

The Bromley Messenger

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On 19th July Little Bromley Parish Council had their first Litter Pick. We had eleven volunteers to pick up all the bottles, bags and paper that had been dropped into our hedges and grass verges—one person even came from Great Bromley to help. We filled 16 plastic sacks with various items, picked up two car tyres, one car wheel, one bollard and several other strange items. We only had one downpour, the rest of the time it was warm and sunny. When we had finished we retired to The Haywain public house for coffee and biscuits although one or two fancied something stronger!

We hope to make this a twice yearly event—the next litter pick is planned for winter time when the hedges are bare. Thanks to our volunteers, Mark, Brian, David, Louise, Peter, Mick, Sandra, Dawn, Andy and Paul for their help.

Anita Spall, Amenities Committee

EDITORIAL

Once again this month another much loved member of our community has died. Grace Gould was a kind and caring person, always helpful, cheerful and interested in everything. At the *Messenger's* celebrations a couple of years ago she was constantly surrounded by, and chatting to, people. She will be greatly missed by us all. As you will read Mary Phillips, née Gould, hopes that some of you will get in touch with her for any memories you may have of Grace and I hope that you will do so.

The Litter Picking Groups of Great and Little Bromley have made a huge difference to the look of our villages and on behalf of everyone I would like to thank them for all their hard work. The other Groups are also working hard for the betterment of our environment.

Gt Bromley parish council is endeavouring to plan an event for the summer of 2009 and I know that many of you have suggested, and wished for, such a happening to occur. Please now put your money where your mouth is and offer your time in order to help organise it. Large events do not just happen. Time and effort is required to present such affairs for the communities near and far to come along and enjoy on the day. After it is all over there is the satisfaction of having been a

part of it together with the pleasure of having made lasting friendships during the planning of it.

On page 7 of the magazine you find this year's copy of the accounts for the *Bromley Messenger* and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Len for his work on the accounts during the year. You will see our printing costs have increased. This is largely due to the increase in the number of pages for some of the editions. Also you will have noticed the front page changes with each issue and I entreat you to keep me supplied with photos of local events which might prove suitable for the front page. May I also thank all those who support the magazine each month by presenting me with copy - usually on time!

I write this having just returned from a few days away. Once again we went to the theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon where we saw a superb production of the *Taming of the Shrew*. Sadly we were unable to also see *Hamlet* because Dr Who fans had descended and bought up all the tickets. They were exchanging hands, purportedly, for £1000 a ticket outside. Needless to say we decided not to pay those kinds of sums.

Leonie Henderson



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Seven Rivers Leonard Cheshire Disability

would like to thank everyone who came along to share in our 60th celebrations. It was a beautiful day, and the music and fancy dress reflected the passing 60 years.

From time to time we have staff vacancies from Nursing to Kitchen Assistants, Carers to Laundry workers, Domestic to Volunteer Coordinators. The posts can be a variety of full time, part time or even occasional hours.

We offer a good induction service and ongoing training. What a useful resource on the doorstep!

So if you are working for a change or you want to try something new give us a call on 01206 230 345 and ask for Deborah.

Forthcoming events:

Car Boot Sale
20th September 10-2 pm
Pitches £5 per car
(Weather permitting)

Also just to let you know that two of our care staff, Les and Rachel, have started training for a half marathon held on behalf of Leonard Cheshire Disability. This included running all across London in the Royal Parks.

The date of the event is 12th October, 2008. If you would like to support or sponsor them, please call in.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF GRACE GOULD

2 March 1919 to 18 July 2008

Written by Robert Gould



Mum was born Grace Priscilla Bennett on 2 March 1919 in Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London. Her earliest memory was after her mother died, being taken to a neighbour with her baby brother whilst her father went to work.

The family was split up, her brother being sent to one family in Folkestone and Mum was sent to another. After a short period, and due to times being very difficult, she was sent to a foster home in Bishops Stortford unfortunately losing contact with her brother,

Around the time she was seven she went to a National Children's Home in South Wales meeting up with two girls from the school they had attended in Bishops Stortford. They became life long friends. The orphanage prepared her for her future employment 'in service', so at sixteen she travelled by train from Wales to Folkestone for her first job going there because she had family there and where she was reunited with her brother Ben. Her father had died sometime before. Moving from various households she found herself in Bentley, Surrey in December 1939. She met Dad on her first day in this new employment.

The war was imminent and she went to work at Farnham Hospital. The courtship began by letter. Dad's family moved to Chertsey, Surrey. She would travel to the family home to see him on her day off. They became engaged in 1943. Having no parents, she felt that she wanted to make a home of their own and perhaps in the future have children of their own. They married on 23 September 1944 after

an air raid, which meant the groom and the best man were late, leaving the bride to 'go round the block' with Ben who was giving her away.

By this time Dad's parents had moved to Great Wigborough in Essex. The newly weds arrived with the little possessions they had. After staying a fortnight they found a house and job of their own at White House Farm, Elmstead. Having been very much a town girl she quickly had to learn the ways of the country by chopping wood, drawing water from the well and cooking on a range. Staying at White House Farm, Elmstead for 6 months, they then moved to Great Bromley in April 1945. Dad started work for Mr H C Hayward at Badley Hall. Mum continued her 'in service' at Major Gunters during 1946.

Her family increased in December 1947 with the arrival of Mary and followed by my arrival in November 1948. Life wasn't easy for the new mum with two small children and a home with no electricity or running water.

