ploughman's lunches Teas and coffees



Plants, books and home made cakes for sale

BETH CHATTO'S GARDENS

will be open in aid of the Friends

Saturday 16th June only
9.00am-5.00pm

Do please come and support these events.

All moneys raised will go to the restoration and repair of our Parish Church.

LONDON BRIDGES WALK

24th June 2007

in aid of Kidney Research UK



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

GARDENING TIPS for May

LAWNS: We don't have to be told to mow at least once a week - the grass length tells us!

ROSES: Spray against aphids and disbud hybrid tea roses if large blooms are required. Remove suckers that grow from the base of the plant.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS: Plant outdoor plants early in the month, stop the plants about the middle of the month.

DAHLIAS: Plant out young dahlias from cuttings after danger of frost is over.

ANNUALS: Plant out half-hardy annuals, sow biennials: Canterbury bells, foxglove, Sweet William, wallflowers.

Sow seeds of *Denticularia* (primulas), irises, rock plants, heather. Remove faded flowers from irises and spring flowered heathers.

HOUSE PLANTS: Increase watering and start to feed every two weeks..

Frank Griffiths



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered already to participate in one or more of the working groups outlined in last month's magazine. Detailed guidance for each working group is now being prepared and will be considered by the new Parish Council at its May meeting. To enable viable working groups to be established by the end of May, all those who would like to participate are requested to pass their name to the Parish Clerk by **10th May** at the latest. Volunteers will be contacted shortly thereafter with details of the briefings/meetings planned to launch working group activities.

Martin Frostick

LETTERS

I lived the first 26 years in Thorpe-le-Soken and the next 50 in Gt. Bromley I always believed that the Gt. Bromley pylons were erected in the 1930's for early radar on the highest point in north east Essex. They consisted of 2 smaller wooden pylons, 4 larger wooden pylons and 3 large steel masts of over 500 feet high.



After the war (WWII) they were dismantled over a period of time, starting with the smallest; leaving only one steel mast about half as high, which survives today, Marconi of

Chelmsford used them for wireless telegraphy communications.

When Mr. Webb owned Park Farm; sadly his son was electrocuted in one of the old bunkers.

When the wooden masts were dismantled, a metal pipe ran up the centre of the pylon which was to be cut with a hacksaw, sparks from a live electrical cable were produced which stopped further cutting and the masts were dismantled using explosives.

I have been told that there are water pipes and electrical cables under the ground about the pylon area for which no plans of their whereabouts exists!

Nigel Austin

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting held on 12 April 2007

Planning

The Council considered the following planning applications:

Hallbrook House, Hall Road – extensions and modifications (no objections).

The Firs, Chase Road West – extensions and modifications (no objections).

Marks Farm, Frating Road – Tin shed/barn (objections).

Marks Farm, Frating Road – change of use from ancillary office and domestic storage to business office (objections).

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Spread Eagle, Brook Street – stable block and store.

Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road – new agricultural building.

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the following appeal:
Elmhurst, (Selectacars site) Harwich Road – replacement of existing house.

Valediction and acknowledgements

As this was the last scheduled meeting of the presently constituted council, prior to the election on 3 May, the chairman thanked all councillors for their hard work and valued contributions during the past four years. A number of councillors were not seeking re-election and the chairman acknowledged in particular the significant contribution of Henry Fairley who had been member for 40 years, including 13 as chairman.

Future meetings

The first meeting of the newly elected parish council will be at 7.00 pm on Thursday 10 May 2007 at the Village Hall Great Bromley. This will be followed at 7.30 pm by the Annual Parish Assembly.

