

The Bromley Messenger

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Photograph: Tim Bradford

Well she did it!

Grace Smith (9 years) Little Bromley Hall achieved her 3rd successive Championship title at the weekend of 10th/11th April. Competing at the National indoor horse driving trials championships held at Keysoe in Beds, Grace retained her young junior champion title which she won in 2008 and 2009. Driving her pony, Branston Pickle, with Dad Chris on the backstep, Grace lead by 2 penalties after the dressage phase, She increased her lead to 11 penalties after the cones phase driving a clear round over a very tricky course. Grace then drove exceptionally well to increase her lead after each of the 4 obstacles and finished on a score of 185.12 penalties 27 penalties ahead of 2nd place. Grace now attends Ipswich High School for Girls.

Grace is hoping to be selected for team GB to compete in the junior world trophy in Hungary this August.

THE FIRST PAGE

Our cover this month features Grace Smith, a name to watch for the future, I think, in the world of horse carriage driving and I am sure we all wish her luck with her future competitions.

Thank you for all the splendid photographs you have been sending in and I have had some more sent to me this month from St George's School, The Cross Inn, the WI and one of Kate and Anne all dressed and ready for their Moonwalk. These certainly make the magazine more cheerful and bring to life the articles they go with. In the magazine they are only black and white I am afraid as we cannot afford the additional cost of having them printed in colour but if you visit the village website and click on the magazine page you will find them in colour.

Of course, the really big event this month is the Fun Day up by the Village Hall in conjunction with the Hamilton Lodge Fete but there is also a concert at Lt Bromley Church the previous weekend as well as the quiz in aid of the Lt Bromley November 2010 Firework display and other various happenings. I know there is masses on elsewhere but I hope you will be able to support all or some of these village events, all of which have no doubt entailed much hard work by those organising them. People, in both villages, spare a great deal

of time and effort working on things for the community and one of them is the working parties in both communities who go out litter picking and clearing up all the little bits of detritus that other folk leave behind. Last week a load of bin bags was left by



the side of one of our lanes which over the next couple of days was added to with yet more rubbish. The Parish Council were informed and the rubbish was speedily and efficiently removed by TDC. If you see anyone fly-tipping do please inform the police who may then be able to apprehend these litterbugs.

I shall sign off with relief this month that another Messenger has been 'put to bed' having had various technical problems this month including losing, through the computer crashing, a large amount of the magazine just as I had completed it.

Leonie Henderson

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

This month's edition of the Bromley Messenger is sponsored by Great Bromley Parish Council.

As the parish council enters the fourth and final year of its current term it is perhaps timely to summarise some of the activities which it is intended to take forward before the parish and district council elections in May 2011. Activities undertaken in the past year are included in the parish council annual report available on the parish council website or from the parish clerk.

Affordable Housing Preparation of a case for up to 12 additional affordable houses in the village continues, albeit slowly, and the English Rural Housing Trust, TDC and ECC have submitted their initial views on suitable locations. As soon as at least one acceptable site becomes available a housing needs survey will be conducted in the village this year to ascertain the number and type of homes that can be justified.

Flooding Following the significant flooding in the village in February and subsequent investigations by the parish council, the council strives in conjunction with TDC and ECC to implement drainage improvements with the co-operation of landowners and residents. It is hoped that all improvement measures and works will be completed by the end of the year.

Funday The parish council will sponsor and provide all assistance possible to the second village Funday to be held on 12th June. Preparations are nearing completion and it is hoped that this year's event will be as successful and well attended as the last.

Hazardous Roads/Footways Following a full survey of roads and footways in the village, the parish council is working in

conjunction with ECC to make significant improvements in the next few weeks. Works are programmed for Brook Street, Parsons Hill and the repair of potholes and broken road edges across the village road network. TDC has been asked to replace the dilapidated village entry signs.

Village Pond It is intended to improve the habitat in and around the village pond later this year. Discussions are now underway with local residents and volunteers to scope the work required and to obtain grants if required.

Village Footpaths and Bridleways The footpath warden, footpath working group and ECC have spent much time and effort in recent months to improve the rights of way network in the village. The parish council will continue to support these efforts fully. It will also encourage more parishioners to use these paths and urge them to join the footpaths working group and thus enhance the paths and the general environment.

I look forward very much to working together with parish council colleagues and parishioners in the coming months. The parish council is here to represent the people of Great Bromley; if you have any suggestions, concerns or complaints then contact either the parish clerk or any councillor and the council will take appropriate action. Alternatively, please do come along to a parish council meeting where you will be made welcome and have the opportunity to address the council if you so wish.

*Martin Frostick
Chairman, Great Bromley Parish Council*

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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Great Bromley Parish Council

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Report of a parish council meeting held on 13th May 2010

Planning

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

Land between The Nook and Wiltwyk, Colchester Road – erection of detached dwelling.

Arethusa, Ardleigh Road – double garage/workshop/gym to replace existing garage/car port.

Bush Farm, Hall Road – (i) Demolition of existing dwelling and its replacement; (ii) Demolition of existing agricultural/domestic buildings and replacement with office/stores /garaging/games room (both revisions of existing approvals).

11 Meadow Close – extension to form kitchen, utility and conservatory.

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Land opposite Bush Farm, Hall Road – general purpose agricultural building.
Primrose Farm, Hall Road – temporary agricultural workers dwelling.

The Planning Inspectorate decision:

The Inspectorate has dismissed an appeal against Tendring District Council's enforcement notice requiring the removal of a building erected without planning permission on land at Strutts Farm, Parsons Hill.

