

# *The Bromley Messenger*

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The heavens opened, thunder clapped and lightning flashed just before the first event of St George's Church Flower Festival weekend. Just before 7.30pm it stopped. A few hardy souls and then more congregated in Church Meadow where the BBQ was already lit and the Morris Dancers gathered. The show went ahead despite the weather and the wet conditions underfoot. The Morris Dancers gave a shortened but nonetheless enjoyable performance in front of the church and it was a wonderful start to the festivities of the evening.

Having supped the Sticklegs brew and partaken of the barbeque we entered the church to be greeted in the porch by a stunningly decorated beehive. The church itself with its theme in flowers of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' was delicately perfumed and glorious. There then followed an evening of folk music performed by a variety of performers which was enjoyed by all including the resident bat. To think we nearly missed it because we felt wimpish in the face of the earlier weather.

## IN THE SUMMER TIME

Time seems to pass so quickly and here we are in August. The schools have broken up and no doubt most of you will be off enjoying your holidays in the sun (or maybe rain!). Various adult classes too will have drawn to a close for the duration although a lot of them do have a day or two of summer 'workshops' just to keep either the hand, body or brain, or all three, in peak condition.

This is also the time of year when there is a rest before the changes of the autumn arrive with perhaps new schools, moving on to university or starting new jobs. A time for relaxation and reflection.

Last year the WI held a very successful watercolour painting workshop which is to be repeated this year. Why not go along and try your hand - you never know you

may be a budding Constable, Gainsborough, Turner or Munnings. There is a gallery of Gainsborough's paintings in Sudbury and the Munnings Art Museum is at Castle House in Dedham; both good

for a day out to see some of their original paintings. You could even seek inspiration from a wander beside the River Stour to East Bergholt where Constable used to live..

It has been quiet on the magazine front also which was fortunate this month as some of you - as well as me! - were confused as to deadline dates. The deadline each month now is the **14th of the month** with the exception of the January issue which has to be put together a week earlier than usual due to the Christmas and New Year holiday shut down.

I wonder how many of you have been following Frank Griffiths' vegetable allotment advice. I am inundated with courgettes, some of which have become marrows. The potatoes are doing well, my sweetcorn is forming, pumpkins are looking bounteous and the cabbages and leeks are growing well. The tomatoes are a disappointment and the celeriac plants have been eaten by something ... but I suppose you can't win them all.

Have a good summer.

*Leonie Henderson*



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# SUMMER QUIZ

Compiled by Val and Ian Harris



- 1 What is "Summer lightning"?
- 2 Why are July and August so named?
- 3 Cliff Richard starred in a hit film about a group of friends who had a travelling holiday in a London bus, what was the film called and when was it released?
- 4 Which cult series had a character called Summer Quinn?
- 5 What were the surnames of the characters Sandy and Danny who sang "Summer Nights" in the film Grease?
- 6 Where are the islands of: Tanera Mhor, Bottle Island, Eilean Eubh, Glas-leac Beag, Glas-leac Mòr, Horse Island, Isle Martin, Priest Island (Eilean a' Chlàirich), Isle Ristol, Eilean Mullagrach, Tanera Beag and Càrn nan Sgeir.
- 7 When and where was "The Battle of the Boyne"?
- 8 What did Henry Ford produce on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1908? (You can have one point for each name.)
- 9 What is the "Summer time" act?
- 10 Who wrote "Summer in the City" and when was it written?
- 11 Who worked at Sunshine Desserts? What was the name of his boss and the name of the actor who played him?
- 12 What is particular about the musical round, "Sumer is Icumyn in"?

Answers on page 18

## FROM THE PAST

### Shopkeepers in Great Bromley

STEPHENSON'S Up to date stores, as the owner boasted, was on the telephone in 1939, the number Great Bromley 423. They were complete Home Furnishers and Universal Providers.

Grocery, Drapery, Boots, Clothes, Patent Medicines, Flour, Corn, Coal etc was either in stock or could be obtained very quickly for customers.

Again the boast was "If you don't see

what you want, kindly ask for it". Where can we get that same service today?

In 1939 Mr Whiting, who was Headmaster of Elmstead School, lived in one of the seven Guildhall Cottages and at the expenses of the Trustees was provided from Stephenson's with

1 Lavatory Pay	4s 3d
Taring the same	6d

*John Appleby*

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## CARPET BOWLS

Not a very good result from our journey to play Engines at Little Clacton on 29th June. We lost 8-1. However it was a really lovely summer evening so we enjoyed the outing. Playing Highwoods at home we managed a 7-2 victory.

