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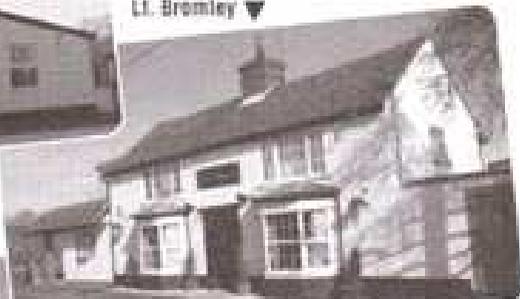
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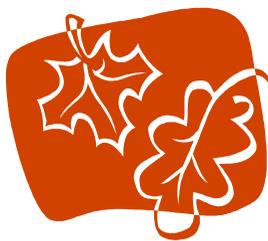
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AUTUMN AND BEYOND



Although it is autumn, the time of the year when the growing season comes to an end with Nature's final flourish reflected in the beauty of

the leaves in all their glorious colours, it is also a time of year when there are new beginnings. The schools return for their new year of learning and young people are off to start their adult life at university, in new jobs or other places of learning. The annual general meeting season has begun with committees looking for new faces to help their club or association work smoothly and enjoyably as well as the planning of events for the coming year which all begin in the period leading up to Christmas and New Year.

Little Bromley's Amenities committee has organised the, soon to delight us, Firework Display on 7th November and it is with anticipation that we await what the volunteers to the committee for the Great Bromley Fun Day scheduled for June 2009 have in store for us. So many different people in both villages get together working as teams to organise events, fund-raising occasions, working

village projects all for the benefit of the rest of us. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank them all for their efforts and also ask that you support them as much as possible as without such volunteers nothing would ever happen and we would become just dormitory villages.

Lasting friendships can blossom from such beginnings as joining in with an enterprise so when next you think "I could help with that", do so and enjoy yourself at the same time.

We also welcome The Revd. Robert Farrell to our midst this month. As our new Rector for the parishes of Ardleigh and The Bromleys we hope he will be very happy with us and we look forward to meeting him upon his Induction on 14th November.

On a slightly different note, I personally would like to thank everyone involved with the NHS. They are widely criticised for one reason or another but over the last two years they have come up trumps for us helping my family as one or other have found themselves with problems.

Leonie Henderson

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GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE EVENT



The kick off meeting for Great Bromley Village Event committee took place on 6th October in the Village Hall. The committee is made up of representatives

from the numerous organisations who have indicated that they would like to participate in some way together with like minded individuals as follows:

Neil Skinner	Chairman
Ken Bromfield	Secretary
Ann Jones	Treasurer; Parish Council
Bill Kempster	Real Estate & Layout; Cricket Club
John Bethell	Hamilton Lodge
Marion Bromfield	PCC
Mary Clark	WI
Joy Golding	Badminton Club
Tracy Griffiths	Village Hall
Ian Harris	
Val Harris	
Beryl Hurst	Friendship Club
Ruth Lawson	St Georges School
Paul Rayner	Cheshire Home
Nicky Robinson	
Valerie Skinner	

The committee will also be seeking

individuals to look after Publicity & Liaison and Health & Safety in due course. If you might be interested in helping out, then please let the Chairman know.

It was decided that the event will be in the form a village fete and will be called the Great Bromley Fun Day. It will be held between 2pm and 5pm on the 13th June 2009 at the Village Hall and cricket club. Hamilton Lodge will also be holding their annual fete at this time and it is intended that the events should compliment each other and facilities such as parking can be shared. The next step will be to determine the facilities that will be available on the day and it is hoped that an outline plan will be ready in the next couple of months.

Proceeds from the day will be shared between local organisations taking part, the Village Hall and the Church Fabric Fund.

The success of the day will depend on the efforts of volunteers and anyone who would like to help in any way should contact the Chairman on 01206 231661 or at nrs@brooktye.co.uk, or any committee members.

