

# THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

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## St George's at the Fire Swim

On Saturday 1 October forty eight children from Classes 1 to 4, together with past pupils, took part in the annual Fire Brigade Fire Swim. We took over all six lanes and swam in relay for an hour. The younger children made a superb effort using armbands and goggles to make sure they didn't give up. Everybody had a wonderful hour with lots of singing and in some cases dancing to the music which was accompanying us. Thank you to all that swam, lap counted or lane walked, it was very much appreciated. Early indications show that we raised over £1300, with all monies raised split between the Fire Brigade and local charities.

The children did an amazing job with our Harvest celebration and once again we are very proud of them all. The Friendship Club visited school the following day to collect their basket, watch the harvest praise and also enjoy a cup of tea.

The PTA will be holding their Festive Fayre on Friday 25 November from 6 – 8 pm in the school hall. Do come and join us and buy an early Christmas present or two!



# KATISHA'S KOLUM

Mistress has been to Italy to see some ruins were I can't think even a mouse would live and

walked round the crater of Vesuvius - certainly no mice there - and announced it is belching forth smelly smoke. She has also been to Wells and seen the famous clock striking and now with too extra dogs has no time to do the Messenger so I am taking charge.

There has been some additions to the menagerie here and much disruption this month with the arrival of too dalmatians who have lost their home and are staying with us until a new one can be found. They have settled in very well but I did have to explain to them the ground rules of how to behave towards cats as they hadn't encountered them before except to chase and I wasn't having any of that. I am a fearless cat and was not afraid of too big dogs. Anyway I am used to living with dogs. After a bit of arching my back, spitting and hissing and a bit of bopping their tails and backsides they soon learnt that I was to be treated with respect. They, even, now come up to me gently and politely and wish me good morning. It bothers them, however,

when I climb trees or look down on them from the top of walls etc. Stupid things just sit there, look up and wince. Cats are cleverer than dogs - they can climb.

Some of us from these villages (not me, I only caterwaul) have been a part of the BBC Songs of Praise recording from St Botolph's church in Colchester for the Remembrance Sunday service this month and for another in January. They found it an interesting experience. For the Remembrance Sunday service there are members of the Garrison present, a bugler and a band from the Paratroop Regiment. The BBC came to Colchester because it is a Garrison Town and felt it right to be there when our troops are fighting on distant shores.

On pages 19, 21 and 23 you will see there have been a number of letters in response to the winners in the October magazine.

Mistress says **PLEASE NOTE** that for the first time the December and January magazines will be brought out as one issue next month so enjoy with January and February events and news please send them in for next month.

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# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Report of a parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### The Parish Council

At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October the council agreed to appoint Mr Alan Thomas as its new chairman replacing Mr Terry Cottingham who had resigned as a councillor. Mr Richard Perry was appointed vice-chairman.

The council also considered five candidates for co-option and agreed to appoint **Mrs Mary Fawcett** and **Mr Owen Blowers** as new councillors.

**Mrs Annie Sands** was appointed a member of the Hare Green Recreation Ground Committee.

*The council's membership is now as follows:*

**Mr Owen Blowers**, Carringtons Road

**Mrs Susie Burnby**, Church Corner, Hall Road

**Mrs Mary Fawcett**, Church Corner, Hall Road

**Mr David Hardy**, Mary Lane South

**Mr Fred Nicholls**, Hall Road (also Tending District Councillor)

**Mr Richard Perry**, Ardeleigh Road (Vice Chairman)

**Mr Neil Skinner**, Church Corner, Hall Road

**Mr Alan Thomas**, Brundells Road (Chairman)

**Mrs Pam Williams**, Hall Road

### Tending Housing Development

Tending District Council has recently been undertaking a public consultation on future housing in the district. All households have received a leaflet and response forms have been available at the post office. See also the district council's website:

[www.tendingdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendingdc.gov.uk) and in particular the four 'third party' sites in Great Bromley, with 110 new houses proposed by developers

and landowners. (look for 'possible housing sites document' on the Tending website) The consultation was scheduled to finish on 28<sup>th</sup> October but it should still be possible to submit a response in early November.

