

The Bromley Messenger

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THE GREAT BROMLEY FUN DAY 2009

The Great Bromley Fun Day took place on 13th June. The event was organised in response to the Village Appraisal conducted by the Parish Council in 2007 in which villagers had indicated that they would like to see something in the village that would bring people together. The response on the day, which was held in conjunction with the Hamilton Lodge Fete, was truly excellent with attendance exceeding expectations.

It is worth recording here that a number of stallholders from outside the village commented on how genuinely pleasant and friendly everybody was - young and old - and this is something of which the village should be justifiably proud.

Feedback is most welcome and comments, suggestions - good and bad - can be fed back to Neil Skinner, Bill Kempster, Ken Bromfield or any of the organising committee.

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

The Chairman would like to thank all who helped make the day a success and in particular the organising committee whose efforts often went above and beyond the call of duty.

Neil Skinner

IT'S ALL HAPPENING HERE

The village has been buzzing with activity during June and looks to do so again during July.

The Fun Day on 13th June dawned sunny and warm and proved a great success. I was sorry to have missed it but all those I have spoken to about it thoroughly enjoyed the event. In the photographs (see pages 4 and 5) everyone looks happy and relaxed - even the girl in the stocks!

This month Little Bromley is holding their Summer Barbeque and Fete at Mulleys Farm and St George's church have their Flower Festival over three days when you can enjoy the flowers, watch the Morris Dancers, go up the church tower, refresh yourselves at the BBQs and relax at the 'Cello concert followed by a supper. I hope the weather is once again kind for all these occasions.

The Friendship Club are having an Auction and the school children at St George's School are going on trips and doing all sorts of exciting things. This is also the month of the Tendring Show. This year the Playgroup are exhibiting in the Educational Tent so do go and see their mini beasts. The Tendring Show is a lovely location to meet up with friends and also to see, in their marquees or on their stalls, the work that some of our advertisers get up to and

create.

The Village Hall Committee had their A.G.M. recently and as you will see in their report on page a number of committee changes have taken place after long serving and hard working members have retired. We all use the Hall at some point during each year and like all committees, this one works very hard to constantly keep our Hall well cared for and a pleasant place to use by the different organisations, groups, individuals and for special village events.

I have been away with a friend on a Wholecloth (Durham) Quilt course at Wroxham Barns in Norfolk. This is the second such course I have been on there. Five days, in which we design our pattern before finally marking up our material ready to quilt. Believe me it is hard work and five days is only just long enough. However we did have some time to play and, one gloriously fine sunny evening after a huge rainstorm during the afternoon, we hired a put-put boat and chugged up the River Bure and into one of the Broads. We saw black swans, mute swans and cygnets, grebes, geese with their goslings etc. Because of the earlier storm there were few boats about so it was all very peaceful and pretty in the early evening sunlight.

Leonie Henderson

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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH GT BROMLEY

FLOWER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

'All Things Bright and Beautiful'



Friday 17 July
12 noon - 5.00pm
Festival lunch midday £4
Folk on the Green Morris
Dancers 7.30pm with
BBQ £4

Saturday 18 July
10.00am - 5.00pm
Children's craft morning
10-12 £1.50
Stalls, refreshments, Tower
tours, BBQ 12 noon-2.00pm
Lunchtime concert East Bergholt
School Choir: Organ recitals

Sunday 19 July
12 noon - 5.00pm
Festival Eucharist 10.30am
Stalls, refreshments, BBQ,
Tower tours from 2.00pm
Cream teas * Grand Draw 5pm
Cello concert & supper 6.00pm
Tickets £15.00



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GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 301310

It's been quite a month, huge projects starting, long serving people leaving, new people starting and large events happening.

This month has seen the retirement of the treasurer, Lynda Allam, having served for 16 years, the retirement of Bevan Willgress, secretary for 11 years, Peter Wenden, former chairman of the committee and Dennis Simons who has audited the accounts for many years. Tracy Griffiths has taken over the bookings and Dean Dasley is the new treasurer. Neil Skinner is in the new post as the minutes secretary. A big thanks to all those who have left for the work and effort they have put in over the years.

New persons on the committee are Dinah Jones, Jayne Bates, Debra Pasque and David Beech.

