



## STORMY TIMES

Delving as I have been each month into the Messenger of 20 years ago, the constant

references to events being upset by the bad summer weather keep leaping out at me. The weather that year culminated in the 'Great Storm' or Hurricane of 15/16 October 1987. I remember lying in bed listening to the wind howling and wondering if we were going to have a roof left by the morning. However, in our case, it was not structural damage so much as the devastation of the huge trees that had fallen during the night across the drive and around the garden. Fortunately none of them hit any buildings. The electricity was off for a week until a very nice Scotsman, especially drafted in to help in this area, restored it. With no electricity our water pump to extract water from the well did not work so my husband set to and restored to working order the hand pump that the electric pump had replaced. What hard work that was and for very little water! We took it in turns to pump enough water to cook with and a little for washing. We had a rota system but the novelty of pumping water very quickly wore off and it became just a chore. This episode in our lives made me aware and appreciate just how glad I am that we have electricity and running water, something that many communities around the globe still do not have, just how precious these resources are and that they should never be wasted, as well as the hard work involved in collecting it.

One of the new Working Groups (WG 11), as you will see elsewhere in this magazine, is organising a litter picking day in order to keep our village clean and

tidy of the rubbish that people seem to constantly leave behind. It is a simple matter to take your rubbish home with you and also ensures that the wildlife does not ingest unsuitable matter which can so easily kill them.

Again foot and mouth has reared its ugly head this month and seems to be spreading along with the new mosquito borne virus, Bluetongue. Food prices are set to rise after failed harvests - world-wide, not just here - and no doubt as a knock-on effect of FMD. The era of cheap food which we take for granted, and of which huge amounts are wasted, looks as though it is coming to an end and with it may come more respect for the producers of foodstuffs, as well as the animals themselves, who give the mainstay of life - food - such pleasure.

October sees the end of the summer harvest season and the beginning of autumn fruits. The fruit harvest in my garden is patchy this year - no plums, few apples but an abundance of pears, even the blackberries are not as large and abundant as usual despite the early rain which dried up for them probably at the crucial period. Not that I can eat it but I took possession today of my first conker of the year.

Perhaps a harsh winter is in store and we will go into the new year with the seasons back to their normal type and temperatures. A cold spell would certainly kill off all these 'hot house' viruses the higher temperatures seem to be bringing from the Continent. Meanwhile a little late autumn sun would be lovely.

*Leonie Henderson*

## LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Since November 2006 and the Firework Display (which was a great success) Little Bromley has been pretty busy overall with the Music and Flower Festival and the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Little Bromley. 23rd December 2006 was the carol service, again very well supported. Our latest venture, the Fete, on 8th September was very successful and the weather was brilliant. Altogether we must give much admiration and many thanks to Carole Cordwell who does so much for the Amenities Committee. We must also thank Mr and Mrs Roughley for the use of their field for the Fete which helped so much to make it the success that it was. Many thanks also go to all the people who gave help and assistance to make things go with a swing. We made a profit of over £300 which will go towards the Firework Display next year.

Next on the menu will be a Music Night and then the Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September. Mention is made of these events because although not strictly organised by the Council they are

supported by the Council and under the auspices of the Council so any help you feel you can give would be gratefully received. Any Councillor will be happy to have your name to pass on to the Amenities Committee. A little bit of muscle is gratefully received when putting up tents etc and also gives the members a feeling that they are not alone. They do, after all, give their time free and after the event is as important as before it, as it entails taking down tents, clearing rubbish, collapsing tables and stacking chairs. Perhaps we could start with a group willing to help with next year's firework display which will be possible because of the success of the Fete this year. Anyone willing could give their name to Mrs Cordwell Amenities Committee, or indeed to any council member.

**AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME COULD  
SAVE NINE HOURS OF A COUNCIL  
MEMBER.**

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## Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 15th November 2007 at 7.30pm.

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

## THE OCTOBER QUIZ

1. 'October' means eight so why is the tenth month of the year called October ?
2. When and where is the Octoberfest (Oktoberfest)?
3. Who wrote 'Ode to Autumn'?
4. Who sang the 60's hit 'Autumn Almanac' and what were the names of the two brothers in the group?
5. When traditionally should you cease to pick blackberries and why?
6. How many bank or public holidays are there each year in England?
7. St Jude's day (or the feast of St Simon and St Jude) is on 28<sup>th</sup> October, why should you hope for fine weather on that day?
8. Why does the school year begin in September?
9. When is the Colchester Oyster feast and what is it said to commemorate?
10. The first space satellite, Sputnik I, was launched in October, do you know the date and the year?
11. When is 'Apple day'?
12. When was the Statue of Liberty dedicated ?



Answers on page 19

With thanks to Ian and Val Harris for compiling the quiz

## GARDENER'S CORNER



### OCTOBER

**Lawns:** This is the ideal month for planting new lawns - turfs are best because you get an instant lawn - keep well watered after laying until it is established.

**Shrubs:** Keep taking hardwood cuttings from the middle of the month.

**Roses:** Plant roses at the end of the month. Take cuttings of climbers and ramblers.

**Dahlias:** After frost (do we get any these days?) cut down stems to 6" and lift tubers and store in a frost free shed or garage.