Neil Skinner

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS

'The Bromley Messenger' has now reached its limit on advertising space, I am pleased to say, which shows that it pays to advertise.

We have a waiting list. Renewals will be given priority but they need to be confirmed on time or they will be removed.

Thank you for your support and long may it continue especially in these difficult financial times.

Len Christodoulides

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald

Telephone: 01206 230305

The children and staff have had a very busy month.

We celebrated Harvest and two of our pupils Lucy and Christopher write:
On Thursday 2nd October we held a musical harvest festival in St George's Church the theme was 'Harvest Rock'. Everyone enjoyed the funky songs and the fantastic instruments. The Year 6 pupils didn't forget any of their words they were all clear and loud for everyone to hear. Class 2 were very brave when they carried the harvest foods to the altar – which were arranged into the different colours of the rainbow. Laura, Tom and Charlotte recited a poem called 'Leaves' which they had learnt by heart and another group said a new version of the Lord's Prayer. At the end of the service harvest bookmarks were given to the congregation as a memento. All the teachers were thrilled to pieces with us and the parents enjoyed it a lot. We thought it was really fun, happy, and

completely amusing – a great success!



The next morning the Year 6 pupils made up loads of harvest gift boxes. In the afternoon they presented them to

the Friendship Club during a mini harvest service.

We also enjoyed visits from the Friendship Club, a theatre group and the W I who led a very interesting session for pupils on drafting Celtic crosses and pinpoint embroidery.

This month we are looking forward to two exciting art workshops where all the children will be involved in producing 3D displays linked to their class history topics. Rehearsals have started in earnest for our Christmas play – The Elves and the Shoemaker which has been written by Amanda Rowe one of our Learning Support Assistants. The music and songs have been written and composed by Melanie Bridle our specialist music teacher.



The PTA will be holding their Festive Fayre in the school hall on Friday 28 November at 6.00 – 8.00 pm – all are most welcome!

NEW GP-LED HEALTH CENTRE GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT

After public consultation the centre in Turner Road, has been approved. This walk in centre will enable patients to be treated there rather than be referred to another health facility. It is intended to be open part of the time for 365 days a year, and allows evening attendance. The Chief Executive Dr. Paul Zollinger-Read said that " It should be stressed that this new health centre is in addition to local facilities and in no way replaces existing GP practices". It will open in spring 2009.

GREAT BROMLEY HANDY BOOK

I shall be updating shortly the Bromley Messenger Handy Book for 2009 and would be grateful for any suggestions by way of additional information you would like to see and also for any amendments, that you know of, to the information given in the last issue that need to be made.



Thank you.

Leonie Henderson



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



We have been reading 'Goldilocks and the three bears', this term and have enjoyed lots of related activities including making clay 'porridge' bowls

and exploring/ playing with dry and wet porridge. Lovely and messy!

We continue our theme of 'books/ stories' for the second half term starting with 'Jack

and the Beanstalk', with lots of painting and glueing to look forward to.

Our final book to link in with our Christmas activities will be 'Twas the night before Christmas'.

Dates for your diary-

We finish with our playgroup Christmas party on Thursday 11th December.

We return in the New Year on Monday 12th January 2009

J.C.



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

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

ROOM TO LET

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Contact Jan (01206) 251352 or mobile: 07920101581

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of the parish council meeting held on 9 October 2008

Planning

The Council considered but did not object to the following planning applications:

Green Acres, Briar Road – stable block and hard standing.

Ashfern House, Harwich Road – change of use from care home to residential dwelling.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Morants Hall, Colchester Road – erection of replacement barn.

Alvi, Mary Lane South – new roof, dormers, rear extension and demolition of garage (variation of existing approval).

War Memorial

The remedial work and repairs to the war memorial have been completed by a group of volunteers and the parish would like to thank these people together with the (anonymous) local company which donated most of the materials and Tendring council which provided a grant.