Mum stayed at home with the children until they were school age when she went to work on the land in the village mainly for Mr Hayward. Her brother Ben and his family emigrated to Australia in 1959, returning to visit twice in the mid seventies.

In the early sixties Mum started work at Seven Rivers as a domestic help. She continued there until she was 70. She could be often seen in the village going to and fro on her red bike.

In 1971 the family increased when I married Ann. In 1973, after Dad passed away, Mum became more active in village life. She became involved with the WI, Friendship Club, Gardening Club, and

helping with fund raising events at Seven Rivers. If assistance was needed then Mum would be there from serving tea to selling raffle tickets taking part in the entertainment to the enjoyment of those watching. She was also an active member of the choir at St Georges.

She became a Nanny in 1976 when Jenny was born and again in 1979 when Lorraine arrived.

The family continued to grow when Mary married Michael in 1981. She was then Nanny again when Paul was born in 1983. In November of that year she gained her flying wings by travelling to Australia for Paul's christening.

Mum enjoyed gardening, craft work, helping at fund raising events for various and many organisations, and who ... could not forget her marmalade? We wonder, how many jars did she make? Always a money spinner. Her poems and letter writing skills have been enjoyed by many, her letters to you, so vivid, as though you were sitting beside her. They made you feel as though you could see what she was seeing at the time. From a beautiful rose bud in the garden to the little robin hopping around taking the food she had put out for him.

Time passed and the family increased again when Jenny and Danny became partners. A while later she was one of the proud Nanny's of the bride when Lorraine married Toby.

Having reached 80 she decided to stop being a volunteer coffee lady at Seven Rivers and take life a little slower. At 81 she became Great Nanny when Jenny and Danny had Emily the next year, Lorraine and Toby had Megan. Then Lewis joined Emily and Mackenzie joined Megan. Although when all together they are quite a noisy crowd, she marvelled in their individual characters and achievements, and appeared to enjoy watching them at the various family events. How her family has grown.

During the last 12 months Mum's health

declined and although she recovered from a fractured hip, she wasn't as independent as she would have liked to have been.

We would like to especially thank Bunny, Sue, Peter, Anne, Colin, Liz and all friends, and carers who helped and supported her to maintain her independence, which enabled her to stay in her own home, which she loved. Thank you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cards and letters, to all of those who attended the services at the church and at Weeley. Also thank you for your donations to the NCH Children's Charity for which we have collected nearly £700

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mrs Grace Gould

A member of the Club for MANY years who never missed a meeting until ill health intervened. Always ready to help in any of the activities especially when we had our Sales - her stall with books and toys always surrounded by the children. Sadly we must now remember her with love as she passed away two weeks ago. A service was held at the Great Bromley church where so many of her friends and family joined together. Mary, her daughter from Australia, read the poem 'Remember' by Christina Rossetti and the eulogy was read by family members. Afterwards a meal was prepared by Richard and Brenda at the Cross Inn. Sleep well, dear Grace - you deserve to rest.

At the last meeting we had a talk on the villages in the area - the competition was a postcard showing the picture of a village. The competition for September is 'A bookmark'.

Vicky Griffiths

TO MY MOTHER'S FRIENDS IN AND AROUND GREAT BROMLEY

Thank you for all the kindness and generosity shown to my Mother, **Grace Gould**.

I am sorry I was not able to catch up with many of you during my brief visit to the village. I am back in Australia again.

During my visits to the UK in recent years, I always wanted to hear more of my Mother's past, but she was hungry for news of my family, so she managed to get me to do most of the talking instead of the other way round.

There were many people who signed our Memorial Book, who I would have liked the opportunity to talk to, but time was against me.

We have gathered all the copies of her poems that we found.

Perhaps you have a special memory of Grace, or a memory she told you of her childhood that you would be happy to share with me.

I can be contacted at :
37 Baldwin Avenue,
Boronia
Victoria 3155
Australia

Or for those with email or friends with email
mmp.phillips@bigpond.com

A Special Thank You to so many people who have helped Grace in recent years.

Yours sincerely
Mary (Gould) Phillips

BELLRINGERS TRIBUTE TO GRACE GOULD

A Quarter Peal (approximately 45 minutes' duration) was rung on the bells of St George's Church, Great Bromley on Friday, 15th August in memory of Grace Priscilla Gould by members of the North East District, Essex Association of Change Ringers.

1320 changes of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles were rung and those taking part were Anne Bray (District Master), Susan Orriss (WI President), Barbara Hollis (Ardleigh Tower Captain), David Wenden (Great Bromley Tower Captain), Paul Bray (Conductor) and Bevan Willgress. The bells were also rung immediately prior to her funeral service a few days earlier.

The local ringers, Derek and Barry Bloyce, Philip and Dominique Erith, are

associated with this tribute.

Grace was well known in the local area and supported many organisations locally. She was known to enjoy hearing the bells rung and her late husband, John Gould, was a local ringer and former District Association Secretary. Also some of her children were ringers. Our sincere condolences to her family, she will be sadly missed.

Bevan Willgress



The Bromley Messenger

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	2007/2008	2006/2007
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Donations	43.26	77.00
Advertisements	2872.43	2880.79
Sponsorship	969.00	899.00
Total	<u>3884.69</u>	<u>3856.79</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing	3362.88	2977.77
Postage	43.26	44.70
Expenses	112.83	282.80
(deficit)/surplus	<u>365.72</u>	<u>551.50</u>
Total	<u>3884.69</u>	<u>3856.79</u>

Bromley Messenger Reserve Fund 31st March

Balance as at 1st April 2007	3910.87	2006	3359.37
Surplus	365.72		551.50
Balance as at 31st March 2008	4276.59	2007	3910.87

Honorary Treasurer, L B Christodoulides MBE

Comments

Another small surplus this year especially as we produced the little handy booklet as well.