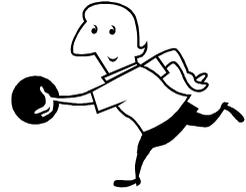
New member of the Club, Brenda Shelton, has been with us for a few weeks, an experienced bowler Brenda has already fitted in with everyone and we hope she stays with us a long time.

Always good to welcome a new member, but alas, this month we must say goodbye to an old and founder member in Joe Canham. Joe died on 6th July just two months short of his century. He gave a lot of his time and talent to the Club in the early years, only slowing down in his game the last 12 months or so. He was

everyone's friend and was always ready with a little story from his working days and little anecdotes of his vast experience of country life. We have missed him these past few weeks and will more so now.

Just before the start of the Highwoods match, we were joined by our visitors in observing a one minute silence in Joe's memory. Several of their players remembering him with affection. Farewell Joe.

*Nancy Kempster*



## KITCHEN CORNER

### Chocolate chip cookies

3ozs/75g butter  
4ozs/125g SR flour  
2ozs/50g sugar  
2oz/50g Chocolate dots

Cream butter and sugar together till light and fluffy. Fold in flour, then the chocolate dots. Roll the dough into small balls and put them well spaced out on a greased baking sheet. Flatten the balls slightly and bake at 350°F/180°C for 10-15 minutes.

I think you will find these popular for trips to the beach!

*Jill Frostick*



## ANIMALS

### LOST AND FOUND

**Black and White cat** found in Hilliards Road, Great Bromley.  
If you have lost a cat answering to this description, please call 01206 250425.

**White rabbit** found in Badley Hall Road. Please ring 01206 231262

## ARE YOU NEW TO GREAT BROMLEY?



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



## Incidents in Great Bromley during the month of June

**Nuisance Other** - Harwich Road (Court House)

- Chase Road

**Nuisance Vehicle** - Harwich Road

**Theft Other** - Harwich Road

**Criminal Damage** - Harwich Road

**Suspicious Circumstances** - Briar Road

**Road Traffic Collision (With Injury)**

- Mary Lane North

- Hall Road

**Road Traffic Collision (Damage Only)**

- Carringtons Road

you do keep poultry, you might want to revisit your security on your outhousing / coops. Motion sensing lights are very good for outdoor areas, as are contact strip alarms which can be battery operated and retail at under £10 each. If you see anything suspicious please report on 0300 333 4444.

Les Barnes PCSO 71909

Thorpe Le Soken NPT Eastern

Internal Ext : 487603

External 01255 862843

Email :



## NEWS LETTER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Firstly there have been reports of **charity collections** the latest being on behalf of Breast Cancer, a sighting of white transit in the Chelmsford area which had a RED hand painted ribbon on the side collecting clothing left out by residents. Please report any sightings to police on 0300 333 4444. It is believed that the clothing collected is sold on and is not for charity.

Also we have received information that a Scottish female has knocked on resident's door asking if she could send someone to do an **arthritis check**. Please do not invite anyone in your home unless you are sure of whom they are. Obviously if you were to need an arthritis check please go and see your doctor. Please contact 0300 333 4444 and wait for the operator to answer then ask to be put through to control room if you are approached by this female.

### Chicken theft.

For any of you who keep chickens, we have had reports from across the borders of a spate of chicken thefts. 30 or 40 chickens are going missing at a time, so if

[leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police](mailto:leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police)

website : [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)

# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Great Bromley Parish Council

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

**Report of a parish council meeting held on 9 July 2009**

### Planning

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

**Westward House, Camp Road/Mary Lane North** – application to allow trimming back of two trees.

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

**Bush Farm, Hall Road** – erection of four bay stable block, store and tack room and change of use of agricultural land to horse paddock.

**Bush Farm, Hall Road** – erection of hay store/barn (following demolition) and cattle shed and associated yard.

**Bush Farm, Hall Road** – erection of machinery/general storage building.

**Land opposite Bush Farm, Hall Road** – erection of general-purpose agricultural building (*But the proposed building should be located away from nearby dwellings*).

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

**Site of former Elm Cottage, Harwich Road** – two chalet bungalows and garages (variation to existing approval).

**Esther-Lee Stable, Crockleford Heath, Ardleigh** – change of use to travellers' site (Appeal).

***The Council considered and noted the following planning application:***

**Westward House, Camp Road/Mary Lane North** – application to allow the removal of 14 trees and possible damage to 5 others.