Ken Bromfield

Email: gbparishcouncil@tiscali.co.uk

Great Bromley Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Great Bromley Parish Assembly will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10 May 2007. The Chairman and other council officers will report on the parish council's activities during the past 12 months. There will then be an opportunity to raise matters of concern to residents, ask questions of the council and also make suggestions. *All residents are warmly invited to attend.*

Hanningfield Awards 2007

Each year the County Council provides grants of up to £2000 each to young people in Essex to help them undertake innovative or challenging projects. Projects can be concerned with for example: community development, volunteering, the environment, disability, the arts, international understanding, etc..... Applicants must be between 16 and 25 years old and can apply as individuals or as a group.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from: Hanningfield Awards c/o Jillian Frake, PO Box 47, 2nd Floor E Block, County Hall, Chelmsford CM2 6WN, tel: 01245 436632, email: Youth.service@essexcc.gov.uk.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 15 June 2007.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 3 MAY 2007

The fourteen candidates seeking election to the *nine*-member parish council are listed below. The accompanying brief statements have been provided by the candidates themselves.

Indicates a member of the present parish council.

#Sarah Del-Guidice: lived in village for over four years. Member of the Hare Green playing field committee and Village Appraisal working group. Two young children at local school.

#Colonel Martin Frostick OBE: a fifty year old retired Army Officer, now smallholder and beekeeper, Martin Frostick has lived in Great Bromley since 1957.

David William Hardy: I am married with 2 young children, have lived in Great Bromley for 10 years, am a (parent) governor at St George's school and captain of the village 2nd XI cricket team. I am a teacher at Colchester Royal Grammar School.

Elizabeth Ann Jones: married - 3 daughters - one stepson - 10 grandchildren - Civil Servant - Great Bromley resident 17 years - WI Committee Member - Secretary Tendring Group of Rambler's Association.

Deborah Lawes: after 21 years working in the City, I am now a wife and a carer to my mother and various pets. I renovated 'The Spread Eagle' 20 years ago.

Fred Nicholls: returning in 2005 to the village after serving 33 years with Essex Police, presently managing director of insurance investigation business. Vice president of cricket club, vice chairman of village hall committee.

#Brenda Perry: Landlady of the Cross Inn and Great Bromley resident for 10 years.

Richard Perry: Landlord of the Cross Inn. Village postmaster since 2004, Great Bromley resident for 10 years.

#Chris Phillips

#Pender Richardson: a retired banker (65) who has lived in Great Bromley since 1973.

Neil Skinner: has lived in Great Bromley for 11 years having previously lived in Colchester and Chelmsford. He worked in banking for a number of years but is now an IT Manager for a telecommunications company in London.

Alan Thomas: has lived in the village since 2005, currently works for Trinity House in Harwich with a keen interest in environmental issues.

Gill Thomas: a 50-year-old social worker, now a team manager, affecting change management. Experienced in IT and project management, Gill has lived in Great Bromley since 2005.

Tristan Twilley: having been born and bred in the village, after 28 years, I feel it's time to contribute to its future.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION – 3 MAY 2007

(Thorington, Frating, Elmstead & Great Bromley ward)

The following are candidates for Great Bromley's *two* district councillors:

Rosemary Heaney – Conservative Party

Peter Redding – Liberal Democrat

Peter Scott – Conservative Party

FROM THE PAST ...

Little Bromley Sale 1908

C M Stanford, Auctioneers/Estate Agents of Colchester held a sale at the Board Room, Corn exchange, Colchester on Saturday 13th June, 1908 at 4.00pm.

Lot 3 was two Brick,. Timber-and-Slated Freehold Cottages, adjoining the "Wheatsheaf" and had a Sitting Room, Kitchen, and one Bedroom (*extra bedroom in Bunch's house*). The tenant claimed a Boarded and Corrugated Iron Pigsty, not included in the sale. Land Tax as 9s 7d. They were held copyhold of the Manor of Little Bromley which charged a fine of 1s 0d per acre and 2s 0d for each.

Mr J F Wainwright was the lessee at £8 per annum but the landlord paid the outgoings.

Lot 4 was a Double Cottage Tenement, (Brick, Timber and Thatched) with frontage to the main road from Little Bromley to Ardleigh and had a Living Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, a good garden and a well of water. The tenants were due to quit at Michaelmas. The pigsty claimed by Ellis was included in the sale. Land Tax was 9s 7d. Tenants were Arthur Ellis and Robert Wade and paid £8 per annum.