**Bulbs:** Complete planting by the end of the month. Tulips can be left until mid-November. Lift and store gladioli.

**Lilies:** Divide overgrown clumps and replant.

*Frank Griffiths*

## FREE HOME SAFETY VISITS

It is possible to ask for a Home Fire Safety visit. The Fire Service will visit homes and give advice on fire safety in the home as well as fitting free smoke detectors with a 10-year battery. These can be re-set by the home owner. Vibrating pillow alarms can also be supplied free for those who are hard of hearing.

If you wish to take advantage of this please ring 01206 574255. A few details will be taken over the phone by the fire service before a visit.

This is a totally free service.

*Cllrs S Candy, P Scott, R Heaney*



# THANKS

**Grace Gould** would like to say thank you to everyone for kindness, help and prayers during her stay in hospital and also the many cards, flowers and visits from friends.



I have so many Blessings. Thank you.



## Rotary Colne 25 Charity Bike Ride

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual charity bike ride organised by

Brightlingsea & District Rotary Club was held last month to raise funds for the Essex Air Ambulance and Little Havens Children's Hospice.

Some 130 riders took part over the three courses, 5 miles around town and two longer rides covering 25 and 40 miles.

The previous two years events took place despite unpleasant weather conditions but

this year the sun shone and everyone enjoyed the rides. It was supported by keen cyclists, casual riders and mums and dads with children, which provided a fun day out for all.

The Rotary Club is pleased to announce that over £2,000 was raised by sponsorship, donations and entry fees. Our 4<sup>th</sup> ride will take place again in 2008 – look out for details in the press when next years date is fixed. Should anyone require advance details please telephone 01206 303135.

## THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors invite applications from those resident in the Parishes of Ardeleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford St Mary for the following grants:-

### SECONDARY SCHOOL GRANTS

Open to candidates under the age of 13 years at 1st August

### TECHNICAL GRANTS

(a) Junior grants open to candidates who must be over 12 and under 16 years of age on 1st August.

(b) Senior Grants open to candidates over 15 years of age on 1st August, and who have attended Secondary Schools for at least 3 years.

### UNIVERSITY GRANTS

Tenable at any University and college or school of a University or any University

College.

### MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES

The Governors also invite applications for Grants to Students resident in the favoured Parishes who have been accepted to Secondary or Technical Schools and are in need of financial assistance to enable them to continue their education.

Full particulars and forms of application may be obtained from Mrs Jean Flewin, Clerk to the Governors, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, Colchester, Essex, CO7 6AT.

Closing date for applications - 22nd October 2007.



## 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

We welcomed everyone back on  
**MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER**, by  
beginning our theme of opposites.

We are hoping to have a Barbeque at the  
end of September, to  
welcome new parents  
and perhaps entice some  
new people onto the  
committee! If you would  
like to join us for a  
relaxed, family orientated  
afternoon, please speak  
to a committee member or call the  
number above.



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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald  
Telephone: 01206 230305

### Harvest

Celebrations will be led by Year 6 pupils  
in the Church on Thursday 4th October at  
14.15hrs. Children will make up baskets  
and the Friendship Club have been  
invited to collect their baskets from the  
School on Friday 5th. October.

### Vouchers

We collected:-  
22,851 Tesco vouchers and ordered a  
camcorder.  
3162 Sainsbury vouchers and ordered  
various items of sports equipment. We  
are still collecting Nestle Box Tops.  
Thanks for all your support.

### Playground Development

New markings have been ordered after  
funds were raised by a Fun &  
Games sponsored event.  
THE MOUND has been  
landscaped and grass  
seeded ready for "hill  
climbing" activities?



### Staff

We said fond farewells to Mrs Austin and  
Mrs Cairns who have gone to pastures  
new; we welcome Mr Holmes (Class 2  
and Mrs Godsell (Class 3).



## 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**

## ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

Classes were still available for  
Computing, Health and Beauty, GCSE,  
Arts and Crafts, Languages, Professional  
Skills, etc but mainly at the main towns  
of Harwich, Clacton and Colchester.

Contact 01206 542242

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report of a parish council meeting held  
on 13 September 2007

## Planning

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

**Park Farm, Hilliards Road** – extension of existing building and change of use from agricultural to general industrial

**Hamilton Lodge, Parsons Hill** – replacement of four buildings by four residential care bungalows

**5 Council Houses, Harwich Road** – extension and detached outbuilding

***Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications, except as indicated:***

**Heath Dene, Ardleigh Road** – widening of vehicle access (refusal)

**Glenmead, Frating Road** – conservatory

**The Chapel, Chapel Lane** – swimming pool, conservatory, link corridor

## Village volunteers and insurance cover

Volunteers undertaking work on parish council projects will normally be covered by the council's insurance with respect to public liability and personal injury. Normal common sense precautions should be taken. Cover is only for volunteers aged between 15 and 75. Insurance will apply when tools, equipment and materials provided through the parish council are used. This may include lawn mowers and trimmers (goggles to be worn) but no other power equipment or vehicles. If you have any queries on this matter please speak to a working group leader or the parish clerk.