Our auditor, Kate Beauchamp, has checked the books again; we thank her for her voluntary efforts.

Several inserts have been made this year which we try to discourage as the weight of the magazine goes up. However we do charge for this service especially as it takes some time to insert the "flyer". Many thanks to sponsors, advertisers, printer, proof reader, auditor, editor, delivery organisers, delivery persons, and of course me, for all their efforts.

If you have any questions on the figures please contact me.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

www.essexinfo.net/gbbc

Report of the parish council meeting held on 14 August 2008

Planning

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

2 Chase Cottages, Honeypot Lane – new chimney stack.

Morants Hall, Colchester Road – replacement barn.

Parkland, Frating Road – rear conservatory.

Land adjacent to Ransom Court, Chase Road West – new bungalow and garage.

The Council considered and objected to the following planning application:
Land east of Hall Road (opposite Bush Farm) – three adjoining free-range poultry buildings with packing and collecting facilities, mobile home and concrete access track.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Camelot, Ardleigh Road – two storey side extension and front porch.

Brundells, Brundells Road – rear conservatory.

3 Fairfield Close – two-storey rear extension replacing conservatory.

Talisman Coachlines, Harwich Road – continuing use of permanent floodlighting.

Furze End, Furze Lane – replace commercial with domestic store.

Hill House, Harwich Road – roof repairs, new dormers and listed building consent.

Tendring District Council has refused the following planning application:

Talisman Coachlines – increase the number of motor coaches allowed on site from 10 to 20.

Hare Green recreation ground

The Royal Society for the Prevention of

Accidents has inspected the playing field and its equipment and found these to be largely satisfactory. The council will be undertaking some remedial work and a safety barrier will be erected at the entrance near the telephone box.

War Memorial

Drawing on the Custodian's recommendations the following improvements will be undertaken to the war memorial: (a) replacement of the loose stones round the base with a hard surface; (b) installation of a permanent wire round the base to which poppies and wreaths can be attached; (c) cutting back the hedge to the rear of the memorial and replacing it with a hard surface. Please contact the council chairman (Martin Frostick) if you would be interested in volunteering to help carry out this work.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 11 September 2008 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP REPORTS

WG 5 – Hazardous Roads

Banish those Brambles!

Many thanks to those homeowners and landowners who have already cut back brambles and other vegetation growing out from their roadside hedges, particularly where these obstruct pedestrians using local footways and footpaths. However, there are still regular complaints from pedestrians about brambles and branches which have not

yet been trimmed in the village – so if this applies to your hedge then fellow parishioners would be grateful if you were to give your hedge the attention it deserves.

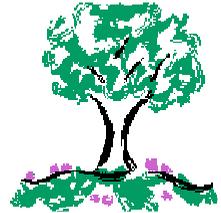
Working Group members will be inspecting roadside hedges and trees again this winter and, although there has been a huge improvement in the general condition of these throughout the village, there are still a small number of areas requiring attention. For those who missed the guidance notes regarding owners' responsibilities for roadside trees and hedges published in the Messenger last winter, the key points will be included in next month's magazine.

Martin Frostick

WG 13 – Tree Planting

Assisted by the wet weather, the trees and hedging in the village tree nursery have grown exceptionally well this year and there will be about 800 to plant out this winter. The wet weather has also helped the trees and hedging planted out around the village last winter to thrive – only 5 have died, giving a survival rate of over 99.5%.

Several sites have been proposed for tree planting this coming season but more sites are required. Further suggestions are sought from parishioners and landowners and these would be particularly welcome if the trees would be visible from a public right of way and if assistance with watering (if necessary) could be given during summer 2009. Additional volunteers are needed to help with planting these trees which (as existing members of the WG will testify) is a fun and satisfying way to spend the odd day or two, particularly knowing that the fruits of your labour will benefit future inhabitants of the village in the coming decades and centuries.



Please contact me on 01206 250263 with your tree planting suggestions or to volunteer to help during the coming season.

Martin Frostick

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE EVENT 2009

MORE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!



At its August meeting, Great Bromley Parish Council supported the concept of holding a village event in 2009 and agreed to sponsor it. The event is likely to be a village fete held in the

area of the village hall during June or July and involving the majority of organisations in the village. It may be followed by a barn dance/village social in the evening. Such an event needs a considerable amount of planning and

organisation to be a success and **it is not too late to offer your help.** A few enthusiastic volunteers have already come forward and it is intended to hold the first meeting of the organising committee in September/October. Come on – join the team! Any individuals interested in helping to organise this event are asked to make contact with the parish council chairman (Martin Frostick) or clerk (Ken Bromfield) as soon as possible. Remember – without more volunteers this event may not happen!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Little Bromley Parish Council

Report of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th August at the Haywain.

The following matters were discussed.

There were 3 members of the parish present. Also present was Councillor David Lines, Executive Leader of Tendring District council.

Public Forum

Members of the public were invited to express any concerns that they may have.

Principally there were:

- a) Proposed reservoir at Great Bromley and effects on the water table.
- b) Volume of traffic should Tesco planning application be approved.
- c) What is a rural path?

