

SUMMER - RAIN OR SHINE

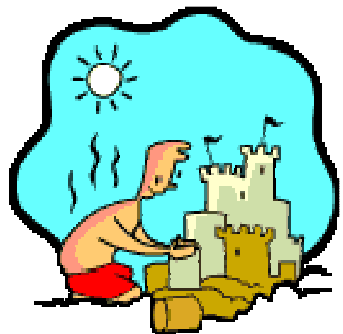
I wrote this stuck in a rain sodden traffic jam on the A14 trying to remind myself that this is summer! I can tell you it was a relief to get back home to Great Bromley from the flooded Midlands and I shall not moan at the amount of rain we have had here. We circumnavigated flooded roads and flooded villages, fields of near ripe grain were both flattened and submerged and all the while the rain lashed down. It was quite a sight to see all the water everywhere and it certainly made one realise how terrible it must be for all those suffering from all the water in their homes and on their land.

The farmers all over the country are using all the hours of daylight, and any dry weather, in order to bring in the harvest. The schools have broken up and the general population has gone into holiday mode. There is movement of one kind or another all over the country, mostly on the main roads, but much of it on our smaller country lanes. These will be used by walkers, by horseriders, by cyclists and by cars. Cars on country lanes frequently go too fast making the other road users feel vulnerable, nor do they always give others enough space as they go by. Cycling is becoming more popular again as people take to their bikes in order to be 'greener', to save on petrol (soon to be £1 per litre, I understand), as exercise or to enjoy the delights of the countryside at a more sedate pace as well as for group family outings. Whenever one uses the highways and byways, thinking ahead and safety should always be paramount. Therefore why is it that one often sees family cycling groups with the children safely helmeted and the parents bare headed. I often wonder what kind of message this sends to the children - "Do as I say and not as I do"?

The Tending Show has been and gone and what a lovely day out it is for all ages. It even enjoyed one of the few sunny days of the year. Although Great Bromley no longer has a carnival and procession there are all the various groups in the villages who look forward to your company and support over the coming months. The fete in Little Bromley is on 8th September, together with the Heritage Open Day at Little Bromley church. The WI walk in aid of Macmillan Nurses is in October and learning about the Savoy Operas with the WEA starts at the end of September. You have all these and more to look forward to once you have lazed away the summer going on picnics, to the beach, to theme parks and stately homes or whatever it is that you enjoy during your summer break. Always supposing the weather stays fine of course!

I wish all our readers a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

Leonie Henderson



LETTERS



From Nancy Kempster

Pylons in Great Bromley

I read Edward Barratt's letter with interest. It is good to know he and his wife are fit and well. I knew Edward before he lived at Hiskeys. We frequently travelled on the same school bus. I lived roughly half to three-quarters of a mile from the pylons' site and watched every day to see them 'grow' a bit higher. First, the four wooden ones, followed, - possibly after the declaration of war? - the four steel ones. The fourth, Park Farm end, was taken down maybe a year or so later, I'm not sure how long it stood. Two smaller wooden ones were later built one each side of the road near White House. We watched with great curiosity the comings and goings of the RAF personnel and on errands to the Essex Stores at Hare Green and to Raylens Nursery for tomatoes (in season, no heat then) if we peered through the fence, as children do, or dawdled along we were quietly and politely moved along by the sentry on the gate. Not really necessary, being 9-10 year olds - what did we know! or understand. Just after the war there were a few RAF men caretaking the site, possibly doing their National Service. I can't remember the sequence of ownership after that.

From Bevan Willgress

Radio Site, Great Bromley

It is with some interest that I have been following the correspondence in the Bromley Messenger over recent months about the wartime installation of pylons in the village. The site was situated on what is probably the highest land in North East Essex with a clear view looking out over the North Sea.

With the development of RADAR taking place at Bawdsey, the early aerial sites were large and fixed in the direction that they searched for aircraft in the sky. Several such sites were built down the east/south east coast to form a chain of reporting stations. These worked at relatively low frequencies but as technology developed the operating frequency was raised and the equipment became smaller. Much like 60 years later with the development of the modern mobile

phone.

By the time that I was trained in the RAF as a RADAR engineer in 1956 the equipment was generally mounted in a cabin about the size of a small container with an aerial fitted externally. Some of these cabins rotated continuously at a steady speed whilst scanning the outside world, others had nodding antenna to give aircraft height and could be moved to any point of the compass. I do not think any of this equipment would have been at Great Bromley, most of it was scattered at sites along the east and south coasts of England and Scotland probably taking over when the pylons at Bromley were decommissioned.