What a great day was had by all on the Fun Day. The first event on the site for 15 years. The seed was planted with the questionnaire that circulated around the village a couple of years ago. The weather was great, the visitors numerous and the fun fantastic. A big well done to Neil Skinner and his committee as well as all the helpers and workers who worked tirelessly so that we could all enjoy it.

Big things are happening, the Hall is to have a new roof. The old roof has been leaking for some time so the bullet has been bitten and the go ahead has been given by the committee. Lots of work has already been done behind the scenes with Fed Nichols getting quotes and Ken

Bromfield from the Parish Council obtaining grants. Bryn Jones has agreed to keep an eye on the project



and the committee is hoping for a September start. The Village Hall will be open as normal, the re-roofing will NOT affect the day to day running of the Hall.

An induction loop system (for the hard of hearing) is also to be fitted and more good news in that the hire charges for the Hall are to remain unchanged.

There are some great forthcoming events for you to enjoy and support. A Cabaret Evening (with the singer from last year's Murder Mystery) to be held on Saturday, 21st November. More details to follow and on Saturday, 5th December the Christmas Fayre, again more details later. The committee is still short of someone to audit the Hall accounts. No need to attend meetings! Not even a committee member, just audit the accounts in April. Please contact us if you can help.

Next meeting Tuesday, 28th July at 7.30pm.

That's all for now. Thank you for your support with the Funday and please put the forthcoming event dates in your diary.

David Beech

FLOWER FESTIVAL ST. GEORGES 2009 PEW END FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

In memory of a loved one sponsor a "Pew End Flower Arrangement".

Please contact Heather 250349.

£10.00 for each pew end.

**Great
Bromley
Fun Day
13th June**





Photographs courtesy of Neil Skinner

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FUN DAY

What a glorious day weatherwise - just sitting in the sun watching all the various activities and children running around was a treat considering all the 'health and safety' we hear about. The Friendship Stall (bric-a-brac) was a success with many thanks to everyone who donated and supported us. Special thanks to the members who manned the stall.

Don't forget the **AUCTION** on our usual meeting day, 16th July. Bring articles you don't want which we can sell to boost our funds - everyone welcome - come along to the Village Hall from 2.30pm onwards. NO competition this month.



Vicky Griffiths

ST HELENA HOSPICE

Although it has already been out occasionally, it is hoped that the 'Little White Table' in Briar Road, Great Bromley will be out on a regular basis as from July, offering fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables on a small scale as they become available. There are also water colour paintings for sale. All money raised at the table goes to the Hospice.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Great Bromley Parish Council

www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 11 June 2009

Planning

The Council considered the following planning applications:

Talisman Coachlines, Harwich Road – variation of condition 5 of approval 01/00751/FUL to allow up to 20 coaches to operate from this site, (no objections),
Application for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land corner of Frating/Brundells Roads for leisure, recreation and siting of a caravan and shed, (objections).

Westward House, Camp Road/Mary Lane North – application to allow removal of 18 trees/tree stumps, (no comment).

Tendring District Council has decided the following planning applications:

Bush Farm, Hall Road – demolition of existing agricultural/domestic buildings and erection of replacements.

Land south of Harwich Road – erection of agricultural storage building and workshop.

Great Bromley Funday

The Funday on Saturday 13 June proved to be a great success and the council warmly thanks all those spent considerable time and effort in its organisation. A full report and pictures can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 9 July 2009 at Great Bromley Village Hall.

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

Someone once told me that in this country we don't have a climate we only have weather; with the last few days into the start of June we have had climate, let's hope it continues!



The drawback is we have to keep using the watering can: hanging baskets, pots and tubs need watering every day.

Flowers

For large blooms on your chrysanthemums reduce the stems to six and begin disbudding. Tie in the young shoots of dahlias, if long stems are required for cutting, disbud some of the shoots, leaving only the strong terminal buds.

Keep removing the faded flower heads of annuals to encourage them to keep flowering.

Dwarf and intermediate bearded irises may be divided early in the month.

Tall varieties may be divided at the end of the month. Water until divisions are established.

Vegetables

Earth up brussel sprouts to stop them being rocked by the wind.

Late globe beetroot, carrots, lettuces and radish can be planted this month.

Plant out autumn and winter cabbages.