**The next meeting** of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Great Bromley Village Hall.

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Due to the retirement of our current Parish Clerk at the end of the year the Council wish to fill this post. Ideally applicants should have knowledge/experience of IT systems (Word, Excel, e mail), good communication & organisational skills, the ability to write clear and concise reports and minutes, basic accounting skills and the ability to work on their own initiative. Hours are 28 per month mainly working from home with a number of evening meetings. An hourly rate in the region of £9 to £10 will be paid, depending on the experience of the successful candidate, plus small allowances for home office working and mileage .

Further information, Job Description & Person Specification are available by contacting:

Pam Williams on 01206 230485 or by e mail at [recruitment@gbpc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@gbpc.org.uk).

Messages may be left.

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 25th November 2011

# LT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following matters were discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 6th October, 2011.

There were 8 members of the public present. The District Councillor was not in attendance.

Disquiet was expressed over the possibility of the gravel pit going ahead. Requests that the minutes be published on the website and that those that wished it to email addresses.

It was reported that there were two untaxed vehicles on the car park and they have been reported. The speed watch team informed us that they had executed five speed checks since the last meeting and some 60 vehicles had been reported. Also speed monitoring is to be conducted in the village.

The village has been crime free over the period.

War Memorial. A raffle of a TV set presented by Sylvia Downes raised some £243 for the repair fund which now stands at £1,277. It is hoped that work will commence shortly.

As far as the Bus Shelter is concerned there is some delay! We await authority of Housing Department. The fete and car boot sale was a bitter disappointment to all concerned; so much hard work for little return, poorly supported it raised only £88. It was agreed that other means of raising money should be looked at, i.e. Quiz Nights and Racing Nights etc, so get your thinking caps on and see if we can find something original to do. All moneys made go to help pay for the Firework night next year and that is usually so successful.

Planning Application for a cart lodge at the Old Vicarage. No objections.

Closing of local police stations has caused concern to the council about the number of

stations about to be closed in the area. It is hoped that at the Chief Constable's conference to be attended by Steve Wilcox less stringent choices can be made.

Regretfully Mary Roughley has decided to stand down from 31st December, 2011 due to business commitments. She will be sorely missed but has promised to continue her support of Little Bromley in any way she can.

A notice will shortly be placed on the notice board with details for applicants.

The Annual Report has been returned and there were no observations and approved by the Council.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 8th December, 2011.

## **Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

Please see the website for details

# LITTER PICKING GROUPS

## GREAT BROMLEY

Saturday, 12th November

The Autumn Litter Pick will be held on the above date. If you can spare some time between the hours of 10.00am and midday to help tidy up our village, please be at the car park of either the Cross Inn, The Old Courthouse or the Snooty Fox at approximately 9.50am, grab a litter pick and a plastic bag and follow your team leader. It's a mucky job, but you may be surprised how much fun you can have whilst getting involved in a community activity. **PLEASE NOTE-** to comply with insurance regulations, you must be fit, be between the ages of 15 and 70 and be wearing protective, high visibility clothing. Some high vis jackets are available and will be on site, but if you have your own, please do wear them. You may also wish to bring along any garden tools that may be helpful to you for litter collection. Look forward to seeing you.

## LITTLE BROMLEY

The Autumn Litter Pick at Little Bromley takes place as follows:

Date - 12th November

Time - 10.00 a.m.

Meet at The Little Bromley Village Car Park

Bring Gloves - high vis jackets and bags provided

Refreshments provided afterwards at The Haywain for all those taking part .



## HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE

Tending District Council is in the final stages of awarding the new contracts for the household waste and recycling collections and street cleansing services. The new contracts will be awarded to Veolia ES (UK) Ltd (the current contractor for these services).