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

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land at the

corner of **Frating / Brundells Roads** for leisure, recreation and siting of a caravan and shed.

### Great Bromley Funday

In addition to being an enjoyable day for all the Funday raised a total of £600+ for the voluntary stalls. There was also an overall surplus of £630 which has been divided equally between the Church Fabric Fund and the Village Roof appeal.

The council has agreed that a similar event should be organised in June 2010, perhaps again in conjunction with Hamilton Lodge's summer fete which also appears to have been successful.

### Trees

About 10% of the trees planted by the council have been lost following the recent dry spell. However local landowners are thanked for watering those that have survived.

### Community Initiatives Fund

See the separate notice concerning the availability of substantial funds for small and large-scale capital projects. Deadline: 6 November 2009.

**The next meeting** of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13 August 2009 at Great Bromley Village Hall.



# ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND 2009/2010

### What is the Community Initiatives Fund?

Essex County Council is continuing to provide support for communities throughout Essex to deliver improvements that matter to local residents. The main aim of the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is to help fund projects or initiatives that will promote the social, economic or environmental well-being of the locality and result in the creation or enhancement of a physical asset.

### What does it fund?

Eligible projects could include community, social and recreational facilities, village halls, community transport initiatives, land purchases, playground equipment, environmental works and any related feasibility, design and planning work. The project should take account of Essex County Council and Essex Partnership priorities including tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, improving local environmental features, access to services and supporting communities.

Projects will be given preference if they can attract matched funding, have the potential to add value to other work being undertaken in the locality and have been identified in local 'health checks' or parish plans.

### Who does it fund?

Applications are invited from bodies which are properly constituted and broadly representative of their local community or neighbourhood. These include: parish councils, neighbourhood committees and forums, residents' associations and community organisations.

### Qualifying criteria

- The project should have the support of the parish council.
- Evidence that matched funding has

been investigated or secured must be provided with the application.

- The expenditure must be capital in nature.
- Evidence that the project meets local needs must be submitted with grant applications.
- The applicant should be able to demonstrate that it can meet any ongoing revenue costs.
- The facility or project should be available to all sectors of the local community and must not be political or religious in nature.
- Successful applicants must work with the County Council in promoting and publicising their initiative.
- **Any funds granted must be spent by 31 March 2011.**

### Projects that are *not* eligible

- Grants will not be made to individuals
- Applications will not be considered from the following types of organisations: statutory bodies (apart from parish councils), schools or PTAs, national organisations. All other applications will be judged on their merits and on the evidence of strong community support and need.
- Grants will not be made for the purposes of: the promotion of religion or political ideals, work that has already taken place, activities which a statutory body is responsible for, animal welfare, fabric appeals for places of worship, fundraising events or activities, individuals including students or revenue costs.

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### Funding available

There is £100,000 available this year for each District covered by Essex County Council.

### Capital v revenue costs

**Capital costs (eligible)** – examples include major works to village/community halls such as replacing roofs, renovating kitchens, providing disabled toilet facility, etc., play area equipment, purchase of land for community use (e.g., playing field), fencing work to secure community area, notice boards, community transport initiatives, new community buildings, etc.

**Revenue costs (not eligible)** – examples include salary payments, rental payments, uniforms, small sports equipment (footballs, small portable equipment, etc.), day trips, day to day running costs, routine repairs and maintenance (painting, etc.), grass-cutting machinery.

Costs such as computer equipment, furniture and white goods in kitchens *on their own* are not eligible, but if they form part of a larger refurbishment or new build project, they are eligible.

### Assessment of bids

Judging Panels comprise a group of relevant local representatives, typically representatives from District Associations of Local Councils, Residents' Associations (or similar) and the District council for voluntary service. The Panel will be chaired by the Chairman of the District Council, who will not have voting rights. There is no right of appeal.

### Timescale and application process

All applications must be made on the prescribed form, with a delivery **deadline of Friday 6th November 2009**. Further information and application forms from: Beverly Davies on 07929 543523 or email [info@communityinitiativesfund.co.uk](mailto:info@communityinitiativesfund.co.uk). See also [www.communityinitiativesfund.co.uk](http://www.communityinitiativesfund.co.uk).

## LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Report on the Parish Council meeting held on 18th June. There were no members of the public present.