Church Meadow

The recycling bins have been moved nearer to the school and the improvement works to the car park will be undertaken shortly.



Trees

The parish council's tree planting programme will cost about £700 this year with half of this being met through a Tendring Council grant.

Hare Green recreation ground

The council is reviewing the play equipment on the recreation ground and intends to improve the provision of facilities for both toddlers and older primary school children. The council accepts that the surface of the football pitch should be improved and has sought specialist advice from Tendring's Leisure and Horticultural services on this matter.

Litter pick

The next community 'litter-pick' will be on Saturday 8 November. If you are interested in being involved please contact Brenda Perry on 01206 232082.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 November 2008 at the Village Hall, Great Bromley.

Little Bromley Parish Council

A member of the public expressed concern over the new build adjacent to 'The Old Post Office'. It was explained that it was in accordance with approved planning application and it was still intended as a shop.

The rural path meeting has not yet taken place but the matter is ongoing.

The organization and planning for the firework night was discussed at length, details of which are published as a separate notice (see page 11) and also the use of posters.

With money from our own funds and some generous donations we have approximately £1,000 worth of fireworks. It should all go with a big 'BANG'.

It was agreed that the Parcels for Heroes project should be pursued in the New Year so that it does not clash with collections made by schools.

Bulk rubbish collection will go ahead on the 25th October as published in the Bromley Messenger.

Date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 13th November.



PROPOSED TRAVELLERS' SITE - ARDLEIGH

A new travellers' site is being proposed at 'Esther-Lee Stable', Green Lane, Ardleigh and will include: 12 permanent residential pitches, access road, fencing, amenity buildings, mobile homes and ancillary works. The planning application (08/01317/FUL) can be seen at Tendring District Council's Weeley offices or by looking at the website <http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/TendringDC>. The Ardleigh, Elmstead and Great Bromley parish councils have agreed to object to this proposal and will be monitoring developments. A public meeting of 140 people held on 10 October was largely against the proposal. MP Bernard Jenkin has also objected and may ask for the Secretary of State to intervene if Tendring District Council approves the site.

A critical issue is that although under government policy Tendring is required to have at least 15 travellers' pitches, the district council has yet to determine a policy to achieve this objective. Ardleigh parish council has retained an expert planning consultant to advise on combating the application. The Ardleigh community has also established a fund to fight the proposal supported by a group of volunteer activists. Further information on the volunteer group etc can be obtained from Ardleigh's Clerk, Janet Taylor, via telephone 01206 797020 and email ardleighpc@tiscali.co.uk.

The application will be considered by Tendring District Council's Development Control Committee, at possibly its December meeting. Further information on this will be provided in the *Messenger* in due course.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUP REPORTS

WG11 - Litter-Picking Saturday, 8th November

The autumn litter pick will be held on the above date. If you can spare some time between the hours of 10.00am and midday to help tidy up our village, please be at the car park of either the Cross Inn, The Old Courthouse Inn or the Snooty Fox at 10.00am, grab a litter pick and a plastic bag and follow your team leader.

It's a mucky job, but you may be surprised how much fun you can have whilst getting involved in a community activity.

PLEASE NOTE: to comply with insurance regulations, you must be fit, be between the ages of 15 and 70 and be wearing protective, high visibility clothing.

Some high visibility jackets are available and will be on site, but if you have your own, please do wear them. You may also wish to bring along any garden tools that may be helpful to you for litter collection.

P.S. - I would be grateful if you could let me know if you are intending to come - it helps to have a rough idea of pairs of hands available. Please ring 01206 230282.

Look forward to seeing you.



TANDEM SKYDIVE

Three members of staff, myself, Chrissy Dennis and Lisa Moore (both care assistants) have signed up to do a sponsored tandem skydive on 3rd December. There are also two other people jumping with us who do not work for Seven Rivers - Dan Cailles and Kelly Manser. We are jumping from up to 13,000 feet (that's over 2 miles!!) at an airfield in March, Cambridgeshire. One of our buses will bring some staff and residents to watch - in particular Eric Bailey, one of our residents who started the whole thing off by wanting to jump himself but unfortunately his doctor has ruled that out for him.