All of this equipment was monitored by operators and controllers at consoles which were like the early computer screens and television sets (which were developed at a similar time as RADAR). Many of the early television sets were made from ex-military items, did you have one of these?! Most of these personnel were working in buildings buried in the ground, although at the time of Bromley pylons they could have been in huts above ground. Some of these operators moved on to become civil airline controllers on which we all rely when flying from any of our airports whether for pleasure or on business.

Most of us are familiar with the RADAR aerials scanning the sky at our airports, the eyes of the personnel in the control tower. Similarly, there is the small scanner on the (white) tower at the entrance to Felixstowe port and Harwich harbour which keeps watch over the shipping in the area. Other uses include, helping our weather forecasters to decide the climatic conditions for the few days ahead and in more recent times checking the speed of cars on the highway or helping prevent you bumping something whilst reversing your vehicle!

All of this has been developed in my lifetime, what can you remember about yours?

[Does anyone else also have memories - or photographs - of the pylons to share? - Ed.]

FROM THE PAST ...

The 1881 Census

When Charles Payne visited the Rectory, Little Bromley, he met The Revd John Hanbury who had become Rector in 1880. Mrs Hanbury was apparently away at the time and John gave the following details - He had two sons, Arthur W G, aged 6, and Charles E C aged 1, both born at Oxford. There were two stepdaughters and a stepson, Frances Harriet Moodie, age 18, Eleanor Elizabeth Moodie, age 16, a scholar and Alec W M Moodie, aged 14, also a scholar.

There was a visitor Thomas L Wyndham, born in Surrey at Thorndon Hall, age 6, as well as a boarder, Herbert E Whyfield, age 19, a scholar born in London.

The domestic staff comprised Maud S Caly, age 26, a nurse who doubled up as a domestic servant; Emma Haggars, 21, from Bures Hamlet, Anna Stenglin, age 24, from Wurton berg, and Alice Jennings from a well known Little Bromley family.

John Appleby

AND 20 YEARS AGO ...

One weather related reported and two historical reports this month!

Great Bromley & District Cricket Club

Another season is well and truly upon us with the weather being the winner at the beginning as several matches had to be abandoned, or cancelled, due to rain!!
(Could the same report be written this year? - Ed.)

The Rector. Revd Paul Davis, in his editorial wrote:

As I write this I have before me a rather battered and dog-eared copy of the Great Bromley S George's parish magazine for August 1917! in which is recorded activities which happened seventy years

ago, towards the end of a horrifying war. On the front are listed the Rector, the Revd J W Wardle, the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, the Church Clerk, the Organist and the sixteen members of the church choir. Inside is another list of all the men from the village serving in the Forces - a very long list for such a small village - and a smaller list, but a very poignant one, of men from the village killed in action, men whose names are inscribed on our war memorial. Perhaps the most interesting section is that of the advertisements. Did you know (some of you will remember I know) that at Mr Stephenson's shop, 1 High Street, you could buy drapery, grocery, hardware, furnishings, boots and shoes, suits ready made and made to measure, new and second-hand furniture, carpets and linoleum, home cured hams, chaps, coke, coal and corn? Who needed a Supermarket in those days? The magazine is a fascinating record of the social history of seventy years ago. I wonder what a future reader of this issue in the year 2057 will make of the variety of contributions in this issue. (PS - where is Great Bromley High Street?)

and Gerald Gurney wrote:

Great Bromley of Old

... Readers may be interested to know that The Guildhall was demolished about 1950. Some of the oak beams were used in the construction of out-buildings for the present Guildhall Orchard.

Guildhall Cottage, with the original chimney stack preserved, now stands precisely on the site of the northernmost wing of the workhouse, and water was still drawn from the well until a few years ago.

The story runs that many years ago when one of the inhabitants died, the staircase proved too narrow for the coffin which had to be raised and lowered on ropes from a window.

POLICE REPORT



Hi, I would like to introduce myself. I am your local Police Officer, Pc Ali Driver, and I work from Thorpe-Le-Soken Station. I have been a Police Officer for over three years now. For my first two years I worked at Clacton on a Reponse Shift but for the last year I have been working on the rural section as a Neighbourhood Officer. I mainly cover the Elmstead Market, Frating, Thorrington and Great Bromley areas and am the neighbourhood officer for all of the mentioned areas, so if there are ongoing local problems which need discussing then I am the person you need to speak to. However, if it is anything urgent then please call 999. I work on a varied shift pattern but my main hours of work are between 8.00am and 2.00am.

I recently attended the Great Bromley Parish Council meeting and am aware that there are concerns with speeding through the village. I have contacted our Traffic Department who will be doing speed checks in the area.

