

# *The Bromley Messenger*

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## **ST. GEORGE'S (C OF E) SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY**

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald - Telephone: 01206 230305

The children came back to school this term and celebrated St George's day with a Church service and sponsored fun and games. They raised an incredible £828 which will fund an author/poet to spend the day in school.

Mrs Cordwell once again arranged the Run a Mile activity. This was an opportunity for pupils to run around the school grounds for an hour after school and their distances were measured. Each participant paid £1 and the monies raised will be donated to school and Great Ormond Street Hospital. 115 children took part and even four willing members of staff.

Class 3 have had a very enjoyable visit to Colchester Castle as part of their topic work

on the Romans. Next half term they will be visiting Sandford Mill as part of the Design Technology topic. What a fun term for them!

The Year 5 children will be holding a Dragon Wagon in school as their enterprise activity. They will be selling stationery items to the pupils in school. After the half term the Year 6 children will be running a tuck shop as their activity.

Classes 1 and 2 will be joining with other primary schools from the Tendring Sports Partnership in a sponsored teddy bear run. This will take place on the athletics track at Colchester Garrison. All monies raised will once again be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

## OUT AND ABOUT IN JUNE

Although the news has been full of the expenses of Members of Parliament, which range from the ridiculous to outright exploitation and greed, and the resulting public outrage, it is worth remembering how the situation came about. As I understand it the system of allowing MPs to claim for the expenses of having a second home necessary for the performance of their parliamentary duties stems from a desire not to have people put off from seeking to be an MP because they, either did not have significant private means, or sufficient trade union backing, to provide them with the means of maintaining a second home either in their constituency or so as to be able to reach Westminster. Unfortunately a scheme was set up which allowed for claims which, although 'within the rules', were not ones which the average tax payer felt he/she should be funding. It is the lack of judgement shown by individual MPs in deciding for what they should or should not be claiming which is proving their undoing. The collective failure by MPs to have regard as to what the taxpayer might reasonably consider as acceptable has also damaged Parliament.

All this should not allow us to be distracted from the importance of the local elections on 4th June. It should also be remembered that whatever one feels about the behaviour of Members of Parliament in relation to their expenses, the same considerations do not apply to district and country councillors who work ceaselessly on our behalf.

On a different note both villages are going to have a great deal to do and see this

coming month. St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley, is opening its doors at the beginning of June for a weekend of flowers, music and refreshments. The following weekend sees the Great Bromley Fun Day in the Village Hall and Cricket Ground where there will be much to do for the entire family and something for all ages whilst across the road Hamilton Lodge are holding their Fete and Plant Sale. Later in the month, at the height of the strawberry season, there is a Strawberry Tea at Fryerning, next to St. George's Church. Much thought and work has gone into organising these events which are there for you to enjoy so I hope to see you at some or all of them.

The various businesses around the villages have also organised events - The Cross Inn, as usual, has something for everyone throughout the month and Primrose Pork are holding a Sausage Day with the added attraction of being able to see some of their piglets.

I have been shaking out my summer dresses now that the warmer weather is here. In order to be able to do justice to all the cakes and food on offer at all the above days, I have gone back to Aquasize in Great Bentley and started line dancing in Lawford with Debbie Millar. The line dancing is great fun and is exercising both my mind and body! It is not as easy as it looks and my brain struggles to keep up with the different moves and steps with the result that I am usually doing the wrong step at the wrong moment and facing the wrong way! I trust I shall improve with time.

*Leonie Henderson*

### FOUND

in Badley Hall Road a domestic rabbit. Please contact me on 01206 231262 if you have lost your rabbit.





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

## **Theft Other -**

Rectory Road - (Hamilton Lodge)

## **Criminal Damage -**

Harwich Road - (Selectacars)

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### **Alarm Companies**

Unfortunately I have just learned of another victim in our area. Essex

Trading Standards informed me of an elderly lady who had been visited by this Alarm Company – EEC or European Environmental Control – on three separate occasions and on each occasion had 'relieved' the lady of £2000 initially for an alarm system and on subsequent visits for 'extras'. So the lady had paid £6000 for an alarm system, which, admittedly, is a 'monitored' system. However, Essex Police, in company with



every other police force in the country, do not recognise this company and WILL NOT under any circumstances respond to an activation of this alarm. So, although the alarm is 'monitored', who will respond to an activation is anybody's guess.