None of us has any experience of jumping out of aeroplanes and I personally am working on the theory that, as I don't like flying or heights then I

should be happy to jump out in order to get back to the ground!

We do have a long 'wish list' as you can imagine but we are raising money initially for a coffee machine that can be used in our residents' kitchen. The machine needs to be plumbed in and to be accessible for our residents and therefore the cost is an incredible £800!

If anyone would like to sponsor us then they can either pop in to our reception or log on to

www.justgiving.com/sevenrivers which is a well established and secure way of sponsoring online.



POLICE

These are the incidents in Great Bromley for the month of September:

Nuisance Youth - Ardleigh Road
Suspicious Circumstances - Badley Hall Road

*LES BARNES, PCSO 71909
Thorpe Le Soken Police Station.*

Scam

Please circulate this around especially as Christmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). DO NOT call this

number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

Please advise family members/Friends.
*Paul Teague
Watch Administrator (Tending)
0300 333 4444 ext 16360*



CRICKET CLUB

100 CLUB WINNERS

September 2008

1. Andy Pirie
2. P Petchey
3. A Bruce

October 2008

1. Katherine Foley
2. D Fuller
3. J Hitchcock

The yearly subscriptions for the 100 Club are due from the month of October (£12.00 per person) for the year.

Debbie Wright



CARPET BOWLS

The A.G.M. was held on 24th September. Although expenses have gone up in general, we seem to be on an even keel. The officers of the Club were returned *en bloc* and the Captain and Chairman were both, in their reports, quite happy with the running of the Club.



We have played the first match of the winter season, a home match against Little Clacton and managed to win 8-0. Not quite the walkover the score may suggest, the games were quite tight at times.

Essex Triples

Our triples team defended their title at Braintree on 5th October, coming up against Stisted, Fyfield and Swards End. They won their group, but went out of the competition to Highwoods in the fourth round. So, no trip to Blackpool next year!

KITCHEN CORNER

Michael Barry's recipe for Pheasant

- 1 pheasant trimmed and jointed,
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion
- 1 large carrot
- 2 sticks celery
- 250ml / 8fl oz chicken stock



Seasoning

1 bouquet garni (celery, thyme, parsley and bayleaf)

- 1 dessertspoon arrowroot or cornflour
- 4 tsp rowan, redcurrant or quince jelly.

Method. Heat oven to 180°C/350°F

Fry the pieces of pheasant in the oil in an oven proof pan till lightly golden.

Peel and finely chop onion carrot and celery into small dice. Add to the pheasant and cook two minutes. Add the stock to just reach the top of the pheasant, season generously add bouquet garni and bake in the oven for 1 hour to 1 hour 20 minutes, till pheasant is thoroughly cooked Test with a fork to see if the meat is tender. Remove meat from pan and keep warm. Mix arrowroot with a little water and add it to the pan together with the jelly.

Bring quickly to the boil, stirring until it thickens and clears, then return the meat to the sauce. Serve with plenty of mashed potato and red cabbage.

Jill Frostick

Forthcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 1 Cricket Club Quiz, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 WI meeting, A.G.M., Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 PCSO Les Barnes 'Surgery', Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 7 Little Bromley Firework Display, Barlon Road, Lt Bromley, 7.30pm
- 8 Gt Bromley 'Litter Pick' morning, 10.00am (see page 11)
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 14 Institution & Induction of new Parish Rector, St Mary's church, 7.30pm
- 20 Barn Owl talk, Gt Bentley Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Festive Fayre, St George's School Hall, 6.00pm
- 29 Bradfield Christmas Craft Market, Bradford Community Hall, 10.00am
Elmstead Market church Christmas Bazaar, Elmstead church, 10.00am