The Great Bromley Reservoir

As yet no further information. More inquiries and planning decisions are to be made.

Tesco Traffic

It was agreed that no further action would be taken by the Council at this time. The Highways Department is abreast of the situation on the traffic through Little Bromley and will ensure that weight restrictions are enforced.

The Litter Picking exercise led by Anita Spall and her team of volunteers was a huge success. 'Well done everyone'.

Rural Path

Unfortunately the meeting due to take place in July did not take place but it is hopefully forecasted to take place later this month. For the concerned parties it will not be a concrete paved walkway.

Firework Night

Some fireworks have now been purchased. The Chairman is to be congratulated on his 'wheeling and dealing'.

Catering, in its broadest sense, is now in hand. Fine detail will be discussed at the

next meeting on 2nd October.

The Chairman pointed out to Councillor David Lines one or two concerns of the council - the Lamb's scrapyards and the Old Smithy - which he promised to look into.

Parcels for Heroes

The Council agreed it would be a great idea that in conjunction with Great Bromley we presented our servicemen and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq with comfort parcels. The Clerk agreed that once Great Bromley had agreed he would get the information out to the public of both parishes.

A 'Bulk Rubbish' Collection will be arranged in the near future. The staff concerned are on their annual holidays.

The date of the next meeting is to be on Thursday, 2nd October (preparation for the fireworks) at The Haywain.

A C Downes MBE, Clerk to the Council

GT BROMLEY FOOTPATH GROUP

Photo taken by Brenda Perry outside the Cross Inn on Thursday, 31st July showing some of the Footpath Group after a 'clearance' session

Peter Scott



LITTLE BROMLEY FIREWORK DISPLAY

Little Bromley Firework Display on

Friday 7th November 2008
at 7.30pm

Only £2 to park your car.

To be held at Barlon Road, Little Bromley.
(The field adjacent to St. Mary's Church)

We are pleased to announce that we will be once again holding a "Firework Display" in Little Bromley. We hope that it will be an enjoyable evening for all the family. There will be a fantastic display of fireworks to see and we will have some sparklers available to buy.



There will be burgers and mulled wine available for you to enjoy throughout the evening. Soft drinks will also be available.

We will be having a "Best Guy" competition, which will be judged at 7pm so you need to arrive from 6.30pm if entering a Guy. Then make a Guy Fawkes (of any shape and size), come along and book him in then go and line him up with all the others and later in the evening see who wins a great prize! (There will be a small prize for all entrants) Afterwards you can watch him burn on our bonfire or take him home if you prefer.

In order to make this event a success, extra help is always appreciated. We particularly need some more stewards to comply with insurance and health and safety regulations. Please let us know if you are prepared to help.

We will be looking for donations of wood for our bonfire nearer the date, so if you can remember, please save it for then.

There will be more details to follow nearer the event

AND REMEMBER if you would like to be play a part in this fun evening contact Major Downes on 01206 391015 or Carol Cordwell on 01206 395103.

GREAT BROMLEY WAR MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Great Bromley Parish Council has agreed that minor improvements should be undertaken to the war memorial plinth. These include replacement of the loose stones with suitable paving slabs and cutting back the hedge to allow all sides of the plinth to be cleaned. The parish council will pay for the materials needed but it is hoped that members of the public will come forward to lend a hand with the physical work. It is intended to complete the work in time for Remembrance Sunday in November. If you would like to offer a few hours of your time during October to join the team to undertake this

worthy task, then please pass your name to the parish clerk (Ken Bromfield) as soon as possible. Volunteers with paving/landscaping experience and related tools/equipment would be particularly welcome. I will be planning the project in the next week or so and will contact volunteers at the end of September to arrange a suitable date on which to undertake the work.



Chris Phillips



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: 2 - 5 years. £6 per session.
Ofsted inspected.

For more details/visits, please contact
Group Secretary-Debbie on 01206 250183

Our Coffee Morning/ Fun Day held in July was a great success, the bouncy castle and face painting proved as popular as ever. The weather was kind and we were able to use our outside area too. It was lovely to see some of our former children who now attend school and catch up with their news.

A big thank you to the volunteers for all their hard work.



Autumn Term starts on Monday 8th September: our theme is 'Books'

In planning our activities we take into account the individual needs and interests of the children. This provides maximum opportunities for learning and development. Lots of fun too!

We look forward to welcoming the new children starting this term and their families; we hope you enjoy your time with us.

J. C.

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305

School in the Community

www.cooingwith schools

Don't forget the school gets 40p when you register your token code found on the paper insert in your FLORA tubs on the net
the net
OR

Give them to the school for them to enter. So far we've got £5.60 but most of it is from my entries so where are yours? No wonder I'm putting on weight!

Len Christodoulides



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

CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB WINNERS

June

- 1st D Scarlett
- 2nd Peter Saych
- 3rd M Frostick

July

- 1st Kay Mitchell
- 2nd L Oakley
- 3rd Andy Pirie

August

- 1st J Herring
- 2nd Pip Allam
- 3rd Gem Foley

Gt. Bromley Cricket

Club are holding a Quiz Night at Gt. Bromley Village Hall on Saturday 1st November, 2008, 7.30p.m. for 8p.m. Teams up to 8 people, Tickets £3 and please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please contact me on 01206 230375 to reserve your table. Hope to see you then.