This is the company who charged another couple £500 to erect an outside light with the actual lamp costing about £12!!

Just to put this into perspective, if an alarm with a similar specification had been installed by a local alarm company it would have cost under £1000.

*Les Barnes PCSO 71909*

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## FROM THE PAST

### A little bit of history from afar

Dear Friends

I am a parishioner at St George's Anglican Church, Crescentwood, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. In 2008 we celebrated our 125th anniversary as a parish, and I came across your site while researching our former organists.

I thought you might be interested in the following:

From 1903 - 1904 the organist (at St George's) was Lawrence Minchin. He was previously organist of All Saints' (1886), later at Holy Trinity (1889). He was a popular recitalist and teacher. In 1897 he was appointed supervisor of music in Winnipeg schools; he returned to Holy Trinity in 1904, and subsequently

left the city for Vancouver where he died in 1932. He was born in England around 1865, son of the Rev H.J. Minchin, Rector of Little Bromley in Essex, and came to Canada in 1884. In September 1890, he was married at Holy Trinity to Miss Jane Beckett.



Yours in Christ  
*Dr Keith Davies Jones*

### An Unknown Beer House

Older parishioners of the villages may remember Miss Honor Thomas who had been the Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury. She was interested in local history.

She was approached, so she once told me, by an enquirer who said that the one acre of ground, later purchased by the Parish Church for the now closed graveyard, had been the site of a beer house. This house supplied its beer to the Churchwardens for distribution to the recipients of Townlands Charity and the Church itself. From Accounts he had seen the cost of the beer itself was greater than the cash supplied for both church and charity.



We sometimes get snippets of information with no reference to its origin and it is imperative that we check and record all evidence.

*John Appleby*



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Tel: 01245 436606  
Email: [sarah.kempa@essex.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.kempa@essex.gov.uk)

Even if you can only attend for part of the discussion you are most welcome.

# GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

## CHARITY TRUSTEES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 301310

**Under the chairmanship** of Fred Nicholls, the Village Hall Committee met on 5th May with 13 members present. The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Charity was held on 20th May followed by a short committee meeting, mainly to appoint officers for the ensuing year. This was particularly important this year since both the current Secretary and the Treasurer and Bookings Person had indicated they would be standing down from office at the AGM. Much effort has been made to find replacements.

Lynda Allam has been Treasurer and Bookings Person for 16 years and Bevan Willgress has been the Secretary for 11 years and have served under three Chairmen: Peter Wenden, Martin Frostick and Fred Nicholls. Peter Wenden has also stood down from the committee having served as chairman and committee member for a considerable number of years.

Over this period the committee has maintained a healthy bookings list with the Playgroup, Scallywags, Badminton Club, Men's Club, Carpet Bowls Club, Friendship Club, Women's Institute, Parish Council, Colchester Poultry Club, British Gas and Care UK most regular hirers of the facilities. Other users are the parish church, school, numerous individuals and groups for meetings, parties, dances, band practice, wedding receptions and fund-raising efforts, together with the Government for Polling Station. The Cricket Club have their facilities behind the Hall also using the Hall, while keeping the grass surrounds cut when attending to the cricket pitch. Unfortunately the Youth Club, Scouts and Guides/ Brownies have moved on, mainly to combine with other groups in nearby villages.

The committee has made many

improvements to the Hall over this period of 10-16 years. The Millennium Lounge was designed, built and commissioned, electrical system upgraded (distribution boxes and some wiring replaced), emergency lighting completely replaced and brought up to current standard, main heating boiler and fuel storage tank replaced, ladies toilets renewed, internally, every area has been repaired and re-decorated and externally, all the brickwork has been re-pointed and all painted surfaces repaired and re-painted.

Externally, the car parking areas have improved drainage and surfaces, been extended taking in the grassed area at the



rear and an area fenced for the safe use of Playgroup children.

Ramps were provided at doors to comply with disability legislation and signs, labels and licences to meet various

new Acts of Parliament implemented.

There is still much to be done. Fund-raising needs to continue at about the same level of about five events per year, together with trying to secure grants wherever possible for the project in hand. The Hall depends on support from the public, as well as an active committee.