DECEMBER

- 6 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10.30am
- Christmas Concert, Royal Hospital School, Chapel, 7.30pm
- 10 PCSO Les Barnes 'Surgery', Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 11 Playgroup Christmas Party

2009

JANUARY

- 12 Playgroup New Term starts

MARCH

- Tba 'Nostalgia' Big Band, Village Hall

JUNE

- 13 Great Bromley Fun Day, Village Hall/Cricket Club, 2.00pm-5.00pm



BARN OWLS

An Illustrated Talk
By David Wilkin

Great Bentley Village Hall
Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm

Admission free
Light refreshments on sale
Raffle

All proceeds to fund new Owl Boxes

EVERYONE WELCOME
Gt Bentley Conservation Group

Holbrook Music Society
presents

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

given by
The Holbrook Choral Society
and Orchestra
with The Royal Hospital School Chapel
Choir

On Saturday, 6th December at 7.30pm
In the Chapel at The Royal Hospital
School



For tickets £12 contact
Peter Crompton (Director of Music,
The Royal Hospital School) on
01473 326222
or Leonie Henderson on 01206 231262

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

NEW RECTOR for Ardleigh and the Bromleys Fr ROBERT FARRELL

Fr Robert will be Instituted by the Bishop of Colchester, the Right Reverend Christopher Morgan and Inducted by the Archdeacon of Colchester, the Venerable Annette Cooper.

Friday, 14th November

7.30pm at St Mary's church, Ardleigh
Reception to follow at Ardleigh Village Hall

Bradfield's Christmas Craft Market

IN AID OF
The St Lawrence Church Extension

Events & Stalls

Stained Glass Painting•Pottery•Cards•Knitting
Ceramics•Sculptures•Bags•Candles•Wood Turning
Sewing•Patchwork and Beautiful Jewellery!

There will be a Farmers Market Selling
Jams, Chutneys, Shortbread and
a selection of meats.



WHEN & Where

Bradfield Community Hall
29th November 10am-6pm



COME AND VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS!

Entry Fee : £1 Adults
(free entry for accompanied children)

Contact: Kathy Wilkinson on (01206) 393904

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)



Come along and enjoy our
**Little Bromley Firework
Evening**

AND REMEMBER

if you would like to play a part
contact Major Downes on 01206 391015
or

Carol Cordwell on 01206 395103.

For full details see page 11

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

6th December
in Great Bromley Village Hall
10.30am - 2.00pm

Watch this space for more
information!

In aid of the Village Hall and WI funds



Elmstead Market Parish Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 29th November
10.00am - 12 noon

in the church
Local school choir performing
as well as all the Stalls with
goodies
DO COME



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/veggie-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. All you need to do is 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.

If you have any wood you would like to burn on our bonfire, we shall have a marked area. Please bring it along to

Barlon Road, the place will be easy to see on:

Saturday 1st November 2008 between 8am and 12 noon.

So come along and enjoy our

Little Bromley Firework Evening

AND REMEMBER if you would like to be play a part



POST OFFICE

On Monday 17th November, the electricity supply will be cut from 7am until 7pm to allow trees in this area of Great Bromley to be trimmed back from overhead cables.

Consequently, there will be a reduced service in the post Office. It is probable that the supply will return some time during the morning, but we don't know when!"



GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Village Hall committee met in September with 11 members present.

We are very grateful to Martin Frostick who has put considerable effort into sorting out the South Boundary hedgerow and ditch over the past few weeks. It has been noted that some fly tipping has taken place in the ditch which is not exactly the purpose of it being there, so please refrain from doing it, otherwise we may pick you up on camera.

The bank of the above hedge needs clearing of surplus soil, which has been piled there over the years, to allow the hedge to be reinstated where it has died out, also a tree may be felled and a replacement planted, all by voluntary effort. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Ardleigh for allowing access to the field next to the village hall.