Harvest when ready dwarf beans, broad beans, early runner beans, summer cabbages, carrots and cauliflowers.

When digging up first and second early potatoes leave them on top of the ground to dry off, then store in large paper bags. DO NOT store in plastic sacks, the potatoes will soon rot.

Tomatoes should have their first trusses of flowers now so keep them well watered and when the first fruit are set start feeding once a week. Any of the well known tomato fertiliser will do.

Fruit

The blackberries and loganberries will be ripening this month; it goes without saying they must be protected from the birds.

Gooseberries are the first soft fruit to ripen and freeze very well. We are still using gooseberries that we froze last year.

Frank Griffiths

FROM THE PAST

PROVISION OF WATER IN 1933

In those days some houses depended on wells and some were lucky enough to have a pump. The Guildhall tenants had a pump but it was replaced in 1933 by Parsons and Son of Manningtree, telephone number 1933.

Parsons were Building Contractors, House Decorators, Sanitary Engineers. The Guildhall lead pump had failed. It was replaced with a new 3½" one. The

wooden casing was painted. Sides were in pine, the front and back in match-boarding, also there were new irons needed and a 12' suction pipe and make good the gulley—all at the cost of £7 8s 0d.

Parsons also were proud to completely furnish funerals.

No doubt Joslin's of High Street, Colchester provided the pump and its fittings.



KITCHEN CORNER

Rolled Pavlova

4 egg whites
8 tbs castor sugar
1 teasp cornflour
2 teasp vinegar
coconut or flaked almonds
1/2pint Whipping cream.
1 small tin sliced peaches, drained.

Beat egg whites till stiff. Continue beating and add cornflour, vinegar and 6 tbs castor sugar. Beat till stiff and glossy. Fold in rest of sugar.

Spread mixture evenly onto Swiss roll tin which has been lined, greased and sprinkled with water. Sprinkle with the coconut or flaked almonds, and bake at 350oF/180oC for 15 mins. Sprinkle a piece of greaseproof paper with castor sugar and turn out the pavlova. Gently

peel off the paper and cool for 10 -15 mins. Spread with whipped cream and peach slices, roll up lengthwise. Wrap in a teatowel and chill in fridge for at least 2 hours before serving.

Other fruits could be used such as sliced strawberries or raspberries.

Jill Frostick

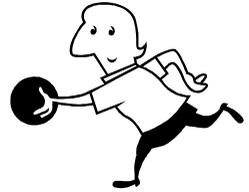


CARPET BOWLS

We are well into the summer league by now, latest match results are:: Against Silver Dawn we lost 8-1 away but won 6-3 at home, the two Walton matches were 7-2 win at home and 8-1 defeat away. A 5-4 win at home to Clacton-on-Sea, but two match losses 5-4 away to Highwoods and 6-3 away to Wix. Some of the games went to the wire and lost or won on just the one shot, could have gone either way but were all well played. Just three more matches left to play.

members and friends enjoyed a splendid meal and lots of chat and swapping stories etc. Although just recovering from a recent fall, Joe managed to attend, driven over from Brightlingsea by his son, Gerald, who joined us for the evening. We wish you well, Joe.

Nancy Kempster



Annual Dinner

The annual dinner was held at The Cherry Tree, Tendring on 16th May. 19

ACCIDENT AT THE BLACK BOY



A villager sent me this set of photos of an accident at the crossroads by the Black Boy (now The Courthouse Inn) at Great Bromley. The car, which is thought to be a Morris, was registered in Essex (VW) in June 1927 and the overturned lorry (EV) was registered in March 1931.



Forthcoming Events

JULY

- 5 St Mary's church, Lt Bromley open, 2-5pm
- 8 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Tendring Show, Lawford House Park, 9.00am
- 16 Friendship Club Auction meeting, Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 17-19 Music & Flower Festival, St George's church
- 19 'Cello Recital. St George's church, 6.00pm
- 20 Playgroup Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 25 Lt Bromley Barbecue and Fete, Mulleys Farm, 12 noon
- 28 Village Hall committee meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

AUGUST

- 1 WI meeting, 7.30pm
- 2 Colne 25 Cycle Ride, Brightlingsea, 11.00am
- St Mary's church, Lt Bromley open, 2-5pm
- 5 Watercolour Workshop, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 19 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30pm