*Bevan Willgress*

# GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

I recently read an article in a magazine regarding growing a few rows of vegetables and the person writing the article said it was a waste of time when you could go to the supermarket and get a packet of frozen vegetables without waiting weeks for them to grow in the garden. What the editor of that article failed to understand is, to be out in the fresh air getting exercise and the sun (when we get it) on your back. Then there is the excitement when the first green shoots are through. True the supermarket frozen vegetables will last perhaps for a lot longer, but your fresh crops from the garden will taste better and, what is more, you will have achieved something.

## Flowers

If you planted sweet peas last autumn they should be in their permanent position either tied to a cane or climbing up netting. Do not let sweet peas go to seed or they will stop flowering.

As soon as your primula seeds are set they can be planted in trays or pots - sprinkle the seed on top of the compost and cover the tray with a sheet of newspaper and a piece of glass.

If you need the space, dig up the daffodils and narcissi and leave to dry under cover; they will be ready to plant next autumn.

When the bearded irises have finished flowering cut back the stems.

Pinch out the tips of the leading shoots on dahlias and make sure they are well watered.

## Vegetables

Tomatoes can be planted out this month. All varieties of the upright type can have their side shoots nipped out. The bush type (*Gardener's Delight*) should be left to form bushes. If your tomatoes are showing yellow mottling on the leaves that means they are short of magnesium so spray with a solution of Epsom salts - 2oz to 1 gallon of

water.

If you are blessed with a greenhouse and have never grown a cucumber, now is the time to plant one. Make a mound of compost about 8" high and plant your cucumber in the centre, it will need the support of a long cane, keep the base of the mound wet at all times but keep the water away from the stem or it will rot and die.



All vegetable plants can be planted out this month.

Runner beans can be planted out this month. If you don't want to grow them up canes they can be left to grow on the ground but the drawback to this method is that you don't get a straight bean.

Carrots, turnips and beetroot can still be planted, make the drills ½" deep and the rows 9-12" apart. It may be a bit late for parsnips to be planted but I think it is worth a try.

*Frank Griffiths*



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In April 2009 we were hosts to approximately 80 members of the Constable Group of Women's Institutes for their Annual Meeting. The entertainment was provided by Doreen Potter and a male friend, with songs and monologues, which were very enjoyable, followed by scrumptious refreshments. The competition was "A Musical" in which we came third with "The Sound of Music". Overall, a very successful evening and our committee were rightly praised for all their hard work.

Our May 2009 meeting, at which we also considered Resolutions, started with a very interesting and fascinating talk by Beatrice Last telling us about her hobby of 'Coloured Glass'. She brought along many examples of glass for us to touch and see: they were not all smooth but were wonderful colours.

Apparently the greens have iron added and reds can have gold seeds added,



some are iridescent. A very small wheel is needed in order to cut the

glass. It was the famous artist, Tiffany, who first created the art of coloured glass joining the pieces together with lead. Following her talk, Beatrice had many examples for us to see and purchase.

After refreshments, we discussed the Resolution for this year's National Annual General Meeting, entitled "SOS for Honey Bees". In the UK, and indeed worldwide, decline in honey bee numbers is accelerating and causing concern; the Resolution is seeking to increase funding and support from the Government.

As we all know, honey bees play an important part in pollinating not only flowers but plants for our food. They are coming under an increasing threat from pests and diseases. The UK has 250 species of native bees, three of which have become extinct nationally. The bumblebees, are of course, one of the species of bees.

The Resolution was voted to be carried and raised at the National Annual Meeting of the Women's Institute to be held in June this year.

This month (June) is our Members' Meeting, when our members give the committee a rest and organise the meeting themselves. The theme is 'Flowers, Food and Fun'. Tickets are £1.50 including a raffle ticket. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. All are welcome to come along to the village hall on Wednesday, 3rd June at 7.30pm.

*June Willgress*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

**Our Coffee Morning** was a great success. Thanks to everyone who supported us, especially those who donated plants and made delicious cakes for sale. It made our day to see so many non-members coming in and seemingly enjoying a sit down and chat with a cuppa and a biccy. The £157.61 profit will boost our funds very nicely. Thank you also for the £5 received as a donation.

### **OUTING TO FLORAL TEA ROOMS, DUNWICH 30th June**

If you have not already paid, your latest date will be at the June meeting. If after that you find you cannot go please phone me so that I can contact someone on the "waiting list" to take your place. Mrs Graves has kindly agreed to check and 'tick' you off as you get in the coach so please let her get in the coach FIRST. If you have any problems give me a ring - the best time is between 10am & 11am.