Future meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11 October 2007 at the Village Hall Great Bromley. ***David Lines, Executive Leader of Tendring District Council will be in attendance to answer questions on the council's policies and services. Residents are welcome to attend.***

## Great Bromley Parish Council

### GRANTS

Small grants are available through the parish council, for both individuals and organisations, under the following schemes:

#### Community grants

The parish council currently sets aside about £2000 annually from its income to provide small grants to organisations whose activities benefit the residents of Great Bromley. Recent recipients of council grants include the following: Great Bromley Cricket Club, Great Bromley and Frating Play Group, Hamilton Lodge Trust, the Bromley Messenger, Tendring Citizen's Advice Bureau, Royal British Legion and St George's Church.

#### Great Bromley Poorlands Charity

The Poorlands charity was established over 400 years ago to assist residents of Great Bromley who are in need. The charity has an annual income of about £200 from which small cash grants can be made available to individuals and families. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you know someone who might benefit from this scheme. All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

The parish council will be pleased to receive donations to either of the above funds to enable more grants to be allocated.

Further information on these schemes is available from the Parish Clerk (01206 230089).

***Applications for this year's grants should be sent to the Parish Clerk by the end of November 2007.***



# UPBEAT

## September issue

### **Tendring District Commander - Chief Inspector Steve Robinson**

*Upbeat* is Essex Police's email-based newsletter, which contains local policing and crime prevention information for your neighbourhood.

### **Safe as houses**

#### **Anti-theft number plate screws**

More than 40,000 number plates were stolen in England and Wales last year, many of which were used to clone vehicles. Anti-theft number plate screws make number plates virtually impossible to steal. The screws are available from most major automotive retailers.

#### **Sat nav - windscreen dusters**

Crime prevention needn't be expensive. Keep a duster in your car to remove the tell-tale sucker marks left on the windscreen by your sat nav cradle.

#### **Intelligent car alarms**

Luxury car theft is a growing problem. However some car alarms can literally stop thieves in their tracks. A category five Thatcham alarm can track a vehicle, alert its owner when it's stolen and even immobilise it remotely at the flick of a switch, once the engine is switched off. For more information on alarm systems, contact your local car dealership.

#### **Mobile phones**

In 12 per cent of house burglaries, a mobile phone is stolen. Make a note of your phone's unique International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number, a serial number that can't be erased from the phone.

To find your mobile phone's IMEI no. key in \*#06#. This will cause a unique, 14 to 17-digit code to appear on your mobile phone screen. This is your IMEI no. Make a note of it so that, in the event your

phone is stolen, you can contact your mobile phone operator with it and this will enable your phone to be 'disabled' and become useless to the thieves.

You can also register your IMEI no. at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) together with any serial no. on the kit.

#### **Decoy security systems**

If a homeowner can't afford an expensive burglar alarm or CCTV system, they can buy fakes, which will still deter many thieves. Some decoy alarms and cameras on sale at DIY shops even include glowing LED lights which make them look more realistic.

#### **Marking property**

Marking valuable property with either an ultra-violet or a permanent marker is a good idea. However, there are increasingly sophisticated marker products on the market, including SmartWater and microdot systems, to name a couple. It's virtually impossible to remove them.

#### **Storing keys**

Keeping keys near the front door can be a recipe for disaster as increasing numbers of thieves are 'fishing' for them with either a hook or a magnet attached to a long cane. Keys should be stored out of sight.

## FROM THE GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

That's it then. Summer's over and all we have to look forward to are countless chilly wet days with not much chance of seeing the sun. Come to think of it, that's not a lot different to the last three months really, except that fairly soon the only time I'll be able to get the dogs out in daylight will be at weekends. I know I shouldn't wish my life away, but roll on spring.

Flu jab clinics, which will be in full swing by the time this hits the news stands, are booking up fast. We are trying to schedule them at times which will suit as many people as possible, so some Saturday clinics have been arranged again this year. We also have special sessions at Little Clacton village hall as usual. If you qualify for a free jab, please book your appointment soon to get maximum protection.

If you aren't sure whether or not you are entitled to a free jab, please ask our receptionists and they will check. If you aren't due a free one, the pharmacy should have plenty of stock this year, so we can always arrange a private prescription for you. Again, please ask at reception.

We now have well over a hundred people registered to use the new internet access system and, so far, it has been running pretty well. Only one person appears to have had any real difficulty with it, which means a very high percentage success rate. If you want to give the system a try, please let us know. Just to recap, using the system you can book, cancel or alter most appointments, order repeat medication and send us simple messages via the internet. It costs nothing (other than your normal internet connection charges) and can be done any time of the day or night.

It's a while since we had a featured employee of the month, and I am told that many of you like to know a bit more about the people who work here. So, this month – take a bow Nicola Lambert, who is the newest addition to our reception team.

Nic (or "Lamby" to distinguish her from all

the other Nicolas and Nicholases that we seem to have accumulated over the years) joined us back in December last year. We were delighted to get her, as she had previously been a secretary at The Oaks private hospital in Colchester so she was already well used to looking after people, especially when they are not feeling at their best. She quickly picked up all our quirky procedures and, like so many people here, grabbed a few areas of administration to specialise in and call her own. She has settled in brilliantly and we now wonder how we ever managed without her.