On the whole you will be pleased to hear that Great Bromley is a very low crime area. However that doesn't mean things never happen. If you see anything suspicious then please report it. Recently in the area of Essex there has been a lot of Satellite Navigation thefts from cars. If you do keep a Sat Nav or expensive equipment in your car, please try and hide it out of sight and beware.

I would like to welcome PCSO Barnes to the team. He recently joined Essex Police as a Police Community Support Officer. He will be doing foot patrol in your area very soon, along with other villages. He can also be a point of contact to discuss any local issues. PCSO Barnes will be having Speed Gun training very soon, so he will also be able to do speed checks in the village.

There is a mobile that is carried round

whilst on duty by either a PCSO or Police Officer. Should you need to report any problems or non urgent queries, please call 07967 466876.

If this mobile cannot be answered, there is an answerphone facility for you to leave a message. Remember if your call is URGENT or you need urgent assistance call 999 and NOT the mobile.

Any queries or questions please let me know, and I will do my best to help.

PC 3282 Driver



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have had a busy month this July, apart from the 90th anniversary of the WI this year, July was our Birthday Meeting and to celebrate we went to Green Island for the evening. Mrs Fiona Edmund welcomed and invited us to walk around and admire her lovely garden which she designed. Afterwards, she gave us refreshments in her garden room, an array of scrumptious home-made cakes followed by cups of tea or coffee.

Frinton WI arranged a 20th Century Day on 9th July, inviting other WIs to attend as well. Four of our members went along and thoroughly enjoyed the day (in spite of a thunder storm halfway through).

There were three speakers: Mr Robin Carpenter from Essex County Council who told us, with the help of slides, the history of architecture in the early 20th century including the Modern Movement style and the examples to be found in Frinton. He talked of the strong influence of Crittall Metal Windows, especially that of Mr 'Pink' Crittall and the development of the village of Silver End. Lots of metal was included in the structures including door frames, panels, kitchen cupboards, etc.

Mrs Hazel Ridgeway gave us an amusing glimpse, aided by slides, into how cooking changed during the 20th century. From ovens to recipes and ingredients, she also brought along several cookery books from the past which were fascinating to look through.

After the lunch break, Mrs Barbara Howard came along to explain how flower arranging has evolved during the 20th century. This is partly because flowers are being imported by air and sea from all over the world under temperature controlled conditions giving a much wider choice of material available. Mrs Howard arranged five designs using all different

flowers and colours, most of which came from her own garden. At the end of the demonstration, she put all the lovely designs into the raffle.



On 11th July, eight of us travelled to Hatfield Peverel to view the new home of the Essex Federation of the WI Headquarters. After a welcoming cup of tea and cake, the County Chairman, Mrs Julie Alen, gave us a very interesting talk explaining how the office operates together with a tour round introducing the staff. On the way home, we enjoyed a lunch together at "The Barn Brasserie" in Great Tey.

For our Annual Outing on 1st August, we are going by minibus to Sudbury, first visiting Gainsborough House which has recently been renovated followed, after lunch, by having a boat trip on the River Stour.

June Willgress



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Strawberry Tea

The Women's Institute would like to thank all those who braved the showers and supported us on Saturday 16th June. Just over £200 was raised and half of this will go to Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.) towards their projects in Zambia, Lesotho and Botswana. A special thank you to Fred and Jenny Nicholls for hosting this event and to Alan and Ruth Marshall for their lovely strawberries.



Instead of organising a Coffee Morning this year, the Women's Institute are planning to have a walk on Saturday 6th October from Dedham car park, meeting at 11.00am, and walking to Flatford for lunchtime refreshments and returning early afternoon by a different route. You are welcome to join us on payment of a donation - perhaps you could let Ann known on 230563 if you are planning to come.



Sue Orriss

Awards for All

Your local Women's Institute are thrilled to announce that they have just been awarded a generous grant by Awards for All from the Big Lottery Fund. Awards for

All gives lottery grants for local groups on the understanding that they will benefit the community.

The grant has been given for fifteen of our members to go together to Denman

College, the WI Adult Training College in Oxfordshire and experience a variety of four day courses. The skills and knowledge gained are then to be shared with other groups in the village. Apart from doing this with other WI members, we already have agreements with St George's Primary School, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and the Friendship Club. If there are any other groups 'out there' who would like us to visit them next year, please get in touch.

We are currently in contact with Denman college to arrange some possible dates and courses but we will probably go in 2008. We are looking forward to it very much.

Walk for Macmillan Nurses

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Due to Vicky's illness, no news of the Club was in the July Messenger. We do apologise for this.

We had a very enjoyable Open Day in



June. Not as many visitors this year, but we did a brisk trade on our stalls and raffle. Mr Peter Parker from the Essex Air Ambulance gave us a very amusing and informative talk on their work.