A **Bulk Rubbish Collection** has been arranged for the village for Saturday, 19th September. More information later.

The **Family Barbeque and Fete** on 25th July was discussed at length and a final meeting will take place on 15th July on site at Mulley's Farm. Carol and Anita are looking for volunteers to help.



Planning applications approved by the Council

- a) Change of use—Land to the rear of **Bramble Cottage**
- b) Construction of bungalow to replace the **Old Smithy**
- c) Side extension to **Hawthorn Cottage**

The results of the **current annual audit** were produced for inspection. The contents were confirmed and approved and would be forwarded to the Auditors for further action.

### Rural Footpath

As yet no further information has been received regarding the funding for this project.

**Date of the next meeting** is 27th August 2009 at The Haywain at 7.30pm.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### WATER COLOUR WORKSHOP

Following the very popular and successful "water colour morning" held last year, members of Great Bromley WI have decided to hold another event this year. The "water colour workshop" tutored by Marsha Heath, will run from 10.00am until 3.00pm on

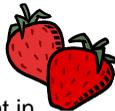
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The cost of the event will be £10.00 per person (this may be reduced if sufficient numbers attend) plus

water colour paper which will be on sale at £1.00 per sheet. In order to keep costs down, we are asking you to please bring your own lunch - tea and coffee will be provided. There are a few spaces left so if you would like to take part, please telephone either 230563 or 251949 for further details.



### Strawberry Tea

**We would like to thank** all those who supported this event in June.



A profit of over £214 was made, so we have been able to send £71.60 both to East Anglia Children's Hospices and to Breast Cancer Care, with the rest going into funds. Thanks also to Fred and Jenny Nicholls for the use of their house and garden.

*W.I. Committee*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

"Oh, what a beautiful morning" - the sun was shining—here we are all dressed in loose clothing with umbrellas (not for rain of course!) as it was going to be HOT and we would need some shade. There was air conditioning in the coach to keep us cool and our driver chose a scenic route so that we could enjoy the open countryside. The different shades of green of the fields and the crops growing in contrast—so peaceful—just sitting back in the seat and at times leaning up to see the gardens. As we approached Dunwich the sky began to look a bit grim and by the time we got to the Tea Rooms the sun had gone and we were met with mist and cold wind—rather chilly. We sat down to a



very enjoyable meal, fish and chips or salad followed by fruit salad and ice cream with plenty of tea to drink. Then it was time to head for home, still grey skies but we arrived back to "Oh, what a beautiful evening"! It was as if we had brought the morning sun with us. A GOOD DAY??

At our last meeting we had a musical afternoon when we were able to exercise our vocal chords.

The Auction will have been held and people will have unloaded things they "didn't really want to keep" so more about the Auction next time.

The competition for August is a Humorous picture of a child.

GET WELL wishes to anyone not feeling too good.

*Vicky Griffiths*

# GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 301310

Not quite as spectacular as last month but still lots going on. A huge amount of work is being done by Fred Nichols and Ken Bromfield behind the scenes to secure grants so we can have a new roof for the Hall.

What an excellent day we had at the Funday last month, we all had a great time and an overall profit for the village of more than £1,400 was made. Well done to Neil Skinner, his hard working committee and all the other helpers!

By the time you are reading this the induction loop system should already be fitted. The system will let persons with hearing aids tune in to the microphone

Being new to the village I did not realise anything about the Hall. I had driven past it but had never stopped. Most of us only go into the Hall to vote. I had no idea about what an asset the Hall was with so many organisations using it. These are the Great Bromley & Frating Playgroup, The Scallywags, Great Bromley Badminton Club, Great Bromley Men's Social Club, Great Bromley Carpet Bowls Club, Great Bromley Women's Institute, Great Bromley Friendship Club, Great Bromley Parish Council, Colchester & District Poultry Club, British Gas, Royal Air Force Association, The Church and the School. I hope I have not missed anybody out but you might notice what a wide variety of organisations there are in the village.

If anyone wants to use the Hall they should contact Tracy Griffiths on 01206 230054 and I am sure she will be glad to help.

Did you know that on 10th May in 1946 Douglas Crossman gifted the village the Hall and the cricket grounds in memory of his later father, Percy Crossman. At this time the charitable trust was set up for 'the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Great Bromley'.