Nic is, in the true sense, a real Essex girl, having been born and brought up in Maldon. She and husband Piers, a local dentist, moved to Weeley from Tiptree about three years ago with a mixed herd of horses and cats in tow. They don't have any children, Nic cheerfully admitting that she far prefers animals!



Not surprisingly, Nic names horses as her main hobby, the rest of her spare time being taken up by gardening, cooking and her latest craze, clay pigeon shooting. Word has it that Piers has been known to drive around Tendring in an ex-army armoured personnel carrier. Strange people, these dentists! Or is it just because Nic is not so good at her new hobby yet?

Finally, with supposedly wetter weather on its way, a brief reminder/request to people visiting the surgery - please **don't** park with your wheels on the grass. Every winter, bits of The Green around the surgery get chewed up and churned into a muddy mess by patients' cars and, with some justification, other people living nearby don't like it. Anyway, if you can, why not leave the car at home and walk or cycle? It would be much better for you. (Not that I'm a very good example at the moment.)

*Hugh Cronin, Practice Manger*

# GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

**The Colts Awards evening** was held at the Pavilion on Saturday 8th September. A lovely Bar-b-que was provided by the ladies and entertainment by way of a live band led by lead singer Clive Platt. A most enjoyable evening! Colts Manager, Steve Wright said it had been a very successful season and with President, Phil Allam they presented the trophies.

A very young U.11 side could not manage to win a game so were bottom of their group but the players all played with tremendous enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed their games.

Batting Award            Lewis Short.

Bowling Award           Will Garnham.

Fielding Award          Adam Bird

The U.12 side finished third in their group.

Batting Award           Jake Foley

Bowling Award           Oliver Wright

Fielding Award          Matt Halsey

The U.13 side had an excellent season winning their league. Well done.

Batting Award           Jake Foley

Bowling Award           Alfie Smith

Fielding Award          Jack Edwards

The U.16 team had a superb season only losing one game therefore winning their league. Well done.

Batting Award           Craig Perrin

Bowling Award           Harry Hitchcock

Fielding Award          Jimmy Pirie

The Shield for the Most Improved Player was won by Will Vine.

Mrs. Debbie Wright is now running the 100 Club (Phil Allam will still collect your money). Thank you for supporting the 100 Club and I hope you will still continue to do so.

*Phil Allam.*



# CARPET BOWLS

First match of the winter league was a win for Great Bromley by 6 points to 2 over Little Clacton. We had home advantage but the visitors played very well for all that.

On 6th September we visited Stratford-St-Mary for an end of season bowls social evening. Several games of 5 ends were played, in a very relaxed way, followed by lots to eat and drink. We all enjoyed a wonderful evening.



## JOE CANHAM

Well, we thought it was 98 not out, for Joe on his birthday last week, but no, he has decided to retire to the 'pavilion' or whatever the word is in carpet bowls. We are all sorry to hear this, but know that he has had a rather trying summer healthwise, and feels he is no longer physically able to play. Joe, one of the founder members worked hard in the early days, (20 years this November) always setting out the equipment and helping to pack away at the end. He rarely missed an evening or a match and could be relied upon to play a good game. He is thought of with great affection not only from our club members, but regular visiting teams as well. We wish him well and happy when he moves on to live near his son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Sue. Thank you Joe. "See you around" as the saying goes.

*Nancy Kempster*

## 100 CLUB

### Winners September 2007

- 1st. Andy Pirie
- 2nd J Richardson
- 3rd D Lording

# *Forthcoming Events*

## **OCTOBER**

- 2 Autumn Sale, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, Quiz Night, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
- 6 Race Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Neighbourhood Watch public meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Friends of Lt Bromley church Open & Annual meeting, church, 11.00am  
Music Concert, Lt Bromley church, 7.30pm  
Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Guide Dogs for the Blind service, Lawford church, 3.00pm
- 16 Stroke in the Community Info Day, Holland-on-Sea, 10.00am
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 200pm

## **NOVEMBER**

- 10 Litter Picking Day, Great Bromley, 10.00am
- 15 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm
- 17 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 11.00am
- 24 Christmas Bazaar & Grand Raffle, Elmstead Church Meeting Room, 10am

## **DECEMBER**

- 8 Christmas Concert, Chapel, Royal Hospital School, 7.30pm



## **GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND**

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Stour Valley Branch will be holding their annual service to celebrate the work of the Association on Sunday 14th October at St Mary's Church, Lawford at 3.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join the congregation, which will include working guide dogs, retired dogs and trainee guide dog puppies. After the joyous service fellowship continues in the adjoining church hall with refreshments and time to chat with our four legged friends and owners. For more information call Marjorie, 01206 393504.

## **BUSKERS REVIEW**



Village Hall  
Saturday 15th  
December

Watch this space!



## **HOLBROOK CHORAL SOCIETY & ORCHESTRA**

Saturday 8th December  
In the Chapel, Royal Hospital School  
7.30pm

### **Christmas Concert**

Tickets £10 contact tel: 01473 326222



## Race Night

Great Bromley Village  
Committee

is holding a Race Night  
on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Admission will be by Race Card priced £1

In order to make the evening a success we  
are asking for support from you by  
purchasing a horse for the racing. The cost  
of a horse is £5.00, there are 8 horses per  
race and a total of 7 races for horses to be  
purchased. The name of the horse and its  
owner will be printed on the race card. The  
winning 'owner' of the horse that wins each  
race will win a bottle of champagne.