SEPTEMBER

- 9 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 24 WEA course starts, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm

TENDRING

hundred **SHOW**

ESSEX COUNTY'S PREMIER AGRICULTURAL EVENT

Saturday 11th July 2009

All day at Lawford House Park
Nr Manningtree Essex

Show starts at 9.00am

As well as purchasing tickets from the usual outlets you can now purchase tickets on-line at www.tendringshow.co.uk

FOR SAVINGS AND TO CLAIM A FREE CHILD'S TICKET VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS





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Purchase tickets on-line at www.tendringshow.co.uk



WEA

Ardleigh Branch
September Term
Understanding Scenery
Tutor - Adrian Wright
Venue - Ardleigh Village Hall

Starting Date - Thursday 24th September 2009. (There will be one week - 8th October where, because of other commitments for the Tutor, we will not meet, there will be no half term)

More details of the course and who to contact on page 21

Friendship Club

AUCTION MEETING

Village Hall
2.30pm
16th July

ALL WELCOME

(see page 7 for more details)

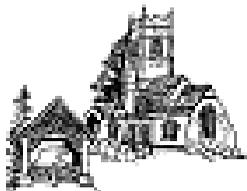


The Playgroup invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

at the Village Hall
on Monday 20th July 10.am-midday
Face painting * Bouncy castle
Refreshments * Various stalls
Entrance is £2 per child with a
maximum of £5

Do please come along for a fun
morning



MUSIC & FLOWER FESTIVAL.

St George's Church
July 17th, 18th & 19th 2009

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

More details on page 3

Little Bromley Amenities Committee and Parish
Council invite you to the

LITTLE BROMLEY SUMMER BARBECUE AND FETE

On Saturday 25th 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.

For all enquiries, please phone:
Major Downes on 01206 391015, Carol
on 395103 or Anita on 390033.

WATER COLOUR WORKSHOP

tutored by Marsha Heath

Wednesday 5th August
from 10.00am until 3.00pm
In Great Bromley Village Hall

£10 per person
Bring your own
lunch

Telephone either
230563 or 251949
for further details
and also see



'CELLO RECITAL

Sunday 19th July
6.00pm

In St George's Church
Followed by Buffet Supper

**More details and price of
tickets on page 13**



'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 1¼ hours and will include a Bach Suite. A buffet supper, with wine and soft drinks available at the bar, 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 Inn

In aid of St George's Church Repair Fund



Brightlingsea and District Rotary Club



We are pleased to announce that we shall be repeating the

Colne 25 Cycle Ride

on Sunday 2nd 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 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



Dedham Run 2009

**Sunday 27th September
(11am start)**

Dedham Playing Fields
**10k Race (measured) &
3k Fun Run**

Individual & Team categories

Medals, Trophies & Cash Prizes !
Entertainments, Refreshments,
Changing Facilities, Results Service.

**Entry forms and more details
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3K
Sponsored



St. Joseph's College



WEA

Ardleigh Branch
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Tutor - Adrian Wright

Venue - Ardleigh Village Hall

Starting Date - Thursday 24th September 2009. (There will be one week - 8th October where, because of other commitments for the Tutor, we will not meet, there will be no half term)

The course will be ten weeks long starting at 2.30 p.m. and finishing at 4.15 p.m. (a fifteen minute tea break included)

The fee will be £43.50 per person

The course tutor has written the following about the course:

Are you impressed by the landscape's immense variety - and would like to know how it achieved its appearance? In this course we seek explanations by studying the processes which have shaped scenery ranging from the volcanic eruption reported on the news, to the river we see on our local country stroll. To start with, we look at the grand scale - the pattern of continents and oceans, mountain ranges, earthquakes and volcanoes. Our attention then turns to landforms such as those found in the British Isles, and how they were shaped by rivers, glaciers and the sea acting on a variety of rocks. These themes are examined through many explanatory diagrams and illustrated by photographic evidence, including a "pictorial visit" to one of our most attractive stretches of holiday coastline. Course members will be offered the chance of a guided visit to the Earth Galleries (formerly Geological museum) in South Kensington.