Phil Allam



GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Trees and Shrubs

Plant or transplant evergreen shrubs and trees. Take semi-hard cuttings of evergreen conifers, holly, cherry, laurel and aucuba.



Roses

Deadhead as necessary. Tie in new shoots on climbers and keep a watch for diseases and treat accordingly.

Perennials

Deadhead perennials and cut down all dead stems.

Dahlias

Water in dry spells and make sure plants are well supported, disbud for long blooms.

Carnations and Pinks

Plant young border plants. Pinch out growing tips.

Update on Fig Tree No 5

When I planted the fig tree last September it had one fig which I left on the tree to mature. It finally dropped off. Now I have three figs with one the size of a walnut. The figs appear in the leaf axles.

Frank Griffiths

THANKS

Altar and kneelers and priest cushions



A big thank you to those of you who donated money towards or supported the coffee morning on Saturday, 2nd August. Despite the lack of summer sunshine and warmth a magnificent £233 was raised and a very pleasant time was had by all who came. The cakes were yummy.

Thank you again.

Jenny Nicholls

FROM THE PAST

A Husband's Competition

Husbandman, Richard Woode, of Little Bromley made his wife, Ann, promise that when he died she would observe the terms of his will, dated 22 July 1568, and pay his son, John, 33s 4d and son, William, 26s 8d and his daughters, Alice, Susan and Mary, each 26s 8d.

If Ann, his wife, remarried she and her second husband had to enter into a bond for £20 with his brother, William, to pay all these bequests.

John Appleby

Forthcoming Events



SEPTEMBER

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 PCSO Les Barnes 'Surgery', Village Hall, 7.00-8.00pm
- 8 Playgroup new term starts
- 11 Gt Bromley parish council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Heritage Open Day, Lt Bromley church, 9.00am
- Essex Police Choir, St George's Church, 7.30pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 20 Car Boot Sale, Seven Rivers, 10.00am
- 21 Harvest Thanksgiving, Lt Bromley church, 6.30pm
- 23 Village Hall committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Harvest Thanksgiving, Gt Bromley church, 10.30am
followed by Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 30 Seven Rivers Autumn Sale, Village Hall, 10.30am

OCTOBER

- 2 WEA Course "Spanish Mosaic", Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm
- Lt Bromley parish council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 8 PCSO Les Barnes 'Surgery', Village Hall, 7.00-8.00pm
- 18 Musical Murder Mystery Evening, Village Hall

NOVEMBER

- 1 Cricket Club Quiz, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 PCSO Les Barnes 'Surgery', Village Hall, 7.00-8.00pm
- 7 Little Bromley Firework Display, Barlon Road, Lt Bromley, 7.30pm

DECEMBER

- 6 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- 10 PCSO Les Barnes 'Surgery', Village Hall, 7.00-8.00pm

Friends of Little Bromley Church

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 13th September
9.00am-6.00pm

This coincides with Historic
Churches Cycle Ride



Harvest Thanksgiving
Service

Sunday, 21st September
6.30pm



WEA Course
Ardleigh Branch

Spanish Mosaic

Tutor Catherine Dell
10 weeks commencing
2nd October 2008

Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road,
Ardleigh

2.30 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.

Fee £43

Contacts Jill Frostick 01206 250263 or
John Terry 01206 230490



For further details see page 34

The Essex Police Choir

a musical evening at

St George's Church
Great Bromley

Saturday 13 September 2008
7.30pm



£8 (under 21s £2)
including refreshments

Tickets from
The Cross Inn, Gt Bromley
or from 01206 230089
or at the door

in aid of St George's Church general fund

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

A great evening's entertainment is in store
at

Great Bromley Village Hall
on Saturday 18th October 2008

when a Murder takes place before your
very eyes. Will you be the first to solve it?
if you can a bottle of champagne will be
yours.

The price is £13.50 per person which
includes supper and a fabulous evening's
entertainment. The evening has been
described as "Britain's best musical
murder mystery 'whodunnit' play/farce."
The cast are professional
actors/actresses.

The setting is in the Savoy Hotel Cabaret
Room, and there is a prize for the best
dressed couple.



Tickets are now available from
Village Hall committee
members. Why not make up a
table, bring you family and
friends. Bring your own
drinks.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME AUTUMN SALE

Ladies clothing, men's accessories,
shoes, toys, stocking fillers, gardening
accessories, china, jewellery, greeting
cards, and a wide range of gift ideas
at Great Bromley Village Hall
on Tuesday, 30th September

10.30am to 3.00pm

Entry: £2.00

Refreshments including coffee,
cakes, sandwiches will also be available



**Leonard
Cheshire
Disability**

SEVEN RIVERS CAR BOOT SALE

20th September

10.00am—2.00pm

Pitches £5 per car
(Weather permitting)



CRICKET CLUB QUIZ

1st November

In the Village Hall
At 7.30pm for 8.00pm
Teams up to 8 people

Tickets £3 each

Contact Phil Allam on 01206 230375

Bring Your Own drinks and nibbles



LITTLE BROMLEY FIREWORK DISPLAY

On Friday 7th November 2008
at 7.30pm

Only £2 to park your car.

To be held at: Barlon Road,
Little Bromley.

(The field adjacent to St.
Mary's Church)



For further details see page 13

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee met on 22nd July with 10 members present.

We would like to acknowledge with thanks the kind gift of a microwave oven for use in the hall kitchen, it is much appreciated.