It promises to be a very enjoyable fun  
evening and the committee asks that you  
give your support.

If you would like to own a horse please  
contact Fred Nicholls on 01206 230688

## Cricket Club Quiz Night

13th October  
7.30p.m  
in the Village Hall



To reserve your table please  
phone Phil Allam on 01206  
230375.

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home  
Tuesday 2nd October  
10.30am-3.00pm  
at Great Bromley Village Hall



## Autumn Sale

of  
Fabulous range of stalls and  
a variety of gifts

Entry £2

Refreshments including coffee, cakes,  
sandwiches will also be available.

## QUIZ NIGHT



at  
Seven Rivers Cheshire Home  
5th October  
7.30pm start

Teams of 4/6  
£2 per person bring your own drinks

*All proceeds to residents' activity funds*



## FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Saturday 13 October 11am  
Open Morning, Guided Tour, and Annual  
Meeting.

Free - all welcome. Refreshments.

Saturday 13 October 7:30pm  
Concert of instruments and  
song

The Osborne Trio - Vivaldi,  
Faure, Rossini  
£4 (students £1)

Refreshments.

*In aid of Great Bromley Church fabric fund*



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday, 17th November  
Great Bromley Village Hall  
11.00am-2.00pm

*Proceeds to Village Hall and St George's Church*



## The Friends of Elmstead Parish Church

invite you to our superb  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and GRAND RAFFLE** (1st Prize £150 cash!)  
in the Church Meeting Room  
on Saturday 24th November 10.00am - 12 noon  
Gifts, Cakes, Attractions for All



# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP REPORT

## WG11 - Litter Picking and Village "Spring Clean"

**PICK UP THE PIECES** A village spring clean day is being planned for 2008 but, in the interim, you are invited to join in an initial litter pick on **Saturday, 10th November between 10.00am and 12 noon**. Can you spare the time to lend a hand? The more of us there are, the quicker the job done, and it is a job where you can see instantly the results of your labour! Please ring 01206 230282 for more details and to volunteer your help (leave message on ansafone if necessary).

Please note that, for insurance purposes, volunteers should be fit and be between the ages of 15 and 75 years. Under 15s are encouraged to participate but parental permission and appropriate supervision will be required.



*Brenda Perry*

## Temporary Road Closure

**A133 Hare Green West bound  
22 October 2007 for approximately 2  
weeks each night between  
20:00 hours and 06:00 hours**

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends temporarily closing the A133 in a northerly direction from its junction with the A133 Colchester Road, Frating Green to its junction with the A120 to facilitate repair to Parsons Hill bridge.



The closure is schedule to commence on 22 October for approximately 2 weeks, each night between 20:00 and 06:00 hours.

An alternative route for westbound traffic will be via:

A133 Colchester Road, Frating Green  
A133 Clacton Road, Elmstead Market  
A133 St Andrew's Avenue, Colchester  
A1232 Ipswich Road, Colchester  
A120 Ardleigh Crown Interchange

## Post Office Closures



The Government has published a proposal to close 2,500 Post Offices in the UK by December 2008.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

It's your Post Office. Have your say. There will be a public consultation to help determine which Post Offices will be closed. The consultation will last for 6 weeks. Please watch out for notice of when this consultation will be taking place in your area (it should be publicized in your local Post Office), and take the time to submit your views.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

About 15 years ago, Neighbourhood Watch was launched in Great Bromley and, at one point, we had eight Co-ordinators covering the village. Over the years interest has dwindled in the scheme to such an extent that I believe we only have one or two Co-ordinators left.

The scheme was set up to assist in the reporting of suspect vehicles and persons up to no good within our parish. The recent village appraisal has shown there is a big interest in the re-launching of Neighbourhood Watch in Great Bromley. Therefore, a Public Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Monday, 8th October at 7.30pm. Gill Burmby, who works for Essex Police and is the lead contact for the scheme, will be in attendance and will assist in the re-launch in the village.

All parishioners, with an interest in assisting with the scheme, are welcome to attend. Hopefully some of you will be interested in becoming a Co-ordinator for your road. This is not time consuming and does not require much work.

*C Phillips, Vice-Chairman, Gt Bromley Parish Council*

## Interested in the countryside?

Want to have your say on the future of public access across our county?

Then why not volunteer to join the Essex Local Access Forum?

The Essex Local Access Forum is an independent advisory body which offers advice to the local Highways Authority on matters such as improving public access and open-air recreation.

Whether you enjoy working, taking part in sporting activities or just enjoy the countryside we would like to hear from you.

For an application pack or further information please contact:

Essex LAF Secretary, Development, Highways and Transportation, Public Rights of Way, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH  
website: [www.essexlaf.co.uk](http://www.essexlaf.co.uk) Tel: 01245 437649 or email:

[essexlaf@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:essexlaf@essexcc.gov.uk)

## Rural Community Council of Essex Village Hall & Community Building Conference 2007

Saturday 20th October  
Wickham Bishops Village Hall  
10.00am - 3.45pm

The event provides an opportunity for Village Hall and Community Building representatives to discuss in an informal atmosphere any queries, problems or anecdotes of village hall management. Non-members of RCCE are very welcome to attend and we hope the event will encourage you to join as a Village Hall member. The booking fee (£17 RCCE PC member, £20 non-members) includes tea/coffee on entry and lunch.