**Congratulations** to Mr and Mrs Graves upon winning the Cup for the Cribbage competition.

Our next meeting is on 18th June - the competition is 'A Single Rose'.

*Vicky Griffiths*

## KITCHEN CORNER

### **Coated Chicken Pieces**

1½ ozs sesame seeds  
2½ ozs toasted breadcrumbs  
½ teasp celery salt  
½ teasp thyme  
8 chicken pieces  
1 teasp ground coriander  
5 tsp Soy sauce  
2½ fluid ozs mayonnaise  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
Oil

#### **Method**

Mix sesame seeds, breadcrumbs, celery salt, thyme and coriander. Mix Soy sauce mayonnaise and garlic and use a brush to coat the chicken pieces with this, then coat with the crumb mixture. Chill for two hours. Spread a thin layer of oil over base of large baking tin. Turn chicken pieces once in the oil then bake for 15 minutes hot oven 400F/200C. Reduce the temperature to 375F/190°C, turn the chicken over and cook further 30 minutes.

Serve with jacket potatoes and salad, or cold for a picnic.

#### **Sauce to serve with this dish**

2tbs mayonnaise, 2tbs greek yogurt, dash Worcester sauce  
1tsp horseradish sauce,  
chopped tomatoes, chives or parsley.

Mix together and top with herbs and tomatoes.

*Jill Frostick*



# Forthcoming Events

## JUNE

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6/7 Festival Weekend, Little Bromley church, from 2pm both days
- 13 Great Bromley Fun Day, Village Hall/Cricket Club, 2.00pm  
Hamilton Lodge Fete, 2.00pm
- 13/14 Art Exhibition, Elmstead Market Church,
- 14 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm  
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 27 Sausage Saturday, Primrose Park, 10.00am  
Strawberry Tea. Fryerning, Gt Bromley, 3.00pm
- 30 Friendship Club outing

## JULY

- 5 St Mary's church, Lt Bromley open, 2-5pm
- 11 Tendring Show, Lawford House Park, 9.00am
- 17-19 Music & Flower Festival, St George's church
- 19 'Cello Recital. St George's church, 6.00pm
- 25 Lt Bromley Barbecue and Fete, Mulleys Farm, 12 noon

## AUGUST

- 2 Colne 25 Cycle Ride, Brightlingsea, 11.00am  
St Mary's church, Lt Bromley open, 2-5pm



## MUSIC & FLOWER FESTIVAL.

St George's Church  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2009

The theme this year is to be "All Things Bright and Beautiful".

We hope this year to encourage all the community to join with us in this celebration of Music and Flowers.

An "action packed" weekend is being planned to include everyone. If you would like to help - arrange flowers, organise or help with a stall, provide a raffle prize, bake a cake etc. etc please contact Jenny on 01206230688.

## 'CELLO RECITAL

Sunday 19th July  
6.00pm  
In St George's Church  
Followed by Buffet Supper  
**More details on page 20**



Great Bromley W.I.  
invite you to a

## STRAWBERRY TEA

on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2009  
from 3pm to 5pm  
at Fryerning, Hall Road, Great Bromley.

All proceeds to be shared equally  
between East Anglian Children's  
Hospice, Breast Cancer and W.I. funds.

Tickets are £3.50 available on the day or  
from W.I. members.

See you there!



Parsons Hill, Great Bromley,  
Colchester

## SUMMER FETE/PLANT SALE

Saturday 13th June  
2 – 5pm

Grand Opening by Bobby George  
Celebrity Darts Player

Lots of entertainment to include  
Tail Waggers Dog Show  
Di-Vine Line Dancers

Large variety of stalls  
Grand Raffle  
Barbeque

Free entrance and parking

Registered Charity No. 306080

Friends of Little Bromley Church

## Festival Weekend

6th - 7th June

St Mary's Church, Little Bromley

**Both days:** Church open 2 - 6pm with  
flowers

**Saturday 6th:** Tea and Cake with  
musical interludes 3 - 5pm

**Sunday 7th:** Concert 6pm by the East  
Anglian Single Reed Choir -  
24 clarinets and saxophones play  
a delightful medley of easy  
listening music