The committee are increasing the hire charges from 1st September 2008 to try and keep abreast of rising running costs brought about by changes to oil, electricity, water, sewerage and waste disposal etc. charges being incurred. The hire charges have been held stable for the last two years, being previously changed in 2006.



The Village Hall committee has been considering, for the past year, the replacement of the hall roof which is deteriorating

and we have recently made an application to Essex County Council for a grant (with the help of the Parish Council). This is a costly business and can only be undertaken with the aid of donations and grants: the normal income to the hall will not meet the expense of replacing the roof.

We were blessed with good weather for our coffee morning fund raising event held in July hosted by our committee and friends at the village hall. Our grateful thanks to the organisers and helpers and to those of you who, most importantly, came along on the day to support the function. A total of £507 was raised for which we appreciate your help.

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, 23rd September at 7.30pm in the hall.

Have you booked your tickets for the Musical Murder Mystery Evening, The Golden Girl, at Gt Bromley village hall on

Saturday, 18th October? If not, then why not give Fred Nicholls a ring on 01206 230688 and secure your seat for this special event. The price of £13.50 includes supper and a wonderful evening's entertainment.

The Christmas Fayre at the village hall will be on Saturday, 6th December with funds raised to be shared equally between the Village Hall and Women's Institute.

To book the hall, contact Mrs Lynda Allam on 01206 230375 who will advise on availability and cost.

Bevan Willgress

KITCHEN CORNER

A salad dish for the hot weather!

Bean Stew

serves 4 people

1lb runner beans, prepared and sliced
salt and pepper
2-3oz shelled walnuts, roughly chopped
4 sticks celery, chopped
2 firm dessert apples, cored and chopped
2 large carrots, peeled and cut into thin sticks
4-6 tbsp French dressing
2 tbsp fine chopped onion

Cook beans in boiling salted water until tender-crisp. Drain, rinse in cold water then drain thoroughly. Turn into a large bowl and add nuts, celery, apple and onion. Toss and add dressing and toss lightly with the dressing. Serve sprinkled with the chopped onion



Jill Frostick



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Wednesday 6th August, fifteen members and friends enjoyed our morning "trying our hands" at water colour painting. Marsha Heath was a very good teacher. She showed us some samples of her work, different methods and how to blend colours. Using the techniques learnt, we then produced our own masterpieces!

Our morning passed so quickly that it was soon time to go to "The Cross" Inn where Brenda had prepared us a buffet lunch; as usual she had not disappointed us. Thank you, Brenda and Richard, for a lovely lunch.

In September, we have Brian Piccolo telling us about "His Life as a Couturier". If you would like to come along on Wednesday, 3rd September in Gt Bromley Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, you will be most welcome.

June Willgress



JUST A REMINDER

If you received a brochure outlining the proposed new wood for Elmstead Market in your Bromley Messenger last month, this is to remind you to please fill it in and send it off, no stamp necessary.

If you didn't, let me outline the object of this project. The Woodland Trust has the opportunity to purchase 100 hectares (250 acres) of open farmland between Elmstead Market and Great Bromley, on the Bromley Road just after the reservoir. The sum of £2m is required to purchase this site and £1.5m is needed by September 2008 to secure the land. The area extends from the A604 to the A120 to the north, has a footpath running through it, and will link two ancient woodlands. The site might otherwise be turned into a quarry or a development site, but we can help preserve it for future generations. The aim is to create a woodland haven for wildlife, which in time will host buzzards, barn owls, and plants such as bluebells and wood anemones.

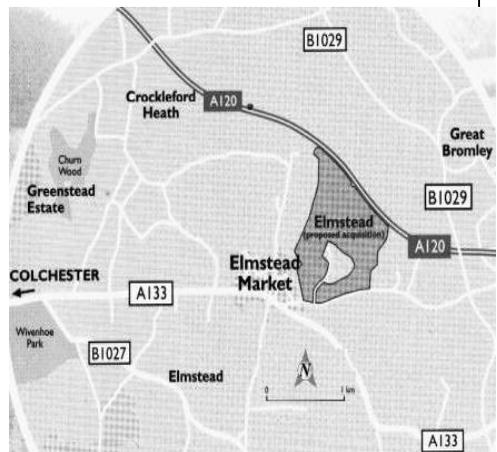
If you would like more information please contact John Minns, 01206 392012. The idea is to make a pledge which will be

redeemed by the Woodland Trust if they are successful in reaching the target sum. Every £1 pledged will help the Trust to raise £40 from other funding sources. Great Bromley Parish Council has been approached with a view to assisting the project, so please let them know your feelings.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/elmstead

Thank you.

K Steers



BACK TO SCHOOL QUIZ

Compiled by Ian Harris

1. Kings School Canterbury is said to be Britain's oldest school, when was it founded?
2. Where does the word 'school' come from?
3. What is 'school' in French, German, Italian and Spanish?
4. What four legged animal would you school?
5. Apart from fish, what other creatures congregate in schools?
6. Which young monarch reigned for only 6 years and achieved very little during his reign except for starting the grammar schools that still bear his name today?
7. Which member of a famous group was described in one school report as being, "*Certainly on the road to failurehopeless*"
8. Which famous politician was described as "*A constant trouble to everybody cannot be trusted to behave himself anywhere?*"
9. What is the name of the cruel, one eyed school master who runs Dotheboys Hall in Dickens Nicholas Nickleby and what happens to him?
10. Who sings the title song in the film, "To Sir with Love" and what is the name of the character?
11. Who is the most famous pupil of Greyfriars School and what is his nickname?
12. And finally one for mature students. In the film, "Educating Rita" what was Rita's surname and who wrote the original play on which the film was based?