Members supported his stall of gifts etc. and also donations for the charity. The afternoon finished with a Bumper Raffle. Thank you to everybody who helped on the day to make over £200 profit for Club funds.

The August meeting, on Thursday, 16th August is to take the form of an auction, so will members please bring something for our Auction table.

New members are always welcome.

Beryl Hurst

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee last met on 5th June and we are due to meet again on Tuesday, 24th July at 7.30pm.

The Village Hall committee held a coffee morning at the Hall on 7th July from 10.30am until 2.00pm. Available were new potatoes, raspberries, jam and honey preserves, cakes, miscellaneous items, books, tapes and CDs, tea, coffee and barbecue light lunches, as well as tombola, raffle and various games. The weather was kind and fine so we were able to hold the function mainly outside.

Our thanks is given to all those who helped in any way and to those who came along and took part in the event. At times the proceedings seemed a little slow but it was encouraging to see so many of you supporting the occasion on the day. Approximately £600 was raised and will be put to good use by the committee. Thank you all very much.

Whilst the coffee morning was in progress, how many of you saw the Lancaster bomber fly low over the village that lunchtime? What a splendid sight it was as it crossed the cricket field flying in a south-westerly direction. A few days later, a restored wartime fighter aircraft

flew low over the village, buzzing us all with its manoeuvres - who saw that and what was that all about?



August is the time when several people are away on holiday breaks, although most of the clubs that meet at the Hall continue to run. The Playgroup terms usually follow those of the school and are away this month. We, the Village Hall committee, try to use this time for maintaining and improving the Hall so as not to disrupt the people who use the facility.

The committee will meet again in September.

Bevan Willgress

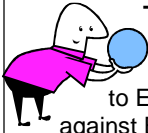
THANKS

A big thank you to all who attended the Village Hall Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th July. Also to those people who generously donated cakes and prizes. The event raised a total of £600.30 for Village Hall funds.

Fred Nicholls
Chairman Village Hall
Committee



CARPET BOWLS



The last three results of the

Summer League matches are:- Gt Bromley 3-6 away to Elmstead, 7-2 home win against Engaines and 3-6 away to High Woods. We will have the final table positions in August. On 24th June we entered a Fours Team in the George and Ida French memorial Trophy competition at Gt Bentley in aid of the Essex Air Ambulance Appeal. Pam, Shirley, Derek and Andrew did well winning two matches, drawing one and losing two. This was Shirley Caters' first excursion into tournament play and she thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The trophy winner was the Gt Bentley team - the runners-up a scratch team who stepped in as Kelvedon failed to attend.

Blackpool

Our triples team, Jane, Linda and Andrew, played for Essex in the Champion of Champions 2007 on 17th June accompanied by Richard and Brian (they refused to stay at home). They played five games on the Saturday and four on Sunday. 10 counties with teams of 10 players were competing: Hertfordshire, Sunderland, Northumberland, north Tyneside, Norfolk, South Tyneside, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Durham, Essex coming fifth out of 10. The eventual winner of the whole championship was Durham. For those of us who weren't able to get to Blackpool to support our trio, we were all treated - by our Hon. Sec. - to a 'Stick of Blackpool Rock'! I personally hadn't seen seaside rock in years and this was, admittedly, a slimline version (as every product is these days) of the pink, fat sticks we remember as children which seemed to take a week-and-a-half to get through, but the genuine article nonetheless. Apparently they had a wonderful weekend.

Nancy Kempster

CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

1st.	Mr. John Boulton
2nd.	Mr. Richard Lawson
3rd.	Mr. George Kempster

GARDENER'S CORNER

If you are potting up or re-potting plants, instead of placing rubble in the bottom of the pots put a layer of leaves, not only will this stop the soil from coming out of the bottom holes, it will rot down and become food for the plants.



It may be that our summer has arrived at last and warm weather is with us. Save all your lawn cutting to mulch your shrubs and roses etc.

Chrysanthemums: For large blooms on chrysanthemums reduce to six stems and start disbudding. Make sure they are well supported.

Lilies: Towards the end of the month propagate from bulblets.

Shrubs: Hydrangea cuttings can still be taken. When they are rooted pinch out the growing tip to encourage side shoots.

Perennials: Now is the time to plant seeds. Use a seed tray filled with finely sieved compost, make sure it is kept damp, cover with a sheet of newspaper and a sheet of glass. As soon as the seedlings appear and have two strong leaves pot in to 3" pots.