## **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November Cabaret & Supper evening.**

The return of Eve Bridger, from the Golden Girl Murder Mystery Evening. Also comedian Olly Day, a very funny man from Norfolk plus a meal. Eve is currently appearing on various cruise ships performing her cabaret act. It promises to be an excellent evening's entertainment.

Tickets will be on sale in September, watch this space for ticket details and the price.



## **Saturday December 5th, the Christmas Fayre.**

More details on both events to follow.

The committee is still short of someone to audit the Hall accounts. The accounts just need to be audited in April; contact anyone on the committee if you can help.

Next meeting Monday July 20th 7:30pm.

That's all for now, thank you for your support and do please put the forthcoming event dates in your diary.

*David Beech*

# FROM THE DOCTORS' SURGERIES

## Great Bentley Surgery News

Not surprisingly, Swine Flu dominates the agenda this month. It is obviously foremost in many people's thoughts at the moment, even though at this stage it seems to be nowhere near as dangerous as ordinary seasonal flu, which kills 4,000 – 5,000 people every winter in the UK.

Due to the spread of the virus, GPs are now only dealing with **urgent** cases, i.e.

**Children under 5**  
**Pregnant women**  
**People with a serious underlying medical problem, e.g. heart disease or COPD**

So if you have flu-like symptoms  
**Please do NOT come to the surgery or to the pharmacy**  
**Please do NOT go to Accident & Emergency**

This would only increase the risk of the virus spreading even further.

The official recommendation for everyone is to

**Visit the NHS Choices website at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) for advice and to check symptoms, or**  
**Call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513**

If after checking your symptoms, you believe you may have swine flu, please **contact the PCT Flu Co-ordination Centre on 0800 542 0303**. Please have your NHS number available if you can – you will find it on your medical card or on any communications you have had from the hospital. The Co-ordination Centre operative will help you check whether or not you have swine flu and will tell you what you need to do next.

Should the person who seems to have swine flu come into an "urgent" category, as above, please **telephone your surgery** for further advice.

If you haven't already done it, it's not too late even now to sort out a "Flu Friend", i.e. someone who is willing to help out if you get swine flu. It needs to be someone fairly mobile who can do things like fetching medication and ensuring that you have other essential supplies if you are laid low. It also needs to be someone living nearby. A close relative living 30 or 40 miles away won't be able to do things very quickly for you, however well-meaning they might be. Whoever it is, it would be best to agree arrangements with them before the virus actually strikes, because you certainly won't feel like doing it at the time.

If you are unlucky enough to become ill, you should avoid direct contact with other people, even your Flu Friend, as far as possible. You can minimise the risk of passing on the virus by having medication put through the letterbox and by getting essential supplies left on your doorstep rather than handed to you in person. There is no point in putting other people at unnecessary risk.

Please think of elderly neighbours and relatives during this time. If you feel that you could act as someone's Flu Friend, please offer to do so. We all know how difficult some people find it to ask for help – they are too embarrassed to admit that they need it, or they don't want to be a burden. Now isn't the time to be shy. If you believe a frail or elderly person that you know might need help, don't sit back and depend on someone else offering.

Finally, another plea that you shouldn't go to a surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you think you have swine flu. Health workers need to stay well to look after people who have all sorts of other illnesses as well as flu. If you stay at home and do things over the telephone it will be much easier for you, the virus is less likely to get spread around, and you'll help us to make sure that the NHS keeps going.

*Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager*

# ***Forthcoming Events***

## **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
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Candlelight Service, St Mary's church, Little Bromley, 8.30pm
- 27 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Medieval Charity Banquet, Pond Farm, 7.00pm
- 9 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 24 WEA course starts, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 27 Harvest Lunch, Village Hall  
Dedham Run, Dedham Playing Fields, 11.00am

## **NOVEMBER**

- 11 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Cabaret evening, Village Hall



## ***Medieval Charity Banquet***

*In Aid of Colchester Toy Library 25th Anniversary*

*5th September 2009*

*Ye Olde Barn, Pond Farm, Great Bromley, CO7 7TP*

*7pm - 'Orse & Carls Depart 1am*

*Music and Merriment*

*£25 per Head*

*8 Course Rustic Menu*

*Wine and Ale On Sale*

*Country Raffle*

*Medieval Dress Preferred*

*Cheques Made Payable To: Sweet Success*

*Tel: 01206 230126*

*Free Overnight Camping Available*

*Breakfast: Booked in Advance £5*

*Thank You For Your Support*



## ***Friends of Little Bromley Church***

***Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August***

***8.30 – 9 pm***

***Short Candlelight Service***

***All welcome***



## **HARVEST LUNCH**

will be held at  
Great Bromley Village Hall  
on  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Book the date now!  
More details to follow.