Highways

After representations over a lengthy period the county council has agreed to replace the signpost at the junction of Hilliards/Badley Hall Road/Spratts Lane.

Anonymous letters

Very occasionally the parish council receives anonymous letters from

residents detailing concerns or complaints. There is nothing the council can or will do about such letters and of course it cannot reply to the writer!

If you have a concern, complaint or suggestion to make to the council then please contact the Clerk or any councillor by letter, telephone or email. All such approaches will be treated in confidence and if the council cannot assist it will direct you to another authority etc which can. The Clerk can provide contact details for councillors.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th June 2010 at Great Bromley Village Hall.

Report of the Annual Council Meeting and Parish Assembly also held on 13th May

At the annual council meeting Col Martin Frostick was re-elected Chairman with Mr Fred Nicholls as Vice-Chairman (replacing Mr Chris Phillips). Mr Ken Stokes was co-opted as a new parish councillor following the resignation of Mrs Sarah Del-Guidice. Other appointments included Mr Ken Stokes as Footpath Warden and Mr Paul Knappett as War Memorial Custodian. The council also approved the annual accounts and its annual report for 2009/10. These documents can be obtained from the clerk and will be available on the council's website in due course.

Twenty residents and others attended the Annual Parish Assembly where they received reports from the parish council's Chairman, county and district councillors and the local police officer and community support officer. The council chairman's strategic report will be found elsewhere in this magazine. There were no resolutions or matters of concern raised by residents.

KITCHEN CORNER

Coronation Chicken

Serves 6-8 people

This is my sister's way of making this dish

- ◆ 2 young roasting chickens
- ◆ Water and wine to cover
- ◆ Bouquet garni, salt, 4 peppercorns, 1 carrot

Poach the chickens for 40 minutes until tender, leave to cool in the liquid. Then joint and remove all bones.

Mix with sauce and coat the dish with the extra sauce.

Sauce:

- ◆ 1 tbsp oil
- ◆ 2oz fine chopped onion
- ◆ 2 teasp curry powder
- ◆ 1 teasp tomato purée
- ◆ 1 wineglass red wine
- ◆ 1 wineglass water
- ◆ Bay leaf, salt, sugar & pepper
- ◆ 2 slices lemon
- ◆ 1 squeeze lemon juice
- ◆ 1 or 2 tbsp apricot purée
- ◆ ¾ pint mayonnaise
- ◆ 2-3 tbsp lightly whipped cream + some extra



Heat oil, cook onion gently for 4 minutes, add curry powder and cook 1 or 2 minutes. Add purée, wine, water and bayleaf. Bring to the boil, add seasoning to taste and lemon. Simmer uncovered for 5-10 minutes. Strain and cool. Add slowly by degrees to the mayonnaise with apricot purée to taste. Adjust seasoning and add more lemon juice if needed. Add the cream. Set aside a small amount for the coating, then mix with extra cream and seasoning.

Serve with a rice salad of rice, peas, diced cucumber, herbs and French dressing. (You can also make this dish with pre-cooked chickens)

Jill Frostick

IN THE GARDEN IN JUNE

Where has the year gone? It only seems like last week that the snow was here.

All annual bedding plants can go in - we should be frost free now. Take cuttings of hydrangeas, fuschia and cotoneaster.

Keep rotation of vegetables going, sow outdoors runner beans, dwarf beans, beetroot, carrots, lettuces, late peas.

Plant out broccoli, brussel sprouts, autumn and winter cabbage. I notice that some of the garden centres have the potatoes growing in half a bag of compost, so easy to do, why not try it. As I mentioned earlier plant the seeds of the curly-leaved kale now and transplant the seedlings when they have four or five leaves (about July or early August). Water the seedlings the night before transplanting them. Earth up the plants to the lower leaves, this will protect against the wind rocking the plants and leaving a hole at the base of the plants.



Frank Griffiths

ST HELENA HOSPICE

The St Helena Hospice Stand in Briar Road, Gt Bromley hopes to be out regularly from this month onwards, offering fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables as they become available and we hope to see you all again this year. Thank you for your support in the past.



During the winter we have acquired a little trolley and have constructed a proper stall which we hope will protect the produce more from the elements, so please don't look for the little 'White Table' as before.

Many thanks.
Jenny and John

Our May meeting coincided with our 62nd birthday. Jenny opened the meeting with a very warm welcome to all, including some visitors from neighbouring Institutes. The rendition of Jerusalem was superb and we were joined in song by our entertainment for the evening R2G2, a lovely addition of male voices to our excellent members.

Sue Orris introduced R2G2 as the local barber shop quartet who were to give us an excellent selection of music, to include *Goodbye my Coney Island Baby*, *Mary Lou*, *When I'm 64* by "The Beatles"... The group filled the evening with jokes and humour as well as explaining about the various sections of barber shop singing, to include harmony, melody, baritone and bass. They also said that not many modern songs allow themselves to be sung as a four part harmony and that they send to America to get their music written in four parts. We were also treated to *In my room* by "The Beach Boys". This completed the first half. We then enjoyed a lovely cake made by Jean, one of our members, which was cut by Jenny, and then all the members were involved in a commemorative photograph.

The second half was again superb with *Zippity Do Dah*, *Walking my baby back home*, and then some audience participation with *Bring back my Bonny to*

me (this involved standing and sitting in the right places). Needless to say it was not all managed in unison! The finale was a beautiful song, *Can you feel the love tonight?* from The Lion King. We were afterwards told this was the first time they had performed it to an audience. Ann Jones gave the vote of thanks.