**Tickets:** £5.00 Students £1.00  
includes light refreshments

Available on the door, or can be  
reserved in advance - telephone  
251107 by evening of Friday 5th  
at the latest



*The church is open 2 - 5 pm  
on the first Sunday of each  
month from May - October*

ROUNDABOUT

# FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

SIDESHOWS

# DANCE DISPLAY

GIANT SCALETRICS

## GREAT BROMLEY FUN DAY

WITH HAMILTON LODGE FETE  
2:00pm SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009

LICENCED BAR

The Village Hall & Cricket Ground  
Parsons Lane, Great Bromley

*Entertainment for the whole family:  
come along and enjoy yourselves!*

BBQ  
SWING BOATS

## MILITARY VEHICLES VINTAGE CARS

FORTUNE TELLER  
GIANT SLIDE

## 'CELLO RECITAL IN ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

The acclaimed 'cellist and conductor, Orlando Jopling, will give a 'cello recital in St George's Church on Sunday 19th July at 6.00pm. The programme has not yet been finalised but the recital will last about 1½ hours and will include a Bach Suite. A buffet supper, with wine and soft drinks available, will be served after the concert, out-of-doors if July 19th turns out to be a glorious summer's day.

The concert is the culmination of the Flower Festival taking place in St George's from 1.00pm on Friday, 17th July and throughout the weekend. The ticket, which costs £15, covers not only the recital and the supper but also admits you to the Flower Festival. Allow plenty of time to enjoy and admire the flowers before sitting down to listen to a superb concert, followed by a delicious supper.

Tickets available from:

Anne Clapham - 01206 230790  
Paula Knappett - 01206 250156  
Jenny Nichollas - 01206 230688  
and from the Post Office at The Cross.



### **Brightlingsea and District Rotary Club**



We are pleased to announce that we shall be repeating the

### **Colne 25 Cycle Ride**

on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009

*Starting at the*  
Colne School - Brightlingsea  
11.00-12.30 hrs  
*and finishing at*  
Hurst Green - Brightlingsea Music  
Festival

### **5, 25, 40 mile rides**

Entry fees applicable.

Sponsorship - either your chosen charity or St Helena Hospice or Leonard Cheshire Disability  
[www.colne25.co.uk](http://www.colne25.co.uk) or ring John on 01206 303135 for entry forms.

*We hope to get over 200 riders this year. Last year over £3000 was raised of which £1000 went to Little Haven Children's Hospice and Essex Air Ambulance.*

*Len Christodoulides*

*Little Bromley Amenities Committee and Parish Council invite you to the*

### **LITTLE BROMLEY SUMMER BARBECUE AND FETE**

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009

12 noon to 3pm.

to be held at

Mulley's Farm,

Bentley Road, Little Bromley.

Entry fee / ticket holders entitled to a barbecue meal.

Each ticket holder will receive a LUCKY NUMBER for a special prize draw.

£5 adults, £2.50 children under 12, free for children under 5 years.

There will be a variety of stalls including cake, plant, tombola, raffle, bric a brac and a selection of games. If you are able to bake a cake or donate any items for any of the stalls and / or are able to help at this village event please phone:

Major Downes on 01206 391015, Carol on 395103 or Anita on 390033.

We would love to hear from you!

We hope for good weather on the day and look forward to a successful village event.

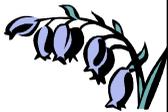
# THANKS



**Grateful thanks** to all who sponsored Easter Lilies in St. George's this Easter time. The flowers and lilies in the church were magnificent. Thank you to all the flower arrangers who worked so hard.

## THANK YOU THORRINGTONHALL WOOD BLUEBELL DAY

A lovely sunny morning dawned and people flocked to Thorringtonhall Wood to admire the carpets of bluebells.



Even the Nightingales were singing to accompany the early visitors.

Thank you to the Gibbon family for allowing the wood to be open, to the stallholders and to Great Bentley Conservation Group for their help throughout the day. A special thank you must go to the ladies of Thorrington W.I. who served delicious filled rolls and a wonderful selection of homemade cakes to refresh the walkers.

An amazing total of £1,100 was presented to St Helena Hospice.