John Appleby

AND 20 YEARS AGO ...

Great Bromley Parish Council

This is the year when we have the opportunity to elect a new Parish Council for the village. The following persons have been nominated for election: Mr H Fairley, Mr G Kempster, Major H Varney, Mr P Rowe, Mrs A Prior, Mr L Christodoulides and Mr T Smith. As was

announced last month, Mr H Booty is the Clerk to the Council. ...

Approval was given for the new estate in Chase Lane to be known as Fairfield Close.

A request was received from a resident urging the Council to attempt to obtain recognition for all the work and effort put into Hamilton Lodge by Mrs K J Palmer. The Council will put this matter forward to the appropriate authorities.

The Village Policeman

At the end of March PC Woolnough, who has been our village policeman for a number of years, retired and left the village. Our best wishes go to him in his retirement. His successor, who has now moved into the Police House, is PC Ken Woodham. We welcome him and his family to the village and wish him well in his new capacity - and no doubt will get to know him as well as his predecessors.

From 'The Bromley Messenger' May 1984

THANKS

To everyone who donated and contributed to, helped with and most importantly came and spent your money at the Breast Cancer Campaign coffee morning on 31st March - a huge and unreserved THANK YOU!



To judge by the noise levels and the empty stalls by the end of the morning, everyone had a good time and were incredibly generous and supportive.

The event raised £811 for the charity.

Caroline McShane



THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS



Dear Parishioner,

Sometimes the problems of the world seem too big and we start to think that anything we do won't make a difference. Actually it can be the very opposite! Fundraising makes a massive difference, both to those who give and those who receive.

It might not feel like it, but you're rich. If you've got money in your pocket, even just loose change, you're among the richest eight per cent of the world's population. And if you've got running water in your house, you're one of the most privileged people on the planet. We are lucky in the UK and Ireland because most of us don't have to worry about where the next meal is coming from or whether the water we're drinking will kill us but for some people in the world, these worries are a daily reality. Dirty water and inadequate toilet and washing facilities are the cause of 6,000 children dying every day. Fundraising empowers us by showing that together we can help people improve their lives. So, Christian Aid this year are asking for your help to buy thousands of toilets all over the world. Tropical storms, hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are common in El Salvador. One of the organisations Christian Aid supports there is called Aprodehni. It helps people cope with natural disasters as well as building roads and drainage systems.

Jesus Antonio Echevarria (known as Chus) is 15 and lives in his own house with his chickens and ducks. His family all live nearby. After school, Chus works with his family catching crabs to eat and sell. They get just over 50p/74 euro cent for 12 crabs. Chus' house was badly flooded during Hurricane Stan in 2005. Now he and his family work with Aprodehni to help prevent flooding caused

by hurricanes. Chus fills sandbags to strengthen the riverbank and gets food in exchange. Aprodehni have installed a tap outside his house - before that he had to walk to a well to get water. Water is only available from the tap for two hours each morning, but Chus is pleased he does not to have to walk to the well anymore. He believes that all people in the world are equal and that people shouldn't look down on others. The money you put in the enclosed envelope can make a massive difference. Please be generous and return it to the Post Office, Church or Chapel.

God bless.
Fr Nicolas.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for May

1st	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
3rd	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>
4th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
5th	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
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Sunday 6th		Easter 5	
	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	Prayer, Praise & Benediction	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
7th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
9th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10th	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>
11th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
12th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
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Sunday 13th		Easter 6	
	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>
17th		Ascension Day	
	9.00am	Little Footsteps	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	5.00pm	The Magi (Yr 6+)	<i>Old Coal House</i>
	7.00pm	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
18th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
19th	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
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Sunday 20th		Easter 7	
	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>
	6.00pm	Vocations Service	<i>Mistley</i>
21st	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
23rd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th	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>
25th	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
26th	9.30am	The Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
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Sunday 27th		Pentecost	
	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>
	5.30pm	Songs of Praise	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
28th	12 noon	Pilgrimage Mass	<i>Walsingham</i>
30th	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
31st		The Visitation of Our Lady	
	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>