Jenny then told us about The Village Fun day when we would be manning a toileteries stall. A request was made for this and also a request for cakes. The WI Resolution was discussed - that there should be clear labelling on all food sold to show the country of origin. All members present were in favour and this was relayed to our delegate who was present.

Our next meeting in June was to be a members' meeting and our president for the evening will be Jill Frostick. The theme is to be Red / White / Blue. Interested? / Intrigued? Contact our president, Jenny Nicholls, on 01206 230688.

Joy Rolfe

Constable Group Meeting

What a splendid evening Mistley had organised for us at Bradfield which 14 of us were able to attend. Ann Watson, the president, and Judith Rose, Voluntary County Organiser, was the convenor. Judith explained she was standing in for Hazel Ridgwell who had not been able to attend.

The meeting started with an excellent rendition of Jerusalem, led by our speaker for the evening, Jill Peart, and accompanied by Malcolm.

Judith went through the business of the evening, asking Wrabness if they were willing to convene the meeting for 2011.

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They agreed they would. Judith then introduced Jill Peart, who now lives in Frinton, and her talk which was to be 'My Time with The Doily Carte Opera Company'. What an excellent speaker she was, entertaining us with the music of England along with some of her favourite songs, including some by Noel Coward. The talk was interspersed with anecdotes and shade of Joyce Grenfell. How fortunate we were to be there.

The Competition "A Portrayal of The Village sign" displayed an enormous amount of talent within the Constable Group. Gt. Bromley came a very respectable second to Wrabness, every one who took part should be justly proud of themselves.



The lovely table decorations were supplied by Gt. Bromley and a beautiful pedestal created by our president, with the buttonholes by June. Well done every one.

Joy Rolfe

CAR WASHING & MOONWALK

CAR WASH at The CROSS INN

Thank you all those who came and had their car washed and who had breakfast, bought cakes and raffle tickets (and of course a huge thanks to Brenda and Richard) at the Cross Inn. We raised £220 on the day. Incredible!!!

At the time of writing we obviously don't know how much we have raised overall for breast Cancer (and the Moonwalk) as the walk is in 10 days (Oh my God !!!),

Many thanks

Kate Strowbridge



MOONWALK

WE MADE IT !!!!

We have successfully completed the Moonwalk on the night of 15th May in London. Despite the previous week being very chilly,



the night of the walk was mild and dry, and the walk was completed together with 16,000 other people.

We would like to thank all our sponsors; we have raised in excess of £1,300 for breast cancer research.

Your generosity is amazing

Anne and Kate

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The parish assembly meeting was held at the Haywain on 15th April with seven members of the public present.

Mick Shute, a member of the **Traffic Calming Speedwatch** team gave a comprehensive report on the Community Speed Watch meeting held at Braintree which he attended with the Clerk on behalf of the council, which was enlightening.

A progress report, issued by the team, revealed that 15 offenders had been reported for speeding. **WELL DONE!**

Mark Ashmore has volunteered to investigate the possibility of **grants** to improve the **War Memorial**.

A survey has now been carried out by the Highways Department who have confirmed that as a direct result of their traffic volume tests in Shop Road, the village is entitled to the use of a Vehicular Activated Sign (VAS) but due to budgetary restrictions could not forecast when this would be. We have to inform them where it would best be sited.

Details of this year's **Firework Display** will be discussed at the next Council meeting on 17th June. Also approval to allocate cash in advance to get the best discount possible.

A quiz night is being organised by the various committee members on 19th June at a cost of £3 per head to raise fund for the 'Firework Nite'. The owners of the Haywain have generously agreed to assist and will raise no charge for the hire of the functions room.

The current value of the **Amenities Fund** is £2,893.

At this point of the meeting **George Kent** announced his retirement from the Council after some 30 years of service. With increasing age and his loss of vision he has decided to make way for a

younger person to join the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked George for long service, wished him all the very best of health and good fortune and presented him with a framed parchment expressing those wishes.

The appointment of a co-opted member was discussed to replace Mr Kent. However, although a replacement had been in the PUBLIC DOMAIN since 19th December 2009, and had been published on the public noticeboard it was thought that it should have been give more publicity. i.e. the Village Magazine. This it was agreed would happen.

Another **Litterpick** has been arranged by Anita Spall for 13th May.

It was agreed that if excessive business taxes were to be imposed on our one and only amenity, The Haywain, that the Parish Council should support the owners in any way that it could within the law.

A letter had been received from Tendring District Council canvassing for possible 'Travellers' Sites' in Little Bromley. The Clerk reported that he had replied in a negative way.

Crime report for the period show that we have suffered:

1 x House Burglary, 1 x Criminal Damage, 3 x thefts from motor vehicles.

REMEMBER TO BE ON YOUR GUARD!

FINANCE - Warning order - Forthcoming Audit.

Income and Expenditure 2009/10

Income £1,402.15

Expenditure £1,368.30

Balance £ 33.85

Date of the next meetings

Public Assembly 21st April, 2011

Routine Parish Council meeting 17th June 2010.

Maj A Downes, Clerk, Lt Bromley Council

NATURE'S DIARY

Summer officially starts this month on the 21st and what a wonderful month it is just as in the words of the song 'June is busting out all over'. Everywhere is lush and in flower. The bluebells, primroses and cowslips may now almost be over but the trees are in full leaf, the grass is growing, the bats are out, swallows and house martins have arrived, the butterflies, moths and other insects are on the wing. So far I have seen peacock, orange tip and speckled wood butterflies, but not yet a holly blue, as well as the day-flying



unidentified-spot burnet moth. The hawthorn is in blossom with the elderflower soon to follow (don't forget to make elderflower cordial

or champagne - both easy to make and are a delicious, refreshing summer drink). Dog roses and honeysuckle will soon be sending their scents into the warm summer air which together with bramble flowers, foxgloves and other summer flowers will be providing pollen and nectar for the insects which in turn will feed the birds and their young. I was saddened to read recently a report that a large hatching of one of the hairy caterpillars which unfortunately produces allergic reactions in some people were all to be destroyed. No thought seems to be given to the bird population who will lose out on vital food for their nestlings.