The street cleansing service includes for a frequency based sweeping and/or litter picking of all public roads, footways, car parks, council housing areas, beaches, promenades, greenswards etc and the emptying of all litter and dog waste bins. This contract will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

The household waste and recycling collection contract will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012. The new service will include the continued weekly collection of residual waste in black sacks – with black sacks being delivered to residents in the first 3 months of each year. The recycling collection service will be altered with the provision of a new red recycling box for all residents; this will then allow the collection of paper and cardboard one week in the red box

and in the second week the collection of cans and plastic bottles in the existing green boxes. Each household will also be provided with containers for the weekly collection of food waste. Two containers will be provided; a small kitchen caddy and a larger kerbside caddy for presentation of food waste for collection. The new collection service will be rolled out in April/May 2012. All residents will receive advice about the new collection services.

Full details about the new services will be on the Councils website including full street cleansing schedules and waste collection days.

Joint award of these contracts to Veolia ES (UK) Ltd has resulted in an annual financial saving to the Council of £564,000.

The Council would be pleased to receive the support of your Council in implementing the new services including the dissemination of information to residents.

# VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

You would think that once bitten twice shy, but you would be wrong! My previous visit to see Olly Day resulted in severe face ache both that night and the next day. Nothing has changed I still suffered from the ache on the Saturday night and the Sunday morning. Olly Day and Kevin were both funny and clever and Kevin could really play all those instruments well. Another really terrific night at the Village Hall in our Village. Thank you to Jane, Dinah and helpers for organising all the food and the tables and to Fred for planning the whole event and getting it off the ground. Final figures as yet not available but about £750 was raised for Village Hall funds. Well done everyone and thank you to those who attended.

Over the past year we have spent quite a lot of money on the Hall, new roof, new kitchen, extensive cupboards for the playgroup, new door access to name but a few. This has all been made possible



by people and organisations supporting the Village Hall. We as a committee have not been idle, we have been looking very hard at the costs of running

the Hall. Last year we swapped electricity supplier and reduced our bill by 40% and this year we have swapped our insurer, got better cover and saved a huge amount. Thank you all for your help and support. What we need is a Youth Club in the Village and some one to run it, anyone interested? Anyone like to help or who would like to get something started?

Jobs still outstanding are roofing insulation and the interior painting for which we will need volunteers.

It is looking very likely that we will be installing extra protection for the oil tank before we put any oil in it for the winter. We have had one attempted break in already and with oil prices not set to get any lower the Committee thought it wise.

## **Future Events** to look forward to

Christmas Fayre on 3rd December. Santa is due to make an appearance again this year as is the live music and the hot snacks

Farmers Market on 21st December (Provisional) 6pm to 9pm

New Years Eve Dance on 31st December with a disco. Posh frocks night with black tie optional for the men, Buffet by Linda Pinhey, bring your own drinks, finish at 1:00am and adults only. Tickets are £20.00 and will be available from any committee member.

Did anyone miss me last month? Apologies as I had to work away at the last moment and so missed the deadline.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support and please put the forthcoming event dates in your diary. Let's all make the most of our Village Hall in 2011. Well what is left of it anyway

Next Committee meeting Tuesday 8th November at 7:30pm. As always all welcome.

*David Beech*

## FROM THE PAST

### Loyal to Parliament then The King

On 4th October, 1651, the church wardens of Great Bromley paid fourteen shillings for putting up the Arms in the church of the Commonwealth of England.

In 1660 they again paid out to John Mason £3 for setting up the King's Arms - bit more expensive!

The ringers tolled out the glad news and 12s 0d for beer etc. was paid for this.

On Coronation Day the ringers' beer amount to 3s 0d. Was it a short ring?

*John Appleby*

## CARPET BOWLS



Just can't believe we're three matches into the winter league already. Only last week we were fooled into thinking summer was still with us. However, the most recent two matches were with High Woods at home, we won 5-3, and Alresford away which was another drawn match.

At last the Club Singles Competition has been brought to a conclusion. It has taken a few months to get the competitors together on the same evening for a variety of reasons, but achieved it on 6th October when Pat Petchey played against Derek Frostick over 7 ends. Evenly matched, the score seasawed for a few end, until the last two when Pat bowled a couple of loose shots to let Derek in and take the match 8 points to 6. Well done! to both of them.