Frank Griffiths

Forthcoming Events



AUGUST

- 1 WI outing
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fr Nicolas' Farewell party, Ogilvie Hall, 6.30pm
- 8 Heritage Open Day/Bike Ride, Lt Bromley Church, 9.00am
Lt Bromley Fete, Mulleys Farm, 12 noon
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Phone Clerk for venue, 7.30pm.
- 22 Concert, Lt Bromley church, 7.30pm
- 27 WEA course begins, Ardleigh village hall, 2.30pm
- 28 Harvest Barn Dance and Supper
- 30 Harvest Lunch, Gt Bromley Village Hall, 12.30pm

OCTOBER

- 6 WI walk for Macmillan Nurses, Dedham car park, 11.00am
- 13 Friends of Lt Bromley church Annual meeting, church, 11.00am
Music Concert, Lt Bromley church, 7.30pm

FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH



HERITAGE OPEN DAY

8th September 9.00am-6.00pm
(also Bike Ride and Lt Bromley Fete)

Saturday 22 September
at 7:30 pm

CONCERT

The East Anglian Single Reed Choir
directed by Charles Hine.
Clarinets and saxophones play a mix of
classical, jazz, and folk music.

23rd September 6.30pm

Harvest Festival Service

11.00am 13th October Friends Annual Meeting
7.30pm Music Concert

Walk for Macmillan Nurses



The Women's Institute
are planning a
Walk

on Saturday 6th October
from Dedham car park.

Meeting at 11.00am and walking
to Flatford for lunchtime
refreshments before returning
early afternoon by a different route.

You are welcome to join us on payment of
a donation.

Please ring Ann on 01206 230563 if you
are planning to come.



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Little Bromley Fete

To be held at
Mulley's Farm,
Bentley Road,
Little Bromley
on
Saturday 8th
September 2007
12 noon to 3pm.



Entry fee/ticket holders
entitled to a Barbeque Meal
and glass of wine/soft drink
£5.00 adults, £2.50 children under 12.
There will also be a special prize for
the lucky ticket holder.

Should you have any items you wish to
donate
or require tickets

Please telephone: 01206 395103 or
01206 391015 or 01206 391345.



The Little Bromley Fete is organised by
the Little Bromley Parish Council and the
Amenities Committee. We are always
looking for interested people who would
like to help us to make these events a
success or join us on the committee.
If you have a little time to spare to help at
the Fete or would like to donate any items
please contact us on the above telephone
numbers. We are always pleased to hear
from YOU.



Jazz on a Summer Night

There's a special event, "Jazz on a Summer Night", on Saturday, 4th
August at Clacton Rugby Club in aid of St Helena Hospice. It features an
excellent 5 piece band called "The Phoenix Revival" who will be performing
in a British-summer-proof marquee.

There will be a bar with real ales and cider on tap, and a barbecue is planned. (These
cost extra unfortunately.) An auction and raffle will also add to the fun.

WEA Ardeigh

THE SAVOY OPERAS



Course Tutor - Christine Jones
Thursdays 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm
10 weeks

27th September 2007 to
29th November 2007
Ardleigh Village Hall
Station Road Ardleigh
Fee £40

Contacts: John Terry (01206 230490)
or Jill Frostick (01206 250263)

Whether you are 'love-sick maidens' or
'gentlemen of Japan' bring your sisters
and cousins and your aunts to study
Gilbert's witty lyrics and Sullivan's
catchy tunes.

This WEA course will cover many of the
Gilbert and Sullivan Operas including
Mikado, Pinafore, Pirates of Penzance,
Patience, Iolanthe, Ruddigore, Trial by
Jury and many more.

The course will include verbal
discussion, videos of the operas and
will include a session of making models.
It is hoped that a visit to a production of
one of the Operas can be arranged.
Please do come along to the first
session on the 27th September where
you can decide if it is the course for
you, before paying the Course Fee on
the second week.

There will be a slight reduction in the
fee for couples. There are also books
on the subject which can be borrowed.



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 big thank you to everyone who helped set up / man / dismantle the Playgroup stand at the Tendring Show - it looked fantastic! It summed up all the hard work that goes on during the year and was a real credit to our dedicated staff. Well done and thank you!!



We have also had our summer outing, to Wrabness woods - we all had a lovely morning.

We return to Playgroup on Monday 10th September but we can be contacted at any time over the summer holidays on the above numbers with any queries or enquiries.

Enjoy your holidays.

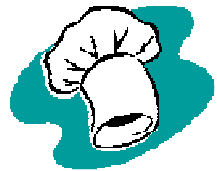
St. George's (C of E) School, Gt. Bromley

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

School in the Community

The school won the Scatter Ball competition for the area in which five other schools entered. Sports Day went well and the children really enjoyed themselves even though the weather was inclement.