For more information contact Sue Sheppard at the RCCE on 0844 4773938 by 16 October

## Clacton & District Stroke Association

Caring for the community of Tendring for over 30 years

85 Frinton Road, Holland on, Sea, Essex. CO15 5UH

### 'STROKE IN THE COMMUNITY' INFORMATION DAY

will take place at the above address on

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007 10am – 2pm

STROKE PREVENTION INFORMATION AND ADVICE

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - DIABETES CHECKS  
SMOKING CESSATION ADVICE - COMMUNITY THERAPISTS

OTHER PROFESSIONALS & ORGANISATIONS PRESENT

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTRE	Equipment & Aids
TENDRING HOME	Repairs, adaptations,
IMPROVEMENT AGENCY	improvements, grants
KEVERSTONE MOBILITY CARS	Driving assessments & mobility cars
EPILEPSY ACTION	Information and advice
NORTH EAST ESSEX CARERS	Respite breaks
HELP THE AGED	'Your Money Matters'
SOCIAL CARE	Advice & information about 'Care in the Community'
COLCHESTER CATALYST CHARITY	Funding to meet the needs of the disabled

Meet our staff and find out what **WE** do to support stroke survivors and their carers including our **CARERS' GROUP**

For more information please call 01255 815906 or 815918

## Transition Essex

Wednesday 24th October

9.30am - 4.00pm

Essex Records Office, Chelmsford

This conference is aimed at community groups, local activists, Parish Councils, Village Hall Management committees, faith groups, local Chambers of Trade, Youth councils and assemblies and schools staff.

The objective is to prepare Essex communities for the transition to a low energy future.

To reserve a place contact the RCCE (Rural Community Council of Essex) on tel: 0844 4773938 or email [rcce@essexrcc.org.uk](mailto:rcce@essexrcc.org.uk)

### Bumper Stickers for Ladies

- So many men, so few who can afford me.
- Coffee, chocolate, men ... Some things are just better rich.
- Don't treat me any differently than you would the queen.
- Warning I have an attitude and I know how to use it.
- Of course I don't look busy...I did it right the first time.
- Do not start with me. You will not win.
- All stressed out and no one to choke.
- How can I miss you if you won't go away?
- If you want breakfast in bed, sleep in the kitchen.



## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our AUCTION at the August meeting which was a great success when we were able to swell our meagre funds by £83.20. It is only by our own efforts can we keep the Club going, our membership is a bit low at the moment so if you have an afternoon once a month when you would like to join us at the village hall when we have entertainment, tea and biscuits and a chance to see those people you don't run into every day, we would love to see you. The THIRD THURSDAY in the month is the date to put in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

The Christmas Lunch is in November at the Cross Inn - please make sure your name is on the list at the next meeting or if you can't attend phone either Beryl or me. The exact date and cost will be given out at the meeting (Members Only).

The competition for October is a **small brass ornament**.

*Vicky Griffiths*

## CARPENTERS FARM

Carpenters Farm Shop at Great Bentley will be hosting a series of tastings to highlight British Food Fortnight. This national event is an opportunity to raise awareness of the wonderful local and regional food and drink on offer and encourage people to buy British. The fortnight runs from Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> until October 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be daily tastings, meet the producers, in store promotions and a competition. To find out more call in, ring us on 01206 250221 or find us at [carpentersfarmshop.co.uk](http://carpentersfarmshop.co.uk)



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr Mark Leroy, assisted by Mrs Leroy, came along to tell us all about their Stour Valley Organic Company "Organic Lavender". They are based in Ramsey near Harwich and it is the only organic lavender farm in Essex.

Floral oils were known in Asia 4000 years ago and lavender was known here in medieval times, having been brought to England by the Romans. It was Queen Victoria's favourite perfume and the famous Faberge eggs have

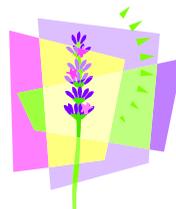
lavender oil mixed into their enamel. It can be applied to the skin safely as a massage or to bind wounds, burns, blisters and soothes toothache, children's chickenpox and reduces scarring.

Mr and Mrs Leroy spent 8 or 9 years experimenting before being approved by the Soil Association. The lavender plants are grown close together for best results, they are pruned in the spring, also it is the best time to take cuttings. The plants can last for about 30 years; a large amount of flowers are needed to produce a very small amount oil.

Mr and Mrs Leroy brought along examples of their high quality products for us to sample and purchase such as skin care, lip balm, handcream, soap, shortbread biscuits, honey and preserves.

It was a very informative evening. In October, Sharon Newton of "Newleigh Crafts" is to teach us card making. If you are interested, come along to the village hall on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.30pm, we will be pleased to see you.