Answers on page 21



WEA Course
Ardleigh Branch

Spanish Mosaic

Tutor Catherine Dell

10 weeks commencing
2nd October 2008

Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road,
Ardleigh

2.30 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.

Fee £43

Contacts Jill Frostick 01206 250263 or
John Terry 01206 230490

This course will explore Spain, its country and its culture, each week being on a different theme and will touch on several different topics such as the pilgrimage to Compostela, the legacy of Al-Andalus and painting from El Greco to Goya, the Civil War, the Legacy of the Islamic Presence to Spanish Music and Spain at Leisure. So a wide range of topics relating to Spain will be covered, and as each week will be

on a different topic it is felt that you will not have missed something if you have to miss a week of the course for any reason. Unfortunately the fees have had to increase again this term but to try and keep the cost around the same, the tea, coffee and biscuits in the break which takes place around 3.15 p.m. will be free for this term.

Do come along and give it a try, the first week is free so you can see what the course is about, and ask the Tutor and Committee questions etc. The course fee has to be paid if you come along to the second week. The only concession is if a couple come along together. We have met the Tutor, Catherine Dell, and she is very enthusiastic about her subject and has been to Spain many times. We are confident that you will enjoy her course.

We hope to see you in October
John Terry (Chairman WEA Ardleigh)

FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERY

News from Ardleigh surgery

Influenza vaccinations

It is influenza clinic time again!

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

'Flu clinics will be held on Thursday afternoons weekly starting on the 2 October and ending on the 6 November.

Please telephone the surgery to book into one of those clinics. We encourage patients to attend these clinics rather than use valuable normal appointment slots unless you are attending the doctor or nurse for some other reason.

This year we are considering the practicalities of screening patients aged over 65 for Arterial Fibrillation which will involve patients having their pulse taken when having their 'flu injection.

New GP Trainee



A new GP Trainee, Dr Emily Foster, started her training year with the Ardleigh practice on the 6 August. Dr Foster was previously on placement at Creffield Road Surgery from Colchester General Hospital.

Dr Susmitha Pavuluri is on maternity leave and will be returning on the 1 October for two months to complete her training year.

Website repeat prescription requests

The facility to request repeat prescription via a webpage form on the practice website at www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk has been available for sometime.

Unfortunately, we are being hit by spam which is making this facility difficult to administer. We will, therefore, be changing over in September to a more secure web based system that will interface directly with our general practice clinical computer system. This will require patients wishing to continue to request prescriptions via a website to obtain a User ID and password from the surgery. Information about the new prescription request system will be posted on the practice website in September. We are also exploring using this secure web based system to allow patients to book routine surgery appointments online.

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

POLICE



Incidents in Gt Bromley for the month of July

Nuisance Youth - Frating Road

Newsletter for the month of August

These are the latest scams

Mr Goodman has attended ECSD today to inform police that he received a phone call today stating that he had won an Audi and asking if he would like to enter the euro lottery - the conversation then went on with the male asking for Mr Goodman's card details - these were not passed, but INFT wanted police to be aware in case someone does fall for this. Mr Goodman thinks that the company where called Echo1 and the phone number started 0844.

A Scottish sounding young man claiming to be "Jamie" wanted personal details about my Barclaycard. I told him to put his request in writing. I have also received phishing e-mails from people claiming to be Cahoot Bank and Yorkshire Bank (I don't have an account with either bank). Perhaps you could pass on the warning to others please.

*As in a local paper
weekending 12th July 2008*

Ignore these calls, warn police

Police have issued a warning to businesses after a series of bogus calls from people claiming to be acting on their behalf.

Bogus sellers have called businesses in the Tendring area, trying to sell advertisements about crime prevention and awareness.

Charges of between £195 and £395 have been quoted to publish adverts.

In one incident, the owner of a business in Holland-on-Sea was called, asking if he wanted to pay for an advertisement for a local crime awareness book.

Calvin Heal, crime reduction officer for Tendring said "The publications do not

exist but the sellers become very persistent and ask for payment".

He said in some cases, threatening phone calls have been made and letters sent warning about bailiffs if businesses do not pay for the advertising.

"They are extremely unpleasant people and it worries the average shopkeeper or business person," Mr Heal added.

He said in the past week he had dealt with seven or eight calls from people believing bogus sellers had targeted them.

"They should never agree to anything over the telephone".

Until they get in black and white with a proper business logo, an address that can be verified and a phone number, they should have nothing whatsoever to do with them.

If they are suspicious they can always check by phoning me" he said.

Mr Heal can be contacted at Clacton police station on 01255 254020 or email calvin.heal@essex.police.uk

Please note this "scam" is being used at local schools as well now.

*As in a local paper
weekending 12th July 2008*

We have reports that another paving company from Kettering are knocking on doors in our area. This time it's 'Reinforced Paving' from Kettering. Trading Standards in both Northants and Essex are very interested in these Kettering Pavers. I don't have any vehicles for you to look out for with this particular crew.



Any information on these people please contact me or Keith Pike, Essex Trading Standards 01245 341909.

PCSO LES BARNES 71909
Thorpe Le Soken Police Station.
TEL 01255862843 – 07967 466876

EssexWorks.