Saturday, 13th June  
In the Chapel of the  
The Royal Hospital School, Holbrook

Holbrook Choral Society & Orchestra  
present

## VERDI'S REQUIEM

Conductor - Peter Crompton

Tickets: £12 (£11 concessions)  
obtainable from 01473 326222

## THANKS to JOHN OSBORNE

**For 24 years** of committed distribution of the Bromley Messenger to the residents of Little Bromley always delivered on time and in all weathers.



At 85 he has decided to retire. We wish him well in his retirement and on behalf of all our readers thank him for his dedicated service.

**I always knew John** was bionic. His round of the whole of Little Bromley has been shared between five people, namely Mark Ashmore, Anita Spall, Brian Conner, Monica Rant and Andrew Fairley. Our grateful thanks to all of them for making this commitment.

*Ann Fairley*

*The Friends of Elmstead Church*

## ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 13th June & Sunday 14th June  
in Elmstead Church

Pictures for sale at reasonable prices by  
Essex artists

Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm Sunday 12-  
5.30pm

Ploughman's lunches Teas & coffees  
Books & home-made cakes for sale

## BETH CHATTO'S GARDENS

will be open in aid of the Friends  
Saturday 13th June **ONLY**  
9.00am-5.00pm

*Do please come and support these events. All moneys raised will go to the restoration and repair of our Parish Church.*

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Great Bromley Parish Council

[www.essexinfo.net/gbpc](http://www.essexinfo.net/gbpc)

### Report of Parish Council meetings held on 14 May 2009

#### Annual Parish Council Meeting and Assembly

At the parish council's annual meeting Col Martin Frostick was re-elected chairman for a further year. Details of other council appointments can be found on the parish council's website: <http://www.essexinfo.net/gbpc/>. The chairman presented the council's annual report at the Annual Assembly, which 25 residents attended. A copy of the annual report and accounts can be obtained from the Clerk or can be viewed on the council's website.

#### Planning

*The Council considered and objected to the following planning application:*

**Site of Elm Cottage, Harwich Road** – amendment to existing approval for two new dwellings

*Tendring District Council has refused the following planning application:*

**Parkland, Frating Road** – erection of new dwelling in redundant garden.

*Tendring District Council is considering the following planning applications etc:*

**Westward House, Camp Road, Mary Lane North** – Tree/woodland preservation order.

**Land south of Harwich Road** – erection

of agricultural storage building/workshop.

*The Planning Inspectorate has approved the following planning application which had initially been refused by Tendring District Council:*

**Great Bromley Free Range Eggs Ltd** – three large barns and packing and collecting facilities, on land off of Hall Road.

#### Big Rubbish Collection Day

The big rubbish collection day on Saturday 28 April was a great success. A large truckload of 'white goods' was collected for recycling, plus 10 tonnes of other large items. Our thanks to Tendring District Council and Veolia for their assistance with this valuable exercise! Thanks also to the Cross Inn for hosting the collection trucks, which also visited Church Meadow and some individual residents.

**The next meeting** of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14 June 2009 at the Village Hall Great Bromley.

## Little Bromley Parish Council

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 18th June in The Haywain in Little Bromley at 7.30pm.



## Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

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

Session Tel No: 0785 7503103

(Lunch time session also available)

Children: 2 - 5 years. £7 per session.

Lunch time sessions also available Monday & Wednesday Cost: £1.50

Ofsted inspected.

For more details/visits, please contact Group Secretary-Jean on 01206 250694

We would like to welcome George Greenleaf to our Playgroup, and we are sure the time he will spend with us will be a happy one.

Karen and Christina would like to thank all the staff, parents and most of all the children for making their arrival to their new roles most welcoming.

are now split into four key groups Butterflies, Caterpillars, Bees and Spiders.

The running theme for next term will be 'Growing and Minibeasts' with the exciting prospect of the children's work being displayed at the Tendring Show on Saturday, 11th July 2009.

Please note the last day of term will be Thursday 21st May 2009 and we will return on Monday 8th June 2009.

*Karen and Christina  
Supervisor Deputy Supervisor*



Karen and Christina have given a new name to all the children in the playgroup which is Ladybirds. The children



## Scallywags



At Great Bromley Village Hall  
Friday Mornings 9.30-11.30am  
0-5years.Parent and child group.

Activities/themed sessions/play equipment etc.

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## ARE YOU NEW TO GREAT BROMLEY?



If so telephone Tracy Griffiths on 01206 230054 for your Welcome Pack.

# FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

## Ardleigh Surgery

Progress is being made with our plans to use the Dedham Vale Health Centre premises as a branch surgery. We are planning to open the branch surgery the first week in July following the installation of IT links to our main surgery together with a telephone system and minor modifications having been completed.

The Health Centre is located in Roman Place, Manningtree Road, Dedham and is currently used by a group of complementary therapists who will continue to use the premises. We are planning to provide up to four surgery sessions per week, Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning and Friday morning. Each of the GPs will undertake a surgery session. An additional surgery at the Ardleigh Surgery on a Thursday afternoon has also been introduced. Additional receptionist staff have also been employed to cover both experienced staff attending Dedham surgery and a receptionist whom is on

long term sick leave.

The branch surgery will be an integral part of the Ardleigh practice and all patients may attend it. Patients requesting an urgent same day appointment will be requested to attend either surgery. All appointments will be booked through the main surgery. There will be no dispensary in the branch surgery as there is a pharmacy in the village, however, dispensed medicines will be able to be collected from the facility.



We are looking forward to making use of this health centre and improving access to primary care services for the residents of Dedham and in doing so relieve pressure on the main surgery.

*Fred Merrin, Practice Manager*

*May 2009*

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## Great Bentley Surgery

Have you all read your Pandemic Flu Leaflet? I hope so, because it contains a lot of useful information. The leaflets dropped through letter-boxes a few days ago when it really looked as though we might have a genuine problem on our hands, so check your recycling box if you can't find it on the mantle-piece. Luckily, things haven't been bad so far, but there is still time for that to change, particularly when the expected second wave of the virus arrives in a few weeks time, so please take time to read the leaflet.

The most important advice in there is that if you feel that there is any chance at all that you have Mexican Swine Flu, you DO NOT come to the surgery or head for a hospital. That would just increase the

chances of passing on the virus to many other people, possibly those who are already sick with something else. Please ring your surgery and follow carefully what you are asked to do, which will vary depending upon factors including your age and general health.

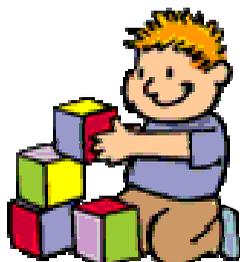
The other thing that you can usefully do is ensure that you have established a so-called "flu-buddy", i.e. someone who can fetch and carry for you if absolutely necessary, particularly any medication prescribed to you. It's best if it is not someone who lives in the same house, as they are quite likely to be infected too. On the other hand, it goes without saying, (I hope), that your sister in Exeter probably won't be a lot of help in such a situation. *PTO*

You need to make it someone very local. It should be a reciprocal arrangement too really, so that whichever of you is fit can do the running around while the other is suffering.

For us, the recent scare has been quite useful as it has tested out all the plans that we, and the local Primary Care Trust, have in place ready to deal with a pandemic when it happens – which it certainly will do one day. We have found weaknesses, particularly the lack of supplies of what is quaintly termed “PPE” (Personal Protective Equipment), which covers things like face-masks, aprons, antiseptic hand washes and wipes etc. In general though, what is in place is robust, and having had this timely warning we can work at filling the gaps without feeling under impossible pressure.

There have been a couple of unfortunate side-effects of the recent alarms. Our book stall, which raises many hundreds of pounds for charity, has had to be moth-balled, as the virus would last for ages on any books handled by someone who didn't yet realise that they had it. Never fear though! The books will be back as soon as life returns to normal – as will all our information leaflets, which have been packed away for the same reason.

What won't be back I'm afraid, is the toys. When we checked into the possibility of the virus spreading via them, we were advised that they should really be



disinfected following every play-session, even in normal times. That is obviously not practical, so with regret they have been banished for good. So, if you bring young

children into the surgery, please also bring along a favourite book or toy to help keep them entertained. On the subject of children, please remember that their safety whilst here is your responsibility. You need to keep an eye on them as the surgery has its dangers, however hard we try to make it safe. Similarly, the roads outside are a genuine hazard. People still drive too fast around here, especially along the lane immediately in front of the surgery where mischievous kids can easily be hidden by parked cars. Parents **and** drivers, please take care.

There's a new member of staff to introduce this month. She is Sue Thomas, who has just joined our reception team and will also be doing a bit of clerical work.