*June Willgress*



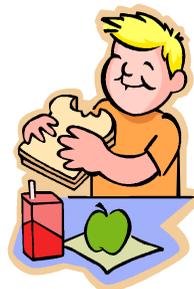
## KITCHEN CORNER

### Chocolate Peppermint Sandwich

2 eggs  
4 oz caster sugar  
4 oz SR flour  
4 oz butter or margarine

Filling; 2 oz butter  
2 oz chocolate  
3 oz icing sugar

Icing; 4 oz icing sugar  
1 tablesp water  
Peppermint essence.



Cream butter and sugar, beat in the eggs gradually together with the flour. Divide between two greased sandwich tins and bake 25 mins. At 180C 350F

When cold sandwich together with the filling. Peel the chocolate into curls with a potato peeler and put some aside for decoration. Cream together the butter and icing sugar and the rest of the chocolate and fill the cake. For the icing, mix water and sugar to a consistency that will just drop from the spoon, and flavour with peppermint to taste, and decorate with the chocolate curls.

*Jill Frostick*

## PYLON RECOLLECTIONS

The article in last month's Messenger by Sue Orris made me remember that I actually witnessed the bomb dropped on Chase Road! More than sixty years ago the trees round our house were still of a moderate size, and one could see the Pylons from our upper windows. It so happened that I was upstairs in my bedroom when I heard the low flying plane pass over, and looked out of the window just as the bomb was released. What excitement for a youngster! I remember diving under the bed thinking there might be more to come. I also recall that we later went to see the crater in Chase road. During the war years we had RAF personnel billeted at Grove House. First we had two WAAFs who stayed for quite a long time, and we also had two evacuees from London, first a six year old girl, and later her older sister joined us. We found them quite strange! My sister and I had never come across cockneys before, and they were equally amazed at country things, and quite terrified of our little ponies. Later on they returned home as I think their parents missed them too much. Another time we had a charming Indian Airforce officer staying with us. My other memory is the night when two parachute land mines landed in the field next to our property. The whole house shook violently and the next day we saw the huge craters. Our horses had a narrow escape as fortunately there was a small belt of trees between their field and the place where the mines had landed.

*Jill Frostick*

# GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee met in July and is scheduled to meet again on 25th September.

You will notice when you visit the village hall that further areas have been redecorated during the summer break. These are the rear entrance passage and the passage to the committee room, the ladies and gentlemen's cloakrooms, also the toilets.

With the autumn upon us, the various clubs and groups have resumed activities and I am sure that they have room for additional members should anyone like to join them. To start with, we have the Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup on Monday mornings, Wednesday mornings and afternoons, Thursday mornings, Scallywags on Friday mornings.

The Badminton Club meets on Monday evenings, the Men's Social Club on Tuesday evenings, Carpet Bowls Club on Wednesday evenings (except 1st Wednesday) when it is usually shifted to Thursday to make way for the Women's Institute who meet on the 1st Wednesday in the evening. The Friendship Club gather on the 3rd Thursday afternoon.

Other attractions at the hall are advertised in the Bromley Messenger, local press or on village notice boards, such as a sale on Tuesday 2nd October and a Race Night on 6th October.

The Race Night at the hall on 6th October starts at 7.30pm. If you are interested in sponsoring a race or a horse place contact Frederick Nicholls on 01206 230688. Seven races, tapes up at 7.30pm, bring your own food and drink. We'll be glad of your support and you should have an enjoyable, exciting evening.

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 17th November from 11.00am - 2.00pm with stalls, raffle etc and light lunches in aid of the St George's church and village hall funds. Your continued support of this event would be very welcome.

On Saturday 15th December we will present a Buskers Review (Revival?), recorded extracts from previous shows, cheese and wine with carols to end.

*Bevan Willgress*

## FROM THE PAST ...

### Another 1881 Census

Walter Tricker and George Sargeant took a part of the census each. Tricker went to Great Bromley Rectory where Arthur Etaugh Graham, aged 46, and his wife Hannah, aged 45, lived with their large family.

The eldest son, Arthur, aged 18, was a Midshipman and must have been home on leave. The eldest daughter, Ivy, aged 17, was a scholar and so too were the rest of the young Grahams, namely Annie aged 15, Gilbert, aged 14, Beatrice, aged 13, Harry, aged 11, Robert, aged 9, John aged 8, Helen aged 4 and the youngest Alan, aged 3. They were all born in Great Bromley.

The staff at the Rectory were Mary L Knights, aged 25, the governess and teacher for the family. She came from Ipswich.

The domestic staff were Sarah Lawyer, aged 18, Julia Peach, aged 20, both from Suffolk and Emma Lott from Great Holland.

*John Appleby*

## ... AND 20 YEARS AGO

### Brownies

August might have been a poor month weatherwise, but it did not stop the Brownies from having one of their best Pack Holidays. 8 Bromley Brownies and 10 Bradfield Brownies stayed in Alresford Village Hall during the wettest week in August.

According to the girls, the most enjoyable events were:

1 Shopping each day. They were given a list, money and bags (and an adult who kept outside the shops) and it was up to them to write everything down and agree the money at the end, which was not always easy. A big thank you goes to the patient shopkeepers.

2 The Youth Service in Alresford church on Sunday night. No hymn books were needed because all the songs were shown on a screen. The first lesson was Elisha in modern English and the second lesson Elisha in cartoon strips and the 'sermon' was on the same theme. Did you know Elisha played a banjo and rode on a donkey?