For further details please phone Jill Frostick on 250263 or John Terry on 230490

THANKS

**THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
CAKE BREAK EVENT**

Thank you. I would like to thank everyone who attended and/or donated money for the Multiple Sclerosis Cake Break on Saturday 16th May 2009. I would also like to give a special thank you to Richard and Brenda at the Cross Inn, Great Bromley, Mrs Anne Bland and Mrs Angela Prior, who without their help, this event would not have been possible. We raised a remarkable £460.00 which will be going towards Research into this debilitating illness. I hope to see you at the event next year. Thank you once again

Mrs Sarah Baker

**FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY
CHURCH**

Thanks to all who helped make the open weekend June 6/7th a success. On Saturday we enjoyed musical interludes from local players with violin, accordion, organ, cello, piano, and solo voice. On Sunday we had a full house for a great concert by the East Anglian Single Reed Choir which set our feet tapping !

Gregory Frostick

**ARE YOU NEW TO
GREAT BROMLEY?**



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

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald Telephone: 01206 230305

We are now approaching the end of what has been a very successful and busy year. Classes 1 and 2 had a lovely time completing their sponsored teddy bear run. To date we have raised £417 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Year 6 pupils enjoyed an afternoon at Manningtree school where they took part in practical science experiments.

This month will be very busy and here is a selection of some of the things we have planned:

- **Class 3** will be visiting Sandford Mill linked to their Design Technology topic work.
- **Classes 1 and 2** will visit Harwich linked with their topic work on the seaside.
- Our **Year 6** pupils will be joining with others from the small schools cluster to have a fun activity day at East Mersea

Camp. This will be an opportunity for them to get to know other pupils who will be going to the same secondary schools as them.

- Our annual **Sports Day**.

Helpers tea party.

We are very grateful to all those who kindly collect tokens for our school. Would you please ensure that the following tokens are sent to school before 17 July – Tesco, Sainsbury's and Times Books for schools. Many thanks for all your support.

We hope everyone has a relaxing and safe summer holiday. We can't wait!!



Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup

At Great Bromley Village Hall.

Mon & Wed 9.15-11.45am & 12.15-2.45pm Thurs 9.30-12 noon

Session Tel No: 0785 7503103

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

We have had a very busy start to our last half term at playgroup.

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to Gayle Cowdery who has been treasurer of the committee for 4 years and we welcome Carole Davidson into her new position, we hope she will enjoy her time with us, along with her grandson Arthur who has recently joined playgroup too.

The children have been very busy working on our theme mini beasts ready for our display at the Tendring Hundred show on the 11th of July. Don't forget to come along to the educational tent to see all the children's hard work including our

own version of 'The Snail' by the artist Matisse. We are also pleased to announce the children will be taking part in the Barnardo's Tiddle on Wednesday 1st of July raising money for a very worthwhile charity.

We are also hosting a playgroup coffee morning on Monday the 20th July 2009 between 10am and midday at the village hall, where you can come along with the children and have some fun. There will be face painting, bouncy castle, refreshments and various stalls. Entrance is £2 per child with a maximum of £5. Please come along - we would love to see you.

NATURE'S DIARY

I thought I would start a new column of the wildlife with which we are so fortunate to share our surroundings. I am not an authority so if any of you have any input and would like to share it, maybe even with photographs, please do send it to me.

I felt this month I should start with the butterflies. Last year was not good for butterflies (and insects in general) but this year so far things are better. Look out this month for the Large, Small and Green Veined White butterflies, the Brimstone, Red Admiral, Peacock, Comma, Speckled Wood, Meadow Brown, Small Heath, Holly Blue and Essex Skipper. The Painted Lady has come over in large numbers from the continent this year but I have (for the second or third year running) yet to see a Small Tortoiseshell.

Look out also for Shield Bugs which are small flattish beetles. The Hawthorn and Green Shield Bugs are easy to identify and there are others such as the *Coreus marginatus* that you will also find in your gardens plus others which are a bit smaller. Damselflies and dragonflies are now about. There are blue-tailed and common blue damselflies in Great Bromley which are easy to see and identify - don't forget the male and female are often different colours. Damselflies often perch on leaves and tall grass in the sunshine. The dragonflies - hawkers and darters - are more difficult to identify as they constantly patrol looking for prey. If you see one land in a certain place before flying off again, be patient as they often return to the same place which is used as a lookout.