The dawn chorus is still enthusiastic but the birds are singing less now as they become more preoccupied with raising and providing for their young.

Meadows, with their wide variety of flowers, are almost becoming a thing of the past as are the wild flowers of the cornfield. Even the roadside flowers struggle to survive in the pursuit of road safety. All these flowers, in their different habitats, are either

prevented from growing or are cut down before they can seed with nothing left in the countryside by autumn to allay the hunger of the coming winter. And then we wonder why the bird and animal population declines. Humans break the food chain.

Did you see the Chris Packham TV programme recently when he discussed climate change? It was very interesting and it was good to hear that conservationists are finally recognising that there needs to be 'joined up' habitat rather than just isolated reserves thus allowing species to migrate to more beneficial areas.

Finally, has anyone heard the cuckoo this year? I heard it on 1st May and not once since. Do write in and tell me what you have seen and heard and maybe we can build up a picture of what our wildlife, both flora and fauna, is in our neck of the woods.

LMH

TENDRING ECO GROUP

Tendring Eco Group meets every month (usually on the 12th) to learn about green issues, we often have a speaker talking to us about issues such as recycling, GM crops, sustainable energy, etc. The group also takes part in projects such as tree planting, litter picking and other practical environmental activities. Everyone is very welcome.

Our mission statement;

We are a friendly, non-political group; aiming to help Tendring people make our environment a better place to live by:

- ◆ *Becoming a focus for information sharing.*
- ◆ *Promoting the conservation of resources and encouraging local green projects.*

If you would like to know more about the group please call 01255 254548 or e-mail tendringecogroup@hotmail.co.uk.

Bromley Messenger

(Unaudited) **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

2009/2010

£

Income

Donations	21.35
Advertisements	4948.15
Sponsorship	652.00
Total	5621.50

Expenditure

Printing	3780.62
Postage	48.78
Expenses	196.78
(deficit) /surplus	1558.32
refund (missed ad.)	37.00
Total	5621.50

Bromley Messenger Reserve Fund 31st March

£

Balance as at 1st. April 2009	4726.32
Surplus	1558.32
Balance as at 31 st . March 2010	6294.64

Hon. Treasurer:-L.B.Christodoulides MBE

Comments

An exceptional year with advertisers queuing to advertise. In view of this increase in revenue, the Management Committee had already decided to offer grants to both Great and Little Bromley Parish Councils, totaling £1200 towards information availability projects.

The accounts have not been audited as no one locally came forward to do them, though we had had an enquiry from outside the village.

The Management Committee will review this situation and make the necessary arrangements in future.

Thanks as usual go to all those who get involved in the Messenger's production, contributors, advertisers and sponsors, editor, proof reader, our printer, and delivery people.

If anyone needs clarification on the figures please contact me.

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 301310

Secretary's Report for the year end 31st March 2010

The Village Hall new year started dramatically with three long serving committee members retiring, one a past chairman, another the treasurer and the secretary. However four new people came forward to work on the committee. With the long service leavers and the inexperienced new comers the committee would need to work well together especially with the ideas that were being proposed.

The new committee has tackled some pretty big capital projects over the last year as well as several smaller ones. Many things have been sorted out and still more are being discussed, planned and reviewed.

- 1)- The new roof has to be the biggest project for the Village Hall for several years. What with researching the grants, filling in forms for grants, coming up with method statements and health and safety policies, getting and checking quotations, nominating a builder, keeping the Hall open while the work was being carried out, keeping Hall users happy while the roof is being worked on..... a really big project with a lot of very hard involved work. The roof is now finished except the painting and work on the gutters.
- 2)- Access to the Hall has been changed this year and is now via a key fob system
- 3)- A hearing loop has been fitted
- 4)- A PA system has been installed,
- 5)- The oil tank has had a guard fitted (just as well as we had an attempted theft in January).
- 6)- New crockery for the kitchen has been purchased.
- 7)- We have also moved up a grade with the RCCE.
- 8)- Fund raising has been good this year which is especially good in the current financial times. The Hall has run a Funday, a Cabaret night, a Christmas Fayre, an open day for all Hall users, an alternative Quiz night and a Dance night. That's nearly an event every two months! Not only have

there been several events but these have been a great success, being well attended, well enjoyed and with people being able to have a fantastic time, locally in their Village Hall.

9)- The Hall heating has been monitored especially during the very cold winter that we have had. Hopefully with the new pump, thermostats and the new insulation we will have less problems in the new year.

The committee have not been sitting on its hands, projects still in progress:

- 1)- The whole storage system in the Hall is being reviewed,
- 2)- The Kitchen is being upgraded this year,
- 3)- Old plans for the storage extension are being dusted down and grants sought.
- 4)- Events forth coming so far are the Funday, a Cabaret night and Christmas Fayre.

During the latter part of the year the committee and the playgroup have developed a much better understanding of each others' position. The booking system and the Hall charges have been changed which has changed the way in which things are done.