## 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)

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

## WATER COLOUR WORKSHOP

tutored by Marsha Heath

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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*



## 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*

# GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST

With this warm weather we have been having it has brought with it a few problems and one of them is the black fly or aphid. It takes a little effort but these "bandits" can easily be sent packing. If you have one of those small hand sprays all you'll need is a teaspoon full of washing up liquid, fill your spray with water then add the washing up liquid, shake to mix. Spray for three days and this should solve the problem.

## Flowers and Shrubs

At the end of the month hedges can start to be cut as the birds will have stopped nesting.

Make sure that perennials never dry out as they can be over-looked at this time of the year.

Continue to disbud dahlias and chrysanthemums and make sure they are staked to stop high winds rocking them.

At the end of the month, look over your daffodils and narcissi you have stored and get the border ready for planting.

Take cuttings of hydrangeas. If you want to propagate conifers take a heel cutting 2" long and place the cuttings in sharp sand or sandy compost, then place the pots in a shady corner of the garden or a cold frame.

Freesia corms for December flowering can be planted early in the month.

## Vegetables

Pick your runner beans every day or they will run to seed very quickly - that is unless you want to save seed for next year.

Spring cabbage plants can be planted this month, plant approximately 10" apart, then in the spring take out every other plant for spring greens and let the rest grow on to cabbages.

Start feeding your tomato plants as soon as the first truss is set making sure they do not dry out. If you have grown them in

pots they will need watering every day.

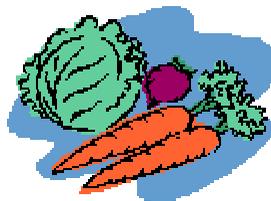
If you have surplus cabbages they will keep for quite some time

if you dig them up, leave the roots on and hang upside down in a cool shed or garage.

## Fruit

As soon as your loganberries and blackberries have finished fruiting cut down the old canes and tie in the new growth.

*Frank Griffiths*





## Dedham Run 2009

**Sunday 27th September  
(11am start)**  
Dedham Playing Fields  
**10k Race (measured) &  
3k Fun Run**

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald

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The last few weeks of term were extremely busy! All the events planned were able to take place - even the **Sports Day** went ahead on what was elsewhere a very showery day as the village of Great Bromley remained dry! Lots of parents and grandparents came to watch their children. A big thank you to the PTA for providing ice creams for all our pupils and the children watching.



**The Helpers Tea Party** was a huge success with over 64 people attending. We are so

grateful to all those who help our school in so many ways. The tea party is an

opportunity for our pupils to say a personal thank you to all our helpers. Year 6 pupils also serve tea to them along with their delicious homemade cakes.

We will have 8 new pupils join us in September and another 9 in January. Numbers remain high and lots of pupils keep applying and sadly we have to turn them away.

School will now be closed for the summer holidays, however you may see the odd car in the car park as staff prepare for the next term. Wishing you all a very safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday.



## 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



## 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

## NATURE'S DIARY

Thank you to all those of you who have told me you enjoyed last month's diary.

This month many of you will be going on holiday and no doubt seeing birds, animals and insects you wouldn't normally see around here. Take an identification guide with you - there are some very good ones that can be bought covering water, land and air creatures as well as flowers and fungi.

Traditionally the harvest is brought in during August and Thrips/thunderbugs are most noticeable now as they are shaken out of the ears of corn as it is cut, take to the air and land on us! Look out for the common green, common field and meadow grasshoppers as well as crickets who have now properly matured. They will fill the hot, summer days and evenings with their unique sound. Crickets are the ones who have the long antennae.

I have been delighted to see a large number of 7-spot ladybirds in the garden. I do also, however, have various varieties of the harlequin ladybird. Harlequins are not native to the UK arriving over here 3 or 4 years ago. They are more aggressive, more prolific and will eat, as well as the insects our ladybirds eat, our native ladybirds as well plus some of the other 'good' bugs such as lacewings who like a munch of aphids just as much as any ladybird.

This is also the month when the swallows and house martins, having reared their young, begin to think about returning to Africa. They will congregate together on wires and fences readying themselves for the day when they begin their long journey south.