This spring I had the largest mass of toad and frogspawn I have even seen in the pond but I am not sure how many survived the hungry beaks which seek them out. However the garden is full of toads and frogs of all different sizes from fully mature to half size ones and hopefully some of this year's tadpoles will be joining them. There is a toad by our back door which we have

to be careful not to step on at night when we take out the dog last thing.



Libellula depressa
(Broad-bodied Chaser) f.

Keep an eye open for the buzzards towards

Lt Bromley and listen out for the tawny owlets who are out of their nest - there appear to be three - and 'squeaking' each evening in the trees for their parents' attention. They 'squeak' for about 6 weeks when it all suddenly stops, when I presume they are old enough to forage for their own food. To my delight the other day I saw a barn owl flying gracefully along by the side of the road at hedge height at 8.00am up towards New House Farm looking absolutely beautiful.

Leonie Henderson

Outstanding care,
transforming lives

North Essex Partnership 
NHS Foundation Trust

The Trust Governors for Tendring are looking to canvass your views about mental health services in the Tendring area.

Mental health issues touch many people's lives. Becoming a member of your local trust gives you a voice and involvement in delivering services

Becoming a Foundation Trust has helped the Trust to deliver improvements in patient care, become more accountable to local people and to strengthen our relationships with partner organisations to deliver an improved range of services. The Tendring Governors; - Dan Kessler, Angela Barnes, Keith Lever, and Gail Blackwell - are keen to hear from anyone in the 27 Parishes that comprise

Tendring. We would like to hear your views about mental health services and people's experiences of them. This will enable us to feed back to the Trust any compliments or concerns the public may have, and especially to hear from members of the Trust as to where they would like to see the Trust heading in the next few years

For more information about the North Essex Partnership Foundation Trust why not visit our new website at: <http://www.nepft.nhs.uk/> or call Trust Headquarters Trust Secretary's office on 01245 546400.

To contact Tendring Governors directly please call Angela Barnes on 07710271018



Mobile Library

(July – December 2009)

The county's mobile library will continue to call at the following Great Bromley locations on **alternate Wednesdays** at the same times as before, as noted below:

11.15 – 11.30 am

11.40 – 11.55 am

12.00 – 12.15 pm

1.20 – 1.35 pm

1.40 – 1.55 pm

Cross Inn, Burnt Heath

Hamilton Lodge

Church Meadow

Village Hall

Chase Road West, Hare Green

The rest of the visit dates for 2009 are:

1, 15, 29 July

12 and 26 August

9 and 23 September

7 and 21 October

4 and 18 November

2, 16, 30 December

ESSEX POLICE



These are the dates for the beat surgeries in Great Bromley between July & December 2009
between 19:30 - 20:30

8th July	19th August
9th September	21st October
11th November	23rd December

These are the incidents in Gt Bromley for the month of May

Nuisance Youth - Harwich Road

Nuisance Other - Harwich Road

Theft Other - Ardleigh Road

Criminal Damage - Chapel Lane

Suspicious Circumstances - Mary Lane North

News letter for the month of May 09

An 87 year old woman who lives in Kirby le Soken received the following phone call from a male, "Hello Mrs xxxxx, you have inadvertently overpaid £1000 in to an account and we wish to pay it back as soon as possible into your bank account can we have the details of your bank card" The lady started to give her details but when asked to turn the card over and give the three numbers on the back, something rung a bell in her mind and she put the phone down. Not to be undone the scammer rang back and asked her to complete the transaction, but she put the phone down. She phoned her son who contacted the bank and sorted things out there.

It doesn't finish there, the next day a woman phoned her with the same request and she put the phone down. It was a scam as the woman had not paid any money into any account she shouldn't have done & certainly not £1000

None of the callers stated where they were from and no Bank was referred to at all.

Please be aware that a company called WW help limited are in the Tendring area requesting clothing. Please ignore their request and donate any clothing to a genuine charity shop.

Also that people are receiving phone calls from people claiming to be from Sky TV asking for bank details. If you are a Sky customer they should have your details. Please do not give out any personal or bank details over the telephone. Should you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Sky TV asking for details advise the person that you will call Sky direct to verify details. Please do not call the number that is given to you by them use the number that is on your bill.