For a better quality of life

A participative training workshop

Getting the Funding for Your Project

On Wednesday 17th September 2008
At Rural Community Council of Essex,
Theshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road,
Feering, Essex. CO5 9SE

Course tutors: Gill Jolly BSc (Hons) MInstF (cert), Achieve Consultants Ltd. and Mary Atkins BA (Hons) MInstF, Tree Initiative Manager, Essex County Council
All bookings must be received by 3rd September, 2008 at the latest

Please return booking forms to:
Angela Gamble or Laura Boreham,
CTS, E3/Country Parks,
c/o Essex County Council,
County Hall,
Chelmsford, Essex. CM1 1QH
Tel No 01245 437741/437574 Fax No
01245 437213
Email agamble@essexcc.gov.uk or
lboreham@essexcc.gov.uk

NORTH EAST ESSEX PCT's AGM

will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 23 September
2008

Venue: Second Floor, Primary
Care Centre, Turner
Road, Colchester, CO4
5JR

Timings: 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm - Stalls
and Events
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm - AGM

Everyone welcome to attend and light refreshments will be available.

A flyer is attached to display in public areas - if you require printed copies to be sent to you, please reply to this email with number required and address.

For more details, please visit our website

www.northeastessexpct.nhs.uk or ring the Communications Department on 01206 286830.

The Answers to **Back to School Quiz** on page 18

1. It was a Medieval cathedral school founded by St. Augustine in 597. After the dissolution of the monasteries it was refounded and renamed Kings School on the instructions of Henry VIII.
2. It comes from the Latin word schola and the Old English word scol both of which owe their origin to an Ancient Greek word meaning leisure. (Interesting).
3. School in French is école, in German is schule, in Italian is La Scuola and in Spanish is escuela.
4. You would school a horse.
5. Whales, dolphins and porpoises are found in schools.
6. King Edward VI, son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour who was 9 when he ascended the throne in 1547 and only 15 when he died.
7. John Lennon, Quarry Bank School, Liverpool, 1957, aged 17.
8. Sir Winston Churchill, St. George's School, Ascot and Harrow, 1884, aged 10.
9. His name is Whackford Squeers and he is arrested for trying to fake Smike's parentage and is sentenced to be transported to Australia
10. The song is sung by Marie McLaughlin Lawrie, better known as Lulu and the name of her character is Barbara Pegg.
11. He is Billy Bunter also known as "The fat owl of the Remove". The television series that ran from 1953 to 1961 was so popular that it was shown at 5.40 p.m. for children and again at 8.00 p.m. for their parents. Gerald Champion who played Bunter must hold the record as the oldest schoolboy since he was 29 when the series began and 38 when it finished.
12. Rita's surname is White and the original play is based on the Open University and was written by the wonderful Willy Russell.

CLACTON & DISTRICT STROKE ASSOCIATION

A local charity caring for the community of Tendring for over 30 years

Registered Charity No. 1054049

85 Frinton Road, Holland on Sea, Essex, C015 5UH

Telephone/Fax 01255 815905 - Stroke Family Support 01255 815916

email: cdsa@freeola.com - www.cdsa.org.uk

Stroke Information Day - 'HEALTHY LIVING, HEALTHY YOU'

This will cover diet and exercise and how to prevent a stroke and other life threatening illnesses

We are holding our regular **Stroke Prevention/Information Day** on **Tuesday 21st October 2008, 10am – 2pm**, at our premises. The title of the day will be **'Healthy Living, Health You'**. As usual we will be offering **blood pressure and diabetes checks**, plus information and advice on **cholesterol levels**.

In addition there will be an opportunity to speak to a dietician and other organisations offering information and advice about weight control programmes. Advice and information about exercise and keeping fit will be offered by representatives from the Leisure Centre, local swimming pool and local walking group with ideas to suit your needs. Regular exercise is crucial in prevention of stroke and the risk of a secondary stroke and takes care of your heart. Looking after your body means you look after your life and controlling your weight is an important part of this.

Members of staff will be available on the day to discuss the service we provide to stroke survivors their families and carers.

Self directed Support - Personalised Budgets

The change in provision of funding for personal care from Social Care has undergone a radical change which has brought about many questions and difficulty in finding the answers. We will have a Social Worker available on the day to explain the new process and answer any questions.

Stroke Carers' Group

Meets last Wednesdays of the month
at our premises, 2 - 3.30 pm.
This group is for carers only.

For more information call
Stroke Carers and Family Support
01255 815916

Support Group Meetings

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month
7 - 9pm at the address above.
This group is for anyone affected by stroke
or acquired brain injury and is held in
conjunction with Headway Essex, the brain
injuries charity. They can be contacted on
01206 768797

Forthcoming Events held at the address above

Jumble Sale 27th September 10-12 noon.

Christmas Fayre 22nd November 10-12 noon.

The local Alzheimer's Society hold support group meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at our premises. For more information call 01255 474650

**Age Concern Toe nail cutting service held here 7th October and 28th October
By appointment only – phone 01245 423333**

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for September

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Trinity 16 Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with Baptism	
Sunday 14th	8.00am	Trinity 17 Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Trinity 18 - St Matthew Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with Baptism	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Harvest Evensong	<i>St Mary's, Lt Bromley</i>
Sunday 28th	8.00am	Trinity 19 - Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	<i>followed by Harvest Lunch at Village Hall, 12.30 for 1.00pm</i> Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 5th October	8.00am	Trinity 20 Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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

The Dedham Educational Foundation

The Governors invite applications from those resident in the Parishes of Ardleigh, 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 the 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 – 26th October, 2008.