A shield has been fitted to the outside light at the northern end of the hall so as to prevent interference with road traffic coming up Parsons Hill at night.

We hope you enjoyed the Musical Murder

Mystery Evening, 'The Golden Girl', held recently. Our thanks go to Fred Nicholls for arranging this special evening's entertainment.

The Christmas Fayre at the village hall will be on Saturday, 6th December from 10.30am until 2.00pm, the funds raised to be shared equally between the Village Hall and Women's Institute. Light lunches will be available as well as stalls, raffle and various games.



We are planning a further return visit of the 'Nostalgia' Big Band for you to dance to in March 2009, something you can note in your nice new 2009 diary.

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

Bevan Willgress

FROM THE 'MESSENGER' 20 YEARS AGO

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Quite a lot for this village in The Black Boy. Though it does not perhaps smell as sweet as a rose or as the maybush or the cherry tree, it is a piece of our history and is named on Chapman and Andres map of 1784. The name is right for the inn's building period, the 18th century, when little black boys were trailed around as pages by great ladies who even had their portraits painted. Of course slavery was, and is wrong, but connecting an ancient inn sign with racialism is absurd. The sign only recently replaced the one lost in the hurricane. Long may The Black Boy's jolly face continue to adorn The Black Boy corner.

I Wilkinson

[For those of you who may not know The Black Boy has since been renamed The Old Courthouse Inn - Ed.]

GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

Leaves, leaves and more leaves but don't let them go to waste: they make excellent compost. Two of the best leaves are horse chestnut and oak. If you haven't got a compost bin they are so easy to make. Four posts and some chicken wire to go round the outside, place it in an odd corner of the garden and you are ready to make some of the best potting compost there is. From time to time add kitchen waste, etc. also old compost from your finished summer flowering plants.

Bulbs

Tulips can be planted this month.

Dahlias

As soon as they have finished flowering cut them down to 6" above ground level. If you are leaving them in the ground cover them with either some leaves or straw, a piece of netting will stop leaves and straw blowing away.



Fig tree report No 7

Alas two of the five figs have fallen off. I think the tree is still quite young. The other three are still on the tree but whether they will mature I have yet to wait and see.

As this will be my last "Garden Tips" for this year (back in February) I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a better New Year.

Frank Griffiths



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Maureen Scollen, dressed in an early Woman Police Sergeant's uniform complete with soft hat and boots, came along to our October meeting to tell us about the history of 'Women's Police Force in Essex' and also her own experiences in the Force.



At first there was a lot of prejudice against having Woman Police Officers (WPCs). Every village in Essex had a Police Constable living in a Police House who went around the villages on a bicycle.

It wasn't until the First World War that the first Women Police constables were appointed in the Metropolitan Police Force together with some Women Police Volunteers. After the Second World War, the Home Secretary was asked to look at Essex where there were no WPCs. The first was appointed in 1946.

Maureen joined the Essex Force in 1971 ending her career as an Inspector based at Halstead. It was an interesting and amusing evening.

Our next meeting will be on the first Wednesday in November at the Village Hall, when we are holding our Annual General Meeting and shall be electing our committee for the coming year.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We welcomed two new members at our last meeting. Halloween was the subject of our speaker with her witch's hat and broom. I am sure many members learnt a lot about things 'that go bump in the night' - spooky!

The Christmas lunch is on the 27th, 12.30pm for 1.00pm. There will be a raffle

so all contributions gratefully received.

The next meeting is on 20th November when your dinner money is due - for those who haven't paid.

Competition: A beer mat or coaster.

Vicky Griffiths



HIGH SHERIFF INVITES APPLICATIONS

High Sheriff of Essex, Sarah Courage, is inviting local community groups, young people and volunteers to apply to the High Sheriffs' Awards Scheme for recognition and grants. The deadline date for applications is 1 December 2008.