As a committee we have worked well together. We have achieved a great deal, raising the profile of the Hall in the Village. We have tackled a major building project which will ensure the life of the asset we are looking after, we have provided a facility and a service for the Village but best of all we have helped people have a good time, laugh and have fun.

The next year holds many challenges with oil prices already heading for record levels. Our heating system being rather old and with grant monies even tighter than last year.... we will just have to come up with solutions!

*David Beech, Village Hall Secretary
May 25th 2009*

ST GEORGE'S DAY AT THE CROSS INN

We were fortunate to have our customary Morris men and ladies to celebrate St George's Day. Great fun was had by all, despite the customary foul weather! Good to see some of our local menfolk getting stuck in to the 'come-all-ye' dance! Lewis and Steve looked very fetching waving their handkerchiefs! Thanks to the visitors for making the evening such fun with their song and dance. And, yes, that IS Auntie Vi you can see waving her

flag of St George aloft, whilst enjoying the delights of a ride on a cherry picker—strange way to celebrate her 80th birthday—but, hey, she was always unconventional (who was that person who said 'a little up the pole'?) The only way we could persuade her not to bungee jump was to threaten her with 'elf 'n' safety! Wonder what she'll do on her 90th!



Forthcoming Events in 2010

JUNE

- 2 WI meeting, Members' Meeting, Village Hall, 7,30pm
- 5/6 Waterways & Garden Show, Little Bentley Hall, from 10.00am
- 6 East Anglian Single Reed Choir, St Mary's Church, Lt Bromley, 6.00pm
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 2nd Great Bromley Fun Day, Village Hall & Cricket Ground, from 1.00pm
Hamilton Lodge Fete, from 1.00pm
- 12/13 Art Exhibition, Elmstead Market church, see times below
- 16 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, The Haywain
- 19 Quiz (in aid of Firework Display), The Haywain, 7.00pm
- 26 Ladies-in-Pigs Day, Primrose Farm, 10.00am
Friendship Club Westcliffe Theatre trip
- 27 Ordination to Priesthood of Rev'd Gill Moore, Tendring Parish church, 4.30pm

JULY

- 4 Charity Afternoon Tea, The Cross Inn, from 4.00pm
- 7 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 10 Tendring Hundred Show
- 17 Summer Concert, St George's church, 7.30pm
- 18 Tea & Tours, St George's church, from 2.00pm
- 21 Friendship Club outing, Anglesey Abbey
- 24 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Summer Fete, from 1.00pm



The Friends of Elmstead Church ART EXHIBITION

Saturday, 12th & Sunday 13th June
In Elmstead Church
Pictures for sale at reasonable prices by
Essex artists

Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm

Sunday 12 noon-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 12th ONLY 9.00am-5.00pm
Do come & support these events. All
moneys raised will go to the restoration
and repair of our Parish Church. For further
information ring Margaret on 01206 826843.

QUIZ

to raise funds for
Little Bromley's 2010
FIREWORK DISPLAY

to be held in
The Venue at The Haywain
on Saturday, 19th June
at 7.00pm

Teams of 4. £3 per person
which includes buffet.

There will be a raffle (any
donations gratefully
accepted). Do please come
along and support us.



Lt Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show

Nr Colchester off A120/A133 (CO7 8SD)

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th June

Opening hours - 10.00am-6.00pm

Entry: Adults £7 Children under 15 Free

Gardens Open, Art Exhibition, Antique

Valuations, Gardening Competitions and

Demonstrations Disabled access

www.littlebentley.net or 07802 282193



Primrose Free Range Pork
are holding a

LADIES-IN-PIGS DAY

Saturday 26th June

10.00am-4.00pm Cookery Demonstration
at Primrose Farm, Hall Road,
Gt Bromley CO7 7TR

Great Bromley FUN DAY with Hamilton Lodge Fête

1.00pm on Saturday 12th June
The Village Hall & Cricket Ground
Parsons Lane, Great Bromley



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

*Roundabout * Marching Pipe Band * Dance Display * Classic Motor Cycles * Vintage Cars * Giant Scalextrics * BBQ * Swing Boars * Fortune Teller * Giant Slide * Licensed Bar * Sideshows*



See you there!

FRIENDS of LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Sunday, 6th June at 6.00pm

East Anglian Single Reed Choir

Tickets: £5 Adults
Children & Students FREE
which includes light refreshments
after the performance.



Ring Susan Scott (01206 251107),
Wendy Brixton 02016 392061 or
Anita Spall 01206 390033 to reserve tickets.

The church will be open
from 2.00-5.00pm on the first Sunday of each month
May-October.
Come and explore or just sit and enjoy the tranquillity of
the building and location.

SEVEN RIVERS

**Leonard Cheshire Disability
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Bromley**

Grand Summer Fete

Saturday 24th July
from 1.00pm

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St. George's Church, Great
Bromley
17th & 18th July 2010

"Let There Be Music"

Saturday July 17th at 7.30pm

A welcome return visit to our church by the wonderfully talented Cavender Singers and a highly entertaining bass baritone soloist, David Hylands.

The Cavender Singers, a seven piece female harmony group, were formed in 1995 by Clacton music teacher, Kathryn Cavender. The singers, unusually, work in concert without a conductor. Their varied repertoire includes popular music, folk songs, jazz and songs from the musicals presented in their own entertaining style.

David Hylands joined the Metropolitan Police in 1959 and sang bass baritone with the Metropolitan Police Choir.

David performed on the amateur stage for many years, singing most baritone leads in the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. David now sings with the Essex Police Choir and has a successful business as a toastmaster and solo singer.

Tickets £8 each, children free.
Tickets include wine, juice and light refreshments.