Finally a company called Clacton Reinforced Paving Ltd are making unsolicited calls in the area. This company are operating out of a travellers' site so please be aware.

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HARE GREEN RECREATION GROUND AND DOGS

Residents are reminded that in the interests of health, hygiene and safety dogs are **not allowed** on the recreation green at any time. The parish council appreciates your co-operation in exercising your dog elsewhere.



THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

Generally most people are superstitious to some degree or another. By a superstition I mean a belief for practice which is irrational and which usually results from ignorance or fear. Of course there are many examples of superstitious beliefs or practices. There is a belief that bad luck will strike the person in front of whom a black cat passes. Then there is the belief that tragedy will befall a person who walks under a ladder, and that you shouldn't cross people on the stairs. Good luck charms such as horseshoes, coins, locketts and other religious medals are kept or worn to ward off evil or bring good fortune. We have often heard that one magpie will bring sorrow and two will bring joy! And then of course there is the belief that everyone born at certain times of the year are categorised under star signs.

In general, superstitious beliefs and practices are most common in situations involving a high degree of risk, chance and uncertainty, and during times of personal or social stress or crisis, when events seem to be beyond human control. However what is or is not superstitious is relative. One person's belief's can be another's superstitions.

All religious beliefs and practices may be considered superstition by unbelievers and we as Christians have to be very careful of what we believe.

Lots of practices which surrounded baptism, were superstitious. Instead of baptism being a sign of God's grace and goodness, some people said that it was also a necessary practice to prevent you going to hell. So babies who died without baptism were refused burial in consecrated ground.

There are still many practices surrounding Holy Communion which are utterly superstitious. There is the idea you have to be confirmed, and the fact that you should only take Holy Communion once a day.

None of these are found in the pages of scripture and yet they have found their way into the teaching of parts of the church and the faith of some Christians for many years.

This brings us to the big question of what is faith. The Christian faith is about answering the question – who is Jesus to you? Few people can seriously doubt that Jesus existed because there is too much evidence from the Bible and from historical records. But the big question is – who do you say he was? For many people Jesus was a good man or prophet. For other people Jesus was a misguided man who ended up like many others who said dangerous things. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and from that one belief we can look at Jesus and see what God is like. Christian faith starts from Christ – Jesus Christ – and trust in him is all we need.

This is not superstition, because although I would agree that for many the idea of Jesus is irrational there are many things which are irrational but true. Belief in Jesus does require faith but not everything which we do not understand is superstition or rubbish. We have to look carefully at what is superstitious rubbish and not true, and what is true even though it may require faith to believe it because we do not have absolute proof. Christian faith is something for which we have no proof and yet from the humble acknowledgement of who Jesus is, faith can grow in an amazing and remarkable way, almost imperceptibly. What Jesus is saying is that there is no excuse for anybody not to believe. We don't have to swallow a theological textbook and sign up to thousands of beliefs and practices – we are called to simply trust in Jesus and who he is.

From those humble beginnings the truth can grow and take root in our lives. Our faith might have humble beginnings and yet it cannot be dismissed, it has a destiny. Our faith might be small and insignificant and yet God can transform our meagre faith into

something beyond our expectations. It is not the size of our faith that matters but the quality of the person in whom we place our faith –Jesus. There are things we might get wrong along the way, ideas which might creep in and which we have to clear out every now and then. This is because we are a people on the way, not a people who have arrived. Faith is learning to live with the questions we cannot answer, in the light of

the answers we have. The kingdom has started but it has not yet arrived. There is so much for all of us to learn and yet we know that we can trust the one holds our grain of faith securely in his hand.

Fr. Robert

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Services for July

Sunday 5th July

8.00am
10.30am
6.30pm

4th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist, All Age Worship
Evensong

*St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

Sunday 12th

8.00am
10.30am
6.30pm

5th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist, All-Age Worship
Evensong

*St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr*

Sunday 14th

8.00am
10.30am
6.00pm
6.30pm

6th Sunday after Trinity ST GEORGE'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist
'Cello Concert
Evensong

*St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
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St. Mary the Virgin*

Sunday 26th

8.00am
10.30am

7th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist

*St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

Sunday 2nd August

8.00am
10.30am
6.30pm

8th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist, All Age Worship
Evensong

*St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

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