Two members, Jackie and Nan, are still 'under the weather', we wish them better and back with us soon.

*Nancy Kempster*

## IN THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

One of the jobs you can do this month for next year is to take out a trench, a spade wide and a spade deep, between now and next April, throw all your kitchen waste and compost into it to rot down for your beans and peas. When the trench is nearly full replace the soil on the top, your peas and beans will love this, it will also hold the moisture.



Start to harvest brussel sprouts, use the tops first then pull up one at a time as required and hang upside down in the greenhouse or garage.

As soon as the dahlias have been touched by the frost, dig them up, shake off the soil, give a dusting with sulphur powder which will keep the mildew at bay, then store in the greenhouse or shed in cardboard boxes.

Stop feeding house plants and keep the soil just damp, give them plenty of light but removed from window ledges at night.

*Frank Griffiths*



## GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

### 100 Club Winners for September

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|------|---------------------|
| 1st. | Mrs. Barbara Hart   |
| 2nd. | Mrs. Gill Christmas |
| 3rd. | Mrs. Lynda Allam    |

Angela Brakeway was our very knowledgeable speaker on the subject of "The Bayeux Tapestry". She first spoke about the story of events that led up to the Norman Invasion in 1066. Before then England had already been invaded, so we were a very "mixed bunch"

Who commissioned the tapestry? Probably the Normans and Bishop Odo around 1070. It is NOT a tapestry but is embroidered in eight separate sections on unbleached linen and then sewn together. It is 230 feet long and 20 inches high. It very much shows the sewing skills of English women who were known to be much better than the French counterparts at this time.

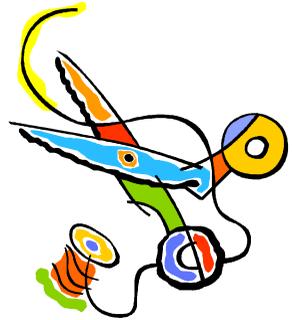
The embroidery was probably carried out in the South East of England most likely Kent. The Designer of the tapestry is unknown possibly English. The threads that were used were woollen in eight colours, the older materials and threads have stood the test of time much better than the more modern threads and materials used for repairs. The script at the top is in Latin, but

it is not known who wrote it. In the various scenes, of which there are 73, the first 42 are in black and the rest in alternating colours. Angela really brought history alive and recommended that if you haven't visited this, it is one you should do.

Angela also told us that to this day our present Queen still holds the title Duke of Normandy. Finally finishing with thought for the day, Should the tapestry come back to England?

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

*Joy Rolfe*



## FRIENDSHIP CLUB



**Butlins:** The very popular holiday venue for thousands of people as it was reasonably priced and affordable for many families with, so much activity for children, the slides which our speaker brought really took us into the camp.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 17th November in the Village Hall at 2.00pm. The competition for November is a bird ornament. (small).

It is wonderful how the Club has survived for 50 years. Is there another organisation

in the village with the same record?

We need more members - you do not have to reside in Great Bromley everyone is welcome and it is only two hours each month - the next year we hope to arrange more outings. Yours suggestions will be put to meetings and hopefully more people will partake.

The **Christmas Dinner** is next so watch this space for further details.

*Vicky Griffiths*

# 2011 LITTLE BROMLEY CONKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The second Little Bromley Championship was held in September at the Haywain Public House; an enjoyable evening for young and old.