"Tea and Tours"

Sunday July 18th from 2.00-
5.00pm

Join us for afternoon tea in the church. Popular Tower Tours, Guided Church Tours and organ music throughout the afternoon. All are welcome. Grand raffle will be drawn during the afternoon.

For all tickets and further information please contact Jenny on 01206 230688

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

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305



Our sponsored fun and games was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed all their activities. The photographs were taken during this



event. So far the total raised is an amazing £709.10. The pupils have decided to spend the money towards developing a forest school in the wooded area at the end of the school field.

Last year the pupils opted to spend the monies raised from their sponsored fun and games to fund an author to spend the day working with them in school. Therefore, we have booked a highly recommended author, Hugh Lupton, for Tuesday 25 May, who will work with each class during the day. We have also invited the parents to attend an evening session with him from 7.30-8.30 pm in school.

Hugh writes:

A Chain of Voices

Whenever a story is told, behind the teller stands the person he (or she) heard it from. Behind that teller stands another... and so on. Storytelling is a game of Chinese whispers that's been going on for thousands of years. I will talk about the art of traditional storytelling and will tell stories from several different parts of the world.

Each class has organised an educational trip for this term based on their topic work and they will be visiting:

- Abberton Nature Reserve
- Braintree Museum
- Natural History Museum

We hope to give you a short report from the children about the trips in the following couple of months.

The PTA have organised a craft afternoon for all pupils on 11 June where all will have the opportunity to make some fun things after school. We are also supporting the Great Bromley Fun Day on 12 June and hope that once again this will be a great success.

Thank you to all those who have been collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's and Tesco. We have arranged for our tokens to be collected later this month. In order to give us time to count them and parcel them up would you kindly ensure that all tokens are sent to school by **Friday 18 June**. Last year we had to **throw away** over 2,000 because they were sent in late. Please help us to make sure that every token counts this year!

Many thanks for your support.



CARPET BOWLS



The summer league is underway and at the time of writing these few lines, the temperature outside is more like the ones we experience when playing in the winter matches. As I sit here in the window I can see the bird bath with a robin splashing about having a grand time; I must say he/she is a braver soul than I. However, back to the results so far: Away to Clacton-on-Sea we lost 5-4, won 6-3 at home against High Woods and won 5-4 at home against Engaines.

As Winter League leaders we travelled to Braintree on 2nd May with a team of 12 - two fours and two pairs' teams and played against three other Essex League winners. Each of our teams won one match but lost two so no Champions Cup to bring back, but each player that took part received a League Winners' medal.

BRUMBELLA CUP RESULTS

17th April

16 teams of four players started off at 10.30am and some very good bowling throughout the day brought us to the semi-finals about 4.30pm.

Lawford v Walton 2

Lawford kept Walton 2 under for most of their match and steadily maintained a good lead, going in to the last end 7-3 up, but Walton 2 built up a head that Lawford just could not break through and at the last delivery Walton 2 had scored 5 shots giving them the match 8-7. Nail biting stuff.

Boxted 1 v Wix

The second semi, a game that Wix was unable to get into. They couldn't get to grips with the run of the mat and Boxted 1 had a lead of 10 points by the 3rd end. Wix pulled back 6 points by end No. 8 but Boxted 1 sealed it with a 2, winning 13 shots-6.

The Final - Walton 2 v Boxted 1

Was rather a runaway victory for Walton. Some good shots from Boxted leads were continually being overcome by Walton's

No. 3 and Skip.

Boxted gained 3 points but not early enough in the match to help them. Walton bowled steadily throughout to take the Cup at 12 shots-3.

The proceeds of the day were in aid of The Bethany Tayler Woods Fund for Congenital Muscular Dystrophy. Accompanied by her father and brother, Bethany arrived to watch the finals' matches and with the help of her Dad managed to present the Cup and small trophies to the winning teams. A charming little girl and we all wished her well in her efforts to get a new wheelchair. Jayne presented her with a cheque for £558.54 which was raised by the raffle, sale of refreshments and a donation.

A vote of thanks was given to the organisers and helpers. A very satisfactory and enjoyable day all round.

Nancy Kempster

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Outing(s)

21st July - Anglesey Abbey

Leaving the Village Hall at 10.00am

26th June at 2.00pm - Westcliffe Theatre

A two hour show based on the film 'High Society' with all the hits such as 'Well did you ever', Sensational, 'True Love' and many more to bring memories flooding back. Come along, forget the chores for an afternoon but be sure your name is on the list; the more people go the cheaper it will be.

The competition for June is A Posy in an Egg Cup.

Many thanks to the people who donated the knitting wool - much appreciated.

Vicky Griffiths

CHILDREN'S PAGE

GAMES TO PLAY OUTDOORS

Wave Game

The game starts with one person being chosen to be IT. That person counts to

20 or maybe 50. It depends how easy it is to find hiding places in your garden or house. While the person has their eyes covered and is counting, the rest of the players run off



to find their hiding places.

When the person who is IT finishes counting, he or she will start looking for the other players. When someone is found, IT calls out "1-2-3 on" and the player's name (e.g. "1-2-3 on David").

The player who was found has to go to the 'jail'. Any high visibility place will do as the jail. It could be a swing set, large rock, tree or even just a Frisbee or hula hoop on the grass. They have to stay in jail until they see one of the free players in their hiding spot who is waving at them. Once they have been waved at, they are free to go and hide again. Of course, if IT sees them as they sneak away, IT can call 1-2-3 on them again.

Children will come up with endless variations and new rules that fit their own garden or situation.