3 The visit to the Creek in wellies and anoraks. There they discovered for themselves the Faraway Tree and the

Slippery Slip. Our picnic was eaten on the hall floor and there was no washing up!

4 Two guitarists, Tim and Mike, who came one evening to lead us in a singsong. They were coming for half-an-hour but it lasted over an hour.

5 The party, with the Guiders 'waitressing' instead of the Brownies. There were caterpillar sandwiches and an Enchanted Wood cake with a tree for everyone and of course, ice cream monsters with Silky Sauce. We had a lovely 'Cecil' with cheese and pineapple all down his back.

6 The concert when we all entertained each other on a stage with lights and curtains. Thanks to the weather a very high standard was achieved by the Brownies.

The train ride to Clacton on the last day and the sun shone. What an event; some of us had to buy gifts as some had been a little slow in the making. Then there were the amusements and ice creams. We had fish and chips or hot potatoes for dinner and we paddled in the sea. Then home to pack, have tea and clear the hall. The end of a lovely Pack Holiday. Thank you to everyone.

*Jacqui Terry*

## The October Quiz answers

1. This was the eighth month of the Roman calendar and was displaced by July and August which were added to commemorate Julius and Augustus Caesar.
2. This is the Munich beer festival. It begins at the end of the third week in September and lasts for two weeks. The first Oktoberfest was held on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1810 in honor of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen and ended on October 17<sup>th</sup> with a horse race. The festival was moved to September to benefit from better weather conditions which enabled visitors to stroll over "die Wiesen" or the fields without feeling chilly. Historically, the last weekend of the festival was in October and this tradition continues into present times.
3. John Keats in 1820
4. The Kinks, the two brothers were Ray and Dave Davies
5. You can begin to pick blackberries at the start of the school holidays up until the end of September. You should not pick them after Michaelmas (29<sup>th</sup> September) as the devil will spit on them and make them bitter. Blackberries in October are known as Devil's fruit.
6. Eight: New years day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, May day, Spring bank holiday, Summer bank holiday, Christmas day and Boxing day.
7. Like St Swithen's day, bad weather on this day means a bad winter.
8. This may be because of the change in the calendar from the Julian to the Gregorian which happened around this time in 1752 and/or because it follows the medieval agricultural pattern of the year when in July and August able-bodied young people were needed

on the farms

9. On or near October 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a fair in Colchester on this day in 1318 called St Dennis Fair, in the 1790s there was the Corporation (Oyster) Lunch on or about this date and there was the modern Oyster Feast in 1845, all (after 1752) occurring in late October. The feast is said to commemorate Richard I granting the River Colne Oyster fishing rights to the town.
10. October 4<sup>th</sup> 1957
11. October 21<sup>st</sup>
12. October 28<sup>th</sup> 1886, Ellis Island U.S.A. The people of France gave the Statue to the people of the United States in recognition of the friendship established during the American Revolution. The Statue was completed in France in July, 1884 and arrived in New York Harbour in June 1885 on board the French frigate "Isere". The Statue was reduced to 350 individual pieces for shipping and re-assembled on her new pedestal four months later.



**Manningtree Stour Valley  
Rotary Club**

**Young Musician of the Year Competition 2007**

If you are a Young Musician living in the Tendring area and under the age of 18 then this competition is for you.

The Competition will take place at 7:00pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

There is a fee of £2.00 per entry, all of which will go towards the running costs of the competition.

The venue will be Manningtree Methodist Church, South Street, Manningtree.

For further information and an Entry Form, please write to:  
Manningtree Stour Valley Rotary Club  
c/o  
7 Constable Close  
Manningtree  
Essex, CO11 2LD.



**ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY**  
*united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh*



**Services for October**

<b><u>Sunday 7th</u></b>	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	9.00am	The Parish Eucharist (PLEASE NOTE TIME)	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b><u>Sunday 14th</u></b>	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 & Sermon with 'Village Voices'	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b><u>Sunday 21st</u></b>	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b><u>Sunday 28th</u></b>	8.00am	The Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	The Parish Harvest Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b><u>1st November</u></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	7.00pm	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b><u>2nd November</u></b>	<b>ALL SOULS</b>	7.00pm	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

Holy Communion every Friday at 11.00am at Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Great Bromley.

Details of weekday celebrations from Church or at  
[ardleighandthebromleys.co.uk](http://ardleighandthebromleys.co.uk)



**THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH AND THE  
 BROMLEYS**



**CHURCH NOTES**

A farewell party for Fr Nicolas was held at Ogilvie Hall, Lawford on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Children and adults performed musical tributes and James Wild thanked Fr. Nicolas for his service to the parishes of Bromley and Ardleigh over the last 10 years and spoke of the impact that his ministry had on many people. Fr. Nicolas' final service the following morning was a moving and memorable occasion.

The process for appointing a new priest is now under way, starting with a meeting with the Bishop of Colchester, who explained the procedures involved. The minutes of this meeting are on display in the church if anyone wishes to read them. The next task is to write a 'parish profile' which will be available to potential candidates seeking information about the benefice and its needs.

The family of the late Margery West, who worshipped at St George's for many years, has presented a banner to the church in Margery's memory. The banner is very colourful and attractive and is displayed in the south aisle.