Two staff are leaving this term:
Mrs Austin after 11 years is retiring, and Mrs Cairns who job shared is going to Boxted full time.



The children took part in a cooking competition "On Your Marks, Get Set, Cook".



Sallywags

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

SIMPLE SCIENCE FOR CHILDREN

MOVING MONEY (two tricks)

You will need: a pile of identical coins (i.e. £1 coins), a knife, a strip of thin paper about 10cmx3cm



Trick 1

Pile up the coins and try to remove the bottom one without touching it. The trick is to hit the bottom one sharply with the edge of a knife, removing it without touching the other coins.

Explanation

The bottom coin moves but the pile above it is heavier and has more inertia. It just drops down. The force of the knife hitting the bottom coin must be larger than the friction between the coins.

Trick 2

Put a strip of thin paper near the edge of a table so that most of it sticks out. Balance a coin on its edge on the inner end of the paper. Try to remove the paper without toppling the coin.

The trick is to wet your finger and suddenly hit the free end of the paper. With a little practice, the paper should fly out, leaving the coin standing. If you have problems, you could start with the coin lying flat.

Explanation

The dampness of your finger increases the friction between it and the paper. As the force of your finger moves the paper, the coin drops down because of its inertia.

APPLE ANTICS

You will need: an apple, a plastic mug, a piece of card about 2cm larger than the top of the mug, a matchbox cover



Put the card over the open end of the mug and put the matchbox cover upright in the centre. Balance the apple on top. See what happens if you quickly remove the card.

Explanation

The apple is heavier than the matchbox cover so it has more inertia. The cover moves with the card and the apple drops into the mug.

CAN YOU LIFT A BOTTLE WITH A KNIFE?

You will need: a small plastic drink bottle, a table knife, some uncooked rice, a funnel

Use the funnel (or cone of paper) to pour the rice into the bottle. Regularly tap the bottle so that the rice packs firmly. Continue until the bottle is completely full. Then push the knife firmly into the rice without moving the grains. Now try to lift it!



Explanation

The surface of each grain is not very smooth, so as they pack together, the friction between the grains holds them together. When the knife is pushed in, there is friction between the blade and the grains. If the friction is greater than the weight of the bottle, you can lift the bottle with the knife.

DANCING RAISINS

You will need: a tall transparent container such as a glass, some fizzy lemonade, a few raisins, unsalted peanuts.

Put the lemonade in the container and drop in a few raisins. Watch what happens over a little while. Will this go on forever?

Then do the same thing using some peanuts.

Explanation

The raisins are more dense (heavier) than the lemonade so they sink. The 'fizz' in the lemonade is caused by carbon dioxide. Bubbles of this gas stick to the wrinkly skin of the raisins and make them more buoyant. After a while they rise to the surface of the lemonade. Some of the bubbles burst and the raisins sink again.

The peanuts seem to gather much smaller bubbles over their whole surface and often rise more quickly than the raisins.

The movement will continue while there is plenty of fizz.



KITCHEN CORNER

Holiday time, so picnics are popular. A recipe for a **Meat Loaf** might be useful.

(450g) / 1lb minced beef
(225g) 8 oz pork mince or sausage meat
2 medium onions, chopped
1 small green pepper, finely chopped
1 dessertsp tomato puree or tomato sauce
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 teasp dried mixed herbs
2 tbs frsh chopped parsley
2 slices white bread, crusts removed
3 tbs milk
1 beaten egg
salt & pepper

Heat oven to 375°/190°C. Put meats, vegetables and tomato puree into large bowl. Mix thoroughly. Soak bread in the milk, squeeze out excess and add to bowl and herbs. Finally mix in beaten egg. Press into 2lb loaf tin and spread evenly. Bake 1¼ hours. When cooked it will have shrunk and be coming away from sides of tin.

Serve hot or cold.

Jill Frostick



Harvest Time

You can hear the tractors coming
Long before they're near,
They rattle and they rumble
Along the roads round here.

There's different makes and different
sizes,

There's Ferguson and Claas,
Some combines are so very big
You marvel when they pass.

The men who drive these monsters,
Should really be admired,
They toil so hard these working men,
Even when they're tired.

This time of year's a hectic one,
They are so very busy,
They carry on till all is done,
It's enough to make them dizzy.

The barley's in, the straw is baled,
The weather has kept fine,
I wouldn't change for all the world,
This country home of mine.

Tomorrow is another day,
You'll see the same old scene,
The men will be back at their job,
Though it's the same routine.