There is a little family of at least four wrens in the garden who talk to each other incessantly. They became separated the other morning when I was out with the dog and one tiny, tiny little

wren was perched on the end of a branch about two feet from my eyes shouting for its mummy. Needless to say I didn't have my camera with me. I moved away and it immediately rejoined the rest of its family who were calling from the nearby hedge.

Wasps traditionally harass us during August. Their young having matured, the adult wasps no longer receive the sweet substance given them by their larva which keeps them busy tending their nest. And which is why, parenting completed, they 'go on holiday' and look for sweet substances elsewhere - usually wherever humans are eating their own sweet foods in the forms of jam, cakes or drink!

Ragwort can be seen in bloom along the road sides, and although poisonous to livestock it is the feed plant of the black and red cinnabar moth and . Also in flower are the purple flowered willowherbs, as are daisies, yarrow, agrimony etc.

Elderberries, sloes and blackberries ripen during this time - food that the birds and we can gather and use.

Elderberries were also used by the Romans to turn their hair black by making a dye made from the juice. I wonder how they stored the juice for use throughout the year - how much easier it is to get it out of a packet!

*Leonie Henderson*



7-Spot Ladybird



Harlequin Ladybird



Harlequin Ladybird

# GAMES FOR THE CAR

## The ABC Game

The object is to complete the alphabet first. As you see the letters on signs and car licence plates you shout out your letter and point. Once a letter has been claimed other players cannot use the same letter. Make it harder by limiting to only licence plates or signs.

## Guess what I am

One person states they are either a person, place or thing and the others then ask questions (are you blue, can you speak, do you bark, can you be eaten, etc) until they guess what the person is, then they are next.

## Animals/Cities/Geography

Take turns naming animals (for example). Each person would have to name another animal (no repeating) that started with the last letter of the last animal named. This game can also be played with cities (for older children) or geographical regions (older still!).

## The Animal Car Game

This is usually played on long car journey through the country, because animals are in more abundance there. Everyone in the car plays and looks for certain animals alongside the road. The animals looked for are ONLY the domesticated kind, because birds would be almost impossible and the game would be over too fast and would be too boring. As one person spots an animal, they say the sound the animal makes and gets a certain amount of points for that animal. eg: cow - moo, horse - neigh, cat - meow.... etc.

The points are given on the difficulty of the animal that was spotted: cow-1 horse-1 dog-1 sheep-2 llama-3 cat-3 donkey-3 pig-4 etc. Anything else spotted everyone must agree on the amount of points given. The game is usually played until a player gets to a certain amount, so decide what number of points to reach first before you start. Try starting with 10 points.



## My father owns a Grocery Store

One player begins the round by stating, "My father owns a grocery store, and in it he sells (something that begins with the letter A; e.g., apples)." The next player states, "My father owns a grocery store, and in it he sells apples and (something that begins with the letter B; e.g., bananas)." It goes around and around with each player having to recite the entire list and then adding a new entry for the next letter of the alphabet.

If someone misses an item or gets completely stumped, they're supposed to be "out." But perhaps give clues to keep things moving along. It's not a game which one needs to win; everyone wins by participating and making the drive more fun.

Variations on the grocery store could be, "My father owns a music store..." in which we'd have to name bands, song titles, album titles, or maybe he owned a department store or a book store etc.