There may be boundaries like, you must stay on our property, or you aren't allowed in the house.

'No puppy guarding' is called out when IT is staying too near the jail and the waved at players don't have a fair chance to get away.

The game ends when IT has all the players in jail. A new IT is chosen and the whole thing starts all over again.

Hint: The best hiding places are within site of the jail so that you can wave at players who have been caught.

This game has some advantages over hide-n-seek. Even the caught players can easily get back into the game rather than just waiting until the start of the next round. It's more cooperative since the kids who are hiding are also trying to wave at and free the caught players without the hidden player getting seen

Water Balloon Basketball

Needed:
a big plastic container
a hose
a lot of small balloons
a basket ball board



Fill the balloons with water and tie up each one, put them in the plastic container (filled with water too)...

How to play:

You can start to play basketball, trying to make points with the balloon, and take turns.

You can try passing the balloons to each other. It does not matter if you don't catch the balloons, because you would be getting wet, and having fun.

Note: Be sure to pick up all pieces of any balloons that break. They can be dangerous for young children and even the birds. Make sure they all end up in the garbage.

We are very fortunate in the staff we have at Seven Rivers. Everyone seems to enjoy their work and we are all very committed to providing a quality service to our friends, the residents. Recently a new member of the team joined the Reception and Admin staff and I thought it would be interesting to give her first impressions of her new job. She wrote....

Impressions of a New Girl

I am one of the newest additions to the staff at Seven Rivers and I joined the Admin. team on 25th February 2010.

First, I was invited to visit the home and as I drove through the grand gates I was amazed at the sight of the wonderful building that lay ahead and the beautiful grounds that surrounded it – what a wonderful setting and how peaceful it seemed.

I was very kindly shown around the home by a member of the Admin. team and introduced to some of the staff and Service Users who were enjoying some afternoon activities with their Activities Organiser.

I came away feeling refreshed by my visit and was very pleased to be interviewed for the job. I was welcomed by a resident, who kindly offered me a cup of tea and led me to the activities room where I met with the Service Manager, another member of the Admin



100 Club winners

April

1st	Harry Hitchcock
2nd	Helen Fairley
3rd	Peter Saych

team and two residents. I enjoyed the interview and hoped that I would be successful..... and I was!

The Reception and Admin Office itself is always full of life – my colleagues and I are visited by one and all and I see it is the ‘heart’ of the home. Seven Rivers is a new venture for me and I enjoy the variety of my new job. It is surprising how many people - residents, staff, volunteers and visitors – there are to get to know and, as a part-timer, it takes time but I am gradually getting there!

I am really pleased to be working with the wonderful Seven Rivers Team and look forward to my playing a part in the months and years to come.

- and the feeling is entirely mutual, if my “soundings” are anything to go by!!

Colin File

Books Wanted!

Seven Rivers Residents need something to read!

If you have any books on any topic - fiction, non-fiction, biography - *anything* - in reasonable condition.

Please contact Nicki Cailles on 01206 230345
and we will collect if you cannot deliver.

Thank you!

P.S. Biographies of motor racers, cars and bikes are urgently wanted.



Essex Works: Promoting Health and Leisure 2012 Games grants up for grabs

Grants of up to £500 are up for grabs for community groups or organisations based in rural Essex to hold a sporting event this summer to mark the two year countdown to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Essex Legacy from the 2012 Games, which is led by Essex County Council, is making grants of up to £500 available for rural community groups to organise events during this year's Open Weekend on 23-25 July.

Now in its third year, Open Weekend is a nationwide event which marks the date of the opening ceremony for the London 2012 Games. It enables people across the UK the chance to take part in sport, arts and cultural activities in their local area. The theme for this year's Open Weekend is 'set a challenge' to encourage people to participate in any sporting or physical activity.

Local community groups are being invited to organise an event that challenges the public to participate. The event could be anything from a treasure hunt to tai chi, wrestling to walks – as long as it involves getting people physically active.

Cllr Stephen Castle, Cabinet Member for Education and the 2012 Games, Essex

County Council said: 'The Open Weekend celebrations provide a great opportunity for all the communities of Essex to be involved in the run up to the 2012 Games.

By making grants available, we can offer those living in rural communities the chance to participate in sports and physical activities that they may not have tried before. These 'come and try' sessions could potentially spark a new interest or activity that individuals may want to participate in long-term'.

Gary Sullivan, Chairman of Essex Strategic Board for the London 2012 Games added:

'Open Weekend gives local groups the chance to showcase themselves and inspire others to join in with their activities. I'm looking forward to seeing how imaginative the events will be this summer'.

The closing date to apply for funding is 28 May 2010. Application forms are available to download at www.essexlegacy.org/openweekend or by calling the 2012 Legacy and Strategic Sport team 01245 431493



Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating Ltd
at Great Bromley Village Hall
Ofsted Inspected

Monday & Wednesday 9.15-11.45am & 12.15-2.45pm
Thursday 9.30-12 noon
Children 2-5 years. £8 per session
(In addition to the above a setting up fee of £1 per session is required.)
Lunch time session available Mon & Wed. Cost £1.50
For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

We take children from the age of two years. For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us on the above number. We also offer a 'home visit' to families of children prior to them starting pre-school.



ESSEX POLICE

Essex Police has a new website with audio and film at the heart of its content.

You can find out who your local officer is within the 'My Neighbourhood' section and read all the stories making the news in our 'News and features' section.

The site also has a section called 'Be Safe' which gives lots of information about how you can protect your home, family and your property.