There are three parts to the High Sheriffs' Awards Scheme:

- Grants of up to £1000 are available to voluntary and community groups that are working to make their local communities safer places to live and work.
- Grants of up to £750 are available from the Essex Crimebeat programme to develop ideas from young people which will address crime related issues in their community.
- Recognition for volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution in their local community, making it a safer place to be.

The deadline date for applications is 1 December.

The High Sheriff said "It is a great honour to be the Queen's representative for Law and Order in the County". She added "I have met so many people who are contributing an enormous amount of time and effort to keep Essex communities safe from crime and the Awards ceremony provides a great opportunity to recognise their valuable contribution".

Local grant making trust, Essex Community Foundation administers the High Sheriffs' Fund, working with local Community Safety Officers and local Volunteer

Centres. An independent panel of judges, chaired by the High Sheriff and including past High Sheriffs, will agree the Awards which will be presented by the High Sheriff at a special event on 4 March 2009 at the Fennes Estate, Bocking.

The **deadline** date for completed applications to the High Sheriffs' Awards is **1 December**. Application forms and details about the criteria can be found on the Foundation's website www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or if you would like to discuss an application, please contact the Foundation's grants team on 01245 356018 who will be happy to help.



Minerals Matter...to YOU

How should we decide where the county's future mineral extraction sites should be located?

How can we better protect our mineral resources?

Should all new building projects use a proportion of recycled materials?

These and other questions will be raised at a series of workshops on Minerals Matters to be held this Autumn. If you have views on these issues or other mineral related questions, come and take part. Representatives from the minerals and recycling industries, statutory consultees, local interest groups and individuals will all be there.

How can you get involved?

- Take part in our public consultation starting mid-November
- Read the Minerals Development Documents coming to all parishes this autumn, or check our website www.essexcc.gov.uk/planning
- Sign up today to attend the Minerals Matter workshops in November to share your views with industry representatives, other consultees and local interest groups
- Respond with your views – online, by email, fax or letter – by mid-January 2009

Be part of the big debate – Minerals Matter to all of us!

Consultation on the Minerals Development Document – Further Issues and Options Paper will coincide with these workshops.



Essex County Council

PILOT SCHEME FOR EVENING CABINET MEETINGS

Residents across Tendring who work during the day will get the chance to attend Council Cabinet meetings for the very first time.

Tendring District Council's (TDC) Cabinet is going back on the road following a successful initiative to go out into the community and get away from the normal venue of Clacton Town Hall. And people turning out will also have the opportunity to ask questions of Portfolio Holders for the first time. TDC broke with tradition last year and staged a Cabinet meeting in Harwich in July, followed by ones in Brightlingsea, Walton, and Manningtree. However, they were held during the day time and it has now been decided to trial five evening meetings.

"First of all, we wanted to make it clear that all areas of the District are very important to the Cabinet and therefore we agreed to leave the usual meeting place of Clacton Town Hall and get out into the community," said TDC Leader David Lines.

"Now, we want to ensure we give an equal opportunity for all to be able to attend, so have chosen five evening slots to accommodate those who work during the day time."

The first evening meeting will be staged at The Welcome Centre, Pier Avenue Baptist Church, Pier Avenue, Clacton, on October 2. On November 13 it will be off to the Community Centre – Soken Hall, The Triangle, Frinton, followed by Long Meadows Community Hall, Long Meadows, Dovercourt, on January 15.

The Community Centre, Lower Park Road, Brightlingsea, will be the venue on March 12, and finally on May 28 the Cabinet will meet at Venture Centre 2000, Bromley Road, Lawford.

All meetings will begin at 7.30pm and will start with 30 minutes for people to ask questions of the Cabinet.

To give as many members of the public as possible a chance to ask a question, these

will last no longer than two minutes and will then be answered by Portfolio Holders once the formal part of the meeting starts.