# SUMMER QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 This is sheet lightning with no accompanying audible thunder; it is often seen in hot weather.
- 2 July was named by the Roman senate to honour Julius Caesar who reformed the early Roman calendar. The Julian calendar began on January 1<sup>st</sup> in 45 B.C. and was used throughout Europe for the next 1626 years, until the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. (There was no year zero). July had previously been named Quintus which had been the fifth month of the old calendar which began in March each year. The month of Sextillis was later re-named by the senate after Augustus Caesar in recognition of his victory over Marc Antony and Cleopatra and the additional day was added to make 31 days so that he did not have an "inferior" month; this left February with only 28 days.
- 3 The film Summer holiday was released in 1962.
- 4 She was a lifeguard in Baywatch (1992 – 94) and "The Hawaiian Wedding" reunion film of 2003. The character was played by Nicole Eggert.
- 5 Sandy Olsson and Danny Zucco
- 6 These are the islands in the Summer Isles group of which Tanera Mor is the largest. They are to be found to the northwest of Ullapool approx 1.5 miles offshore from Achiltibuie in the mouth of Loch Broom.
- 7 The Battle of the Boyne was fought on 1st July 1690 at a fordable bend on the river Boyne, four miles west of Drogheda in Ireland. It is recalled each July in the celebrations of the Orange Order (named after William of Orange, who led the British forces against the Irish Catholics), not on the first but the twelfth (to take into account the eleven "lost" days of the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1752).
- 1 The first model T car, also known as The Flivver or Tin Lizzie: the first production model was made on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1908. Up until that date the automobile was seen as a status symbol and cars were built by hand so that only the wealthy could afford them. Henry Ford increased his sales volume by reducing construction costs and lowering the company's profit margin. By the end of 1913 Ford's application of the moving assembly line had improved the speed of chassis assembly from 12 hours eight minutes to one hour 33 minutes. In 1914 Ford produced 308,162 cars, which was more than all 299 other motor manufacturers combined. By the time the last Model T was built in 1927 the company was producing an automobile every 24 seconds. Henry Ford is quoted as saying, "I will build a motorcar for the great multitude." His model A car was first car produced by The Ford Motor Company in 1903.
- 9 The 1925 act of Parliament that states that the legal time of day should be one hour in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in the summer months. Its length of operation can be extended by the Home Secretary by order of council and this last happened in 1963. British Summer Time was introduced to the UK in 1916 and in 1996, for the first time, all clocks in Europe were changed on the same date; an order was made in 2002 to permanently link BST to Europe
- 10 It was written in 1966 by Mark Sebastian and Steve Boone
- 11 Reginald Perrin worked at Sunshine Desserts; his boss was C.J. who was played by the actor John Barron.
- 12 The musical round, sung in four parts, is the oldest recorded piece of harmonised, secular music and dates from 1226. The original words were in 13<sup>th</sup> Century Wessex dialect and there is also a version in Latin.



Essex County  
Fire & Rescue Service

## Have Your Say with **Activ8**

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service are recruiting volunteers to join Activ8, the Community Volunteer Service.

If you would like the opportunity to influence issues that concern you and your community and to share your thoughts and opinions about your fire service then we invite you to take part in our regular focus groups.

The meetings will take place approximately every six weeks at fire stations throughout Essex and last around two hours.

If you are interested in taking part or would like further information, please contact Lisa Hart on 01376 576 037 or at [lisa.hart@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.hart@essex-fire.gov.uk).

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## THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

Very often the best experiences in life are all over too quickly. Those times when we experience real beauty, wonder, joy, peace and love just do not seem to last long enough. Try as we may we cannot prolong them; but the memory of them can often keep us going when life seems hard going, dull and boring.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> the church keeps the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord: we recall that time when Jesus went up Mount Tabor to pray accompanied only by his closest friends, Peter James and John ... 'And while he was praying the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white. Two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah'. (Luke 9v28)

For those three privileged friends it was a deeply moving and beautiful experience – so wonderful that they naturally wanted to prolong it. Peter says: 'Master, how good it is that we are here. Shall we make three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah?' But it was not to be: they had to return to the plain below where there was work to be done, in particular a distressed epileptic boy needed to be healed.

Bishop Leslie Brown writes in 'The King and the Kingdom' –  
"Peter had to learn the lesson, which Jesus had known from the beginning, that the divine glory was not something to be grasped and retained for yourself. If you have a great spiritual experience, it will probably be of short duration, and you have to find God's reality not only on the mountain top, but in the hot and dusty

plain as well... the contrast between the peace of the mountain and the anger and noise of the crowd and the poor child was very great. GOD WAS THERE TOO, HOWEVER, and his glory was shown in the compassion and love of Jesus as truly as in the shining glory on the mountain".

Thank God for all those times when you felt you were 'on the mountain top', when you felt especially close to him and aware of his glory and beauty and love; treasure these times in your heart and you will I hope find that they will strengthen and sustain you when you have to tread your own personal 'via crucis' (way of the cross)...just as the Transfiguration of Jesus must have helped those close friends of his to walk along that path that was to lead to Calvary.

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:

Give us strength so to hear his voice and bear his cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
Who is alive and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(Collect for the Transfiguration).

Love to you all,  
*Fr. Robert*

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

*united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh*



## Church of England Services for August

<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist, All Age Worship Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	6.30pm	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St Mary's Patronal Festival</b> The Holy Eucharist <i>followed by refreshments</i>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	8.00am 10.30am 8.30pm	<b>11th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Candlelight Service of Compline	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. Mary's, Little Bromley</i>
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>