Visit www.essex.police.uk

Burglary Other

Cross Inn
Parsons Hill - (Quad bikes and trailers taken)

Criminal Damage

Parsons Hill - (Fence damage linked to Burglary Other)

Nuisance Youth

Chapel Lane - (Youths seen coming out of derelict building)

Theft of Metal

Hall Road - (Lead from church)

Road Traffic Collision No Injury

Harwich Road

Annual report of Incidents in Great Bromley 01/04/09 to 31/03/10

GREAT BROMLEY - 115 INCIDENTS REPORTED AND DEALT WITH
29 crimes committed. 4 crimes had suspects arrested and dealt with.

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Hospital Hopper

Tendring Community Transport has registered a new Hospital Hopper service which will operate under a section 22 permit. This is a registered bus service which will take passengers to Colchester General Hospital and Essex County Hospital.

The service will be operating via Great Bentley Village Hall if passengers have booked in advance by telephoning TCT between 9.00am and 5.00pm Mon-Fri on 01255 436962 to make a booking or obtain a copy of the timetable. There will be 3 return journeys Mon-Fri commencing Tuesday, 4 May 2010. The vehicle will be a 15-seat minibus and the concessionary pass will be valid on this service.

Funding for this service has been obtained from the PCT.



LEAD THEFT

- PLEASE BE AWARE

A substantial amount of lead was stolen from the roof of St Georges Church on Thursday 22nd/Friday 23rd April. The perpetrators returned to remove more the following night but thankfully they were disturbed before they could do any more damage.

If you see or hear anything suspicious please dial 999. We are grateful for any help or information regarding this theft. Thank you.

Jenny Nicholls 01206 230688 & Ann Fairley 01206 250229, Churchwardens.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A meeting of the newly elected PCC was held on 1st May during which Leonie Henderson was co-opted on to the committee as the PCC Minutes Secretary. Marion Bromfield was elected as Treasurer and Ann Fairley elected as the Vice-Chairman. No Deanery Synod Representative having stood at the APCM it was agreed that thought would be given as to whom to approach to ask to become the Representative.

It was agreed that the Rector should buy an Altar Service Book as Gt Bromley does not possess one and ask for donations towards the cost of buying same.

A new inventory was to be taken which would be completed before the Archdeacon's visit on 24th May.

The Rector's name is to be inscribed on the Priest Board.

There was much discussion on the dire state of St George's finances and it was agreed that the Parish Share should be reduced from May 2010.

Mr Gregory Frostick reported on the work of the Fabric committee and said *inter alia* that applications were being prepared for further grants for the Clerestory works. A ladder will also be bought to aid access to the higher parts of the church.

The Rector reported the theft of lead from the roof during April and that security lighting had now been put up round the church. Estimates are being sought to replace the stolen lead.

A working party has been set up to advance the plans for the Facilities in the church.

The Rector reported that Gill Moore, the Deanery trainee curate, would be arriving during May to work in the Parish for 3 months. She would be working two days

a week in the parish, taking part in services and, once priested, to celebrate the Eucharist.

Various ideas for fund raising were discussed and the confirmed concert on 17th July - a concert in the church with the Cavender Singers - was discussed at length.

A new Peal Board was to be erected for which a faculty would be needed.

The next meeting of the PCC will be held on 5th June.

PARK & RIDE AT CUCKOO FARM

A new junction is being built by the Highways Agency on the A12. The new junction will enable the development of the former Severalls Hospital site and employment land near the Weston Homes Community Stadium. It will also improve access to existing housing in North Colchester and reduce congestion on the local road network. The scheme will also enable the future delivery of a Park and Ride site north of the A12 at Cuckoo Farm. Funding for the scheme comes from a Community Infrastructure Funding Award to Essex County Council.



THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this letter the Church will have celebrated one of the most important festivals in the year the feast of Pentecost. It is often referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church'. The word Pentecost means 'fiftieth day' and it is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It is sometimes referred to as 'Whitsunday' because it was the tradition of some churches in ancient times to baptise adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptised would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called 'Whitsunday' or 'White Sunday' after these baptismal garments.

Most of us are familiar with what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival which was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the Gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigour, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many of whom had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. The onlookers said of the spirit filled apostles: *"We hear them telling in our own tongues the wonderful works of God"*.

Bishop Richard Harries wrote these words about the preaching of the Gospel: *"In the preaching of the Gospel the Holy*

Spirit within the speaker reaches out to God the Holy Spirit within the listeners. Language becomes a vehicle for the unifying Spirit and the unifying Gospel".

Certainly the preaching of the Gospel by the first apostles did break down human barriers. Christianity was not to be restricted to any particular place or nation or race.

St. Paul writes of the Baptismal unity which Christians have in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave or freeman, male or female, for you are all one person in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3 verse 28)

The annual festival of Pentecost reminds us that every Christian congregation is to be a sign of that harmony and fellowship, that 'unity in diversity' which is God's will for the whole world. It is to be a spirit filled community where the world's divisions do not count for anything and a spirit led community always eager to share its central message, its life and fellowship with those outside.

May we all experience afresh this Pentecost the Holy Spirit's special gifts of love joy and peace.

With love,
Fr. Robert

THANKS

Easter Lilies

Thank you for all those who sponsored Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones. The Easter flowers in St George's Church were beautiful this year. Thank you.

Jenny

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services for June

Thursday 3rd	7.30pm	Corpus Christi Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 6th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	1st Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 13th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	2nd Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 20th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	3rd Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 27th	8.00am 10.30am 4.30pm	4th Sunday after Trinity Eucharist Parish Eucharist Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev'd Gill Moore, our Deanery Curate	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>Tending Parish church</i>

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