"Answers will also be limited to two minutes but Portfolio Holders will be available after the meeting to discuss those issues further or expand on any of their answers with residents," added Cllr Lines.

"Alternatively, in fairness to others, a written response will be given to more lengthy or complex questions.

"We hope that this opportunity will be taken up and that people will turn out to quiz the Cabinet about the things that affect them."

Cllr Lines added that the Cabinet was also looking for a suitable location in the rural part of the District to stage a sixth meeting to ensure accessibility for all.

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Sunday morning arrived, the warmth of the bright sun was a delight. 93 gathered to share our Harvest Lunch this year. Our special guests were John Appleby, the Rev Snaith and his wife. The Rev Snaith very kindly said Grace and blessed our bountiful lunch. Many thanks to all those who cooked and donated such delicious culinary delights. The menu this year – Pate or Melon followed by Lasagne, Salad and Baked potatoes and then Apple Pie or Fruit Salad with Cream and to conclude Tea, or Coffee and After Eights. A truly scrumptious lunch.

Thank you to Caro who organised such a splendid raffle, thank you to those of you

who donated prizes, and Heather who kindly ran the raffle for us on the day. Gregory made a presentation to our 2 church wardens who have both worked so hard during the interregnum. We thank you again James and Barbara. We all had a wonderful time, thank you again to the table monitors who were most efficient!

We raised over £500.00 this year half of which will be donated to Christian Aid and half to St Georges Church Fund.



Essex Environment Trust COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE



The Community Enterprise Challenge is a new competition launched by the Essex Environment Trust at its 10th Year Celebrations on 11th July 2008. The competition is aimed at the provision of new facilities in rural villages.

Prizes on offer for 3 sizes of project are:

Large Projects: £100,000

Medium Project £50,000

Smaller Projects: £25,000

Project Types. Essentially the Trust wants to see **local initiatives** – new ideas that will satisfy an established **local need** – something wanted and supported by the local community and with their **involvement**.

In "TV speak" terms, the Trust is looking for projects with an obvious **Wow Factor!**

As a Trustee said recently, "The local community knows better than us what the local needs are and we expect to receive projects of a wide variety of types, however, the essential need that we will be looking for is the project will **make a difference** in that local community."

Rules. A full set of the Rules is available with the application forms, but the main rules are:

- The competition is open to all rural

communities and the Trust's definition is all villages having a population of up to 6,500.

- The scheme is for capital projects only. Revenue schemes are excluded.
- There must be demonstrable public support for the project.
- To be eligible, applicants will need to demonstrate that their project is capable of starting on the ground by July 2010 i.e. 12 months after the prize has been awarded.
- Because the money comes from the Landfill Communities Fund, project sites must lie within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site. In Essex that really isn't a problem as 99% of the county's villages are within this range. If in doubt, the Trust can advise.

Deadlines are as follows:

Stage one: 1st Dec 2008 ~ Return of the basic application form.

Stage two: 12th May 2009 ~ Return of a more detailed form supplied to short-listed projects.

Results will be declared at the Trust's Annual Review Evening on **9th July 2009**.

Forms are available from *The Essex Environment Trust*, "Community Enterprise Challenge" 53, New Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1AT or phone 01245 265555 (24hr. Answerphone is available) or order by e-mail to keith@essexenvironmenttrust.org.uk.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for November

Sunday 2nd	All Saints 8.00am 10.30am	4th Sunday before Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
3rd	Commemoration of All Souls 7.30pm	Requiem Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 9th	Remembrance Sunday 10.45am 10.55am 6.30pm	3rd Sunday before Advent Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Eucharist Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>Lt Bromley War Memorial</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
14th	7.30pm	Institution and Induction of Fr Robert Farrell as Rector of Ardleigh and The Bromleys	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 16th	8.00am 10.30am	2nd before Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 23rd	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Christ the King Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 30th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Advent Sunday Eucharist Parish Eucharist Advent Meditation with the Camerata Singers	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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