Phyllis C Groom
from her 'Book of Poems'



FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

Great Bentley Surgery

Here at the surgery, we are always on the lookout for better ways of doing things and for systems that will make life easier for patients. I think we've found a really good extra service for you this time in a system called "EMIS Access".

Access enables anyone who has use of the internet to do online some of the things that have traditionally needed the involvement of surgery staff. Using it, you can book or cancel appointments and order repeat prescriptions. It's all done via a website called www.patient.co.uk which is completely free to use and anyone with internet access can use it once they have registered to do so.

I'm glad to say that Access is pretty simple to use – even I have managed in a test run! – and you can make your appointment or order your repeat prescription at any time of the day or night, not just when we are open. As well as making life easier for you, we hope that the new service will take some of the pressure off telephone lines and reduce the number of appointments wasted when people cannot get through to us to let us know that they aren't coming.

If you would like to take advantage of the new system, please let us know. We will then supply you with a fact-sheet about it, including a guide to what can and can't be done, and all the details necessary for you to get started at the website.

Another new, rather less high-tech service that has just been started is a special, bookable Health Visitor clinic here at the surgery on Friday afternoons. The clinic used to be at the village hall, but Terry, the Health Visitor who runs it, got the impression that people weren't particularly

happy using it because of the lack of privacy. Here at The Hollies Terry will have her own room and anyone wanting to see her can ring in and book a space. (We haven't got Terry on Access yet, I'm afraid.)



On a less cheerful note, I understand that there have been a couple of near-misses between children and cars recently on the little road immediately in front of the surgery, so this is a special plea to everyone using it to take care.

I am told that cars often go far too fast along the road, especially when coming from the direction of the pharmacy, but also that parents sometimes don't control their children properly when they are walking along there. Another problem seems to be people, children in particular, opening car doors and leaping out without looking to see what is coming. At the risk of sounding like the newly appointed Minister for the Nanny State, please treat the road as what it is – a road with kids roaming free and cars that never will be able to stop on a sixpence. Please keep your speed down and/or keep your children under control. It would be terrible if someone got hurt or worse out there.

Identity theft has been very much in the news over the last year or two and even the NHS is having to start taking precautions. The practice is now going to be required to verify the identity of anyone joining its list. We will also have to verify addresses, not only for new patients but also for existing patients who move house. This means that we will be asking to see something like a driving licence or passport for anyone joining the list and a

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utilities bill showing the new address for existing patients who move.

Please don't get irate with the staff over this. They are only doing their job, just as people who work in banks, building societies etc have had to do for some years now. It's the old problem of the dishonest few spoiling things and making life difficult for everyone else.

Finally, and unbelievably, it's time to start booking appointments for flu jabs. It seems a little less ridiculous saying this on a grim, cold day when the forecasters have been muttering about possible frosts in the Scottish Highlands – even if we are now in July. So, if you qualify for a free jab, give us a call or pop into the surgery

without delay to book it. Just in case you have forgotten, those who qualify are anyone aged 65 or over by 31st March 2008, and people suffering from chronic respiratory, heart or kidney disease, diabetes or immunosuppression. If you are not sure whether you qualify, please ask our staff. Once again, as well as clinics during the week, we'll be doing them on Saturdays to make it easier for the nation's workers.



Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager

Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley
Parish Council will be held on 13th
September 2007 at 7.30pm.

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

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 12 July 2007

Planning

The Council considered the following planning applications with no objections except as indicated:

Heath Dene, Ardleigh Road – extension to vehicular access.

16 Meadow Close – rear conservatory.

Land between Fieldside and Elton – four new chalet bungalows (objections).

Alvi, Mary Lane South – first floor and rear extension (objections).

The Chapel, Chapel Lane – swimming pool, conservatory and link corridor.

Glenmead, Frating Road, Frating Road – conservatory.

Wiltwick, Colchester Road – extensions.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Marks Farm, Frating Road – tin shed/barn

Parsons Hill – fell dead horse chestnut tree

Policing

The council was briefed on local policing arrangements by PC Ali Driver and PCSO Barnes and an article on this appears elsewhere in the magazine.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9 August 2007 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

Ken Bromfield

Email: gbparishcouncil@tiscali.co.uk

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL - WORKING GROUP 9

I am the leader of Working Group 9 – Church Meadow and the closed Cemetery. I am asking all volunteers who would like to assist in helping to restore the cemetery to a good condition to come along on Saturday mornings from 9am for about 4 hours. It would be helpful to bring rakes and any power tools (no electricity). I can be contacted on either 01206 230688 or 07802 267753

Fred Nicholls

Interested in a Bible Reading Scheme?

Would you like to join a daily Bible reading plan? Some members of our congregation already follow a daily programme which gives a text and some relevant thoughts and prayers all in a handy little booklet and we thought more people might like to know about it.