Sue lives in Wivenhoe with husband Alan, whom she describes as a “Wivenhoe Ferry Freak”. The mind boggles! In her private life, she sings and does tap-dancing (though not both at the same time she tells me.) Having done catering in an earlier existence, she is also into baking cakes, so maybe at last we have a replacement for Sonia's much-missed mince pies. Be warned - we'll be expecting to test your speciality soon Sue – whatever it is.

In recent months Sue has been temping, which gave us an idea of how versatile she would be. Having worked in the NHS before, she already had a good basic knowledge of what is supposed to go on in a surgery. Consequently, she is picking things up very quickly and Di, our Reception Manager, is already letting her fly solo on many jobs. We all wish her a long and happy time at “The Hollies”.

*Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager*

## THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

When you read this letter we shall be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. This is the third major festival in the Christian calendar.

Although the biblical word Pentecost has now replaced Whitsunday in the Church calendar, many are nostalgic for the popular Whitsun of their younger days. They have happy memories of the church festival and the "Whit Walks" of Christian witness. The girls, who held ribbons to the church banners carried on the "Whit Walks", wore white dresses on "White Sunday". Hundreds of parishioners marched behind the town band and this marked the beginning of the national holiday. It was an occasion celebrated by music and dancing, children's games, and refreshments served on the field. So long were some of the processions that two bands were needed, one to lead and the other to bring up the rear. It was not only a happy occasion, but also an impressive one to witness in the open air. However the fixing of the Spring Bank holiday as the last Monday in May has resulted in secularising the holiday. It is interesting that this year the two coincide. Nevertheless the traditional customs associated with the festival have lost their popularity. The name Whitsun soon lost its religious significance, and no longer were white dresses worn on White Sunday, and the name of Pentecost replaced it in the church calendar.

Pentecost was the biblical name for the Jewish festival celebrated fifty days after the Passover, to commemorate the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, and the ingathering of the first fruits of the harvest. To Christians, Pentecost is the commemoration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church, and the first gathering of souls when St. Peter preached his powerful sermon on that

tremendous day. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the disciples witnessed to a great multitude 'out of every nation under heaven ...and there were added unto them three thousand souls'. (Acts 2 v41)

Although some regret the passing of the old time associations of Whitsun, others have been gladdened to find that the resurrected name of Pentecost spelt new spiritual life to the church of modern times. Pentecost is now being felt again in this present age. The wind of the spirit is again moving across the continents of the world. The inflow of converts on that first Pentecost is surpassed by the vast numbers being brought to Christianity in some parts of the world today. In some emergent nations converts are being brought into the Christian fellowship faster than churches can be built to house them. The old established churches of the West are astonished at the way Pentecostal faith is sweeping across places like Africa and Latin America. The third person of the Trinity has come to the fore. Although the doctrine of the Holy Spirit has been acknowledged in the creeds and hymns down the centuries, the realisation of the Spirit's influence has seldom been as strong as in the life of the church today.

The familiar metaphors of wind and fire only partially express what the disciples experienced at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is not just a power but also a Person – the third Person of the Divine Trinity. The apostles welcomed him into their midst as an invisible Presence. It was as Jesus had promised; 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst'. He was the Spirit of holiness, the alter ego of Jesus, who had promised to be with them always. He was the Invisible Companion to accompany them on their world mission. He, the Holy Spirit, was the Divine Guest who had

come to dwell among them, and be in them, for the Holy Spirit of Jesus was not just a powerful force, but also a dynamic Person. Jesus called him the Paraclete, the Divine Helper, the Spirit of Holiness who would come to remind them of the things of Christ, and dwell in them to empower, encourage, and purify. His influence would produce in them the fruits of the Spirit, and the Church would be advanced by his power.

The important thing for us to remember today is that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not just an historical event associated with the First Pentecost. St. Peter in his Pentecostal sermon made it clear that spiritual power was not to be confined to apostolic times, but that we, in our time, might expect the Divine Guest to knock on our door.

This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel; "and it shall come to pass in the last days", saith God, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Repent, and be baptised

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord God shall call". (Acts 2 v16-17, 38-39)

And so this Pentecost let us by faith respond to that call, and welcome the Divine Guest into our lives.

With love to you all,  
*Fr. Robert*

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**Services for June**

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	7.30pm	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>1st Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Choral Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>2nd Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist, All Age Worship Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 5th July</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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