We have chosen the Bible Reading Fellowship's "New Daylight" booklet as being the most comprehensive for a general group such as ours. The text is already printed. Contributors have chosen a wide range of bible versions for their passages which in the main part follow a particular theme for a few days using different books from the bible for their interpretations giving a wonderful variety of insights.

We get a straightforward "thought for the day" followed by a short prayer, all on a page-a-day so not too time consuming.

The booklet runs in a four monthly programme: the current one is May/August 2007 and the next will cover September/December 2007. The cost is £3.50 per booklet and by ordering it

through us you will save the cost of postage as they will be delivered in bulk and we will give them to you when they arrive in time for the next tri-annual session.

If you think you would like to joining the scheme, please could you let either Clare Scargill (395417) or Rita Richman (392855) or myself, Caro McShane (323188) know by mid-August. Payment with order will be £7 (to cover the two sessions, September/December 2007 and January/April 2008) after which the new annual subscriptions will become due.

There is a copy of the current issue in each of our churches for you to look at before you decide (PLEASE DON'T REMOVE FROM ITS MOORINGS!). If you want a quick sample try the 13th August passage (p.118) to help you try and make up your mind.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Caro McShane

7pm August 15th



**The Assumption Of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Patronal Festival Eucharist at S
Mary's Ardleigh.
Preacher The Ven. Fr Bernard
Holdridge,
Guardian of the Shrine at
Walsingham.**



THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS



The Rectory
Hall Road
Great Bromley

Dear Parishioner,

August; a time for enjoying the summer nights, having some time to self, friends and family, some time to take stock and relax before the September start. Even those of whose lives are not determined by school terms, know this month to be one for making the most of the slower pace. Personally I'm trying to make the most of the summer lanes and foot paths at the beginning or end of the day. Moving to a town as I do in September will mean I'll have to get the car or even the bike to get to such places; so being able to walk to beautiful countryside is something I'm savouring.

Other "spare time" is being taken up sorting through belongings and trying to decide whether it's for the removal van, charity shop or recycling. Boxes that haven't been opened in the last nine years, revealing delights of childhood and forgotten memories; hastily packed up - such decisions need more time!

Much more difficult are the farewells and conversations to be had with people here. I'm not too sure which are the more difficult; those with people who are sad to see me go, or those with people who, shall we say, are not so sad to see me go. Some people are feeling disappointed, some let down, some even angry. Others are relieved, many are anxious over who will be my successor. Most of us are feeling all of the above!

All I can say is that each of us has to be honest and if there is something which needs to be expressed, then express it. The C of E in her wisdom operates like this, to enable proper leaveings to be had and although everything will never be completely resolved, this is a time for what is called closure. A chapter in our lives and that of the parish comes to an end and another begins. I am most grateful and thankful for my time here, it has been one of being blessed, and I think that my preferment to Worksop demonstrates that it has been discerned that I have grown in a professional capacity too because of what you and I have been able to achieve.

Thankfully it is God who is the author not ourselves - what a mess I would make of it if that was the case! So for us Christians we trust each other and ourselves to Him that He will continue in His Holy Spirit to guide and direct, nurture and bless.

God bless.

Fr Nicolas

Church Diary dates

Sept 1st 6.30pm Ogilvie Hall, Lawford Fr Nicolas' Farewell Party
2nd 10.30am S George's Church Fr Nicolas' farewell Eucharist
28th 7.30pm Harvest Barn Dance and Supper .
30th 10.30am Harvest Festival in S George's
12.30pm GB Village Hall Harvest Lunch
6.30pm Harvest Evensong in S Mary's Ardleigh

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for August

1st	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
2nd	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
3rd	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
4th		S John Vianney	
	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 5th		Trinity 9	
	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>
6th		Feast of the Transfiguration	
	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10th		S Laurence	
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
11th		S Clare	
	9.00am	The Eucharist & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 12th		Trinity 10	
	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>
13th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
15th		Assumption of our Lady	
	7.00pm	Patronal Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
16th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
17th	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
18th	9.00am	The Eucharist and Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 19th		Trinity 11	
	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>
20th	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
22nd	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
23rd	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
24th		S Batholomew	
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Seven Rivers</i>
25th	9.00am	The Rosary & Rosary	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 26th		Trinity 12	
	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>
27th		S Monica	
	9.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
28th	10-12 noon	Friendship Group	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
29th		Beheading of John the Baptist	
	6.00pm	Holy communion	<i>Hamilton Lodge</i>
	7.00pm	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
30th	10.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
31st	11.00am	The Eucharist	<i>Seven Rivers</i>