The winner was Paul whose conker is preserved behind the bar with last year's winner



# EVENTS IN 2011

## NOVEMBER

- 2 WI meeting, AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Christmas Market, Venture Centre, 10.00am
- 8 Village Hall Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 LITTER PICKING - Great Bromley further details see page 5
- LITTER PICKING - Little Bromley further details see page 5
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 19 Bingo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Table Top Sale, Venture Centre,
- 23 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 25 PTA Festive Fayre, St George's School Hall, 6.00pm
- 26 Charity Fundraising day, Lawford Venture Centre ,1.30pm
- 27 Table Top Sale, Venture Centre,

## DECEMBER

- 3 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- 7 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 14 Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.30-8.30pm
- 17 Lawford Farmers Market, Venture Centre  
(Christmas Market)
- 21 Gt Bromley Farmers Market, Village Hall,  
(Provisional) 6.00-9.00pm
- 31 New Year's Eve Dance, Village Hall

## JANUARY 2012

- 12 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall,  
7.30pm

## FEBRUARY

- 9 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall,  
7.30pm
- Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm



### **Craft Fair and Farmers Market**

will be held in Great Bentley Village Hall  
on Saturday 26th November  
from 2.00pm.

Among the variety of stalls we are expecting will  
be chocolates, toys, cards, jewellery, meat,  
sausages, fish, chutneys, jams, candles and lots  
more. There will be teas and refreshments.  
Any profits will go to Great Bentley Conservation  
Group.

Admission is free.

### **10th Christmas Tree Festival**

St Mary's Church, Great Bentley  
Saturday 3rd December - 10am to 4pm  
and

Sunday 4th December - 11am to 4pm.

The theme of the decorated trees will be  
'Pantomimes'. There will be light lunches,  
including soup, teas and cakes etc, a large cake  
stall, gift stall and entertainment/demonstrations  
at intervals throughout both days.

Admission is £1 with children free.

## GT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

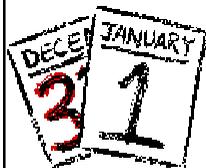


3rd December  
**Christmas Fayre**  
 Santa is expected  
 Live music  
 Hot snacks

21st December  
 (Provisional)  
**Farmers Market**  
 6pm-9pm



31st December  
**New Year's Eve Dance**  
 with a disco



Buffet  
 Bring your own drinks  
 Adults only  
 Tickets £20 from any Village Hall committee member

## Bromleys & Ardleigh Christmas Choir



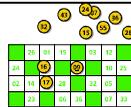
Like to sing ? Now's your chance. Singers of all voices are welcome to join the special Christmas Choir.

We will practice beautiful carols for the Carol Service on December 18th.

Good music and good company!

For details phone Gregory 01473 424469

## Bingo



in aid of Spina Bifida  
 Great Bromley Village Hall

Saturday 19th November  
 7.30 Start

Bring your own Nibbles and Drinks  
 Raffle

£5.00 per person (8 Games)

**Contact** Linda Pinhey 01206230126

## PTA Festive Fayre

25th November  
 St George's School Hall  
 6.00-8.00pm



## A Christmas Vintage Fayre

Sunday, 4th December  
 The Venture Centre, Lawford  
 10.00am - 4.00pm

Lots of stalls selling items from the 1920s-1980s

Teas and cakes

Admission £1 adults, children free

# LETTERS

## **Dear Editor**

I write in response to the nuisance youth complaint, included in the policeman's report in the September 2011 issue of the messenger, taking place in Meadow Close.

It is understandable that residents in Meadow Close must feel that they are welcome in their own street and any disturbances must be reported. However, I have lived in Meadow Close for 24 years now and, to me, the complaint passed on these children is unfounded. I too have seen them playing and actually know some of them personally. They range from aged 6 to early teenagers and my experience of them has only ever been pleasant. Their playing is only ever after school hours, never early morning or late night, and always seems light-hearted and contained. They often do frequent the recreational park, using the skating/biking area, as well as playing football. They only ever show the upmost respect and I'm sure would feel very upset if they ever caused worry or annoyance to their neighbours. They are all, or have at some point been, educated locally and are taught the value of respect for others, especially their elders. I feel they should be encouraged to enjoy their youth in their own street, as I was, especially as in many corners of the country they would not be afforded such a luxury.

Yours

*Christopher Platt,  
2 Meadow Close, Great Bromley*

## **Dear Editor**

I wish to respond to the two letters in October's Bromley Messenger'

'Hare Green Half Pipes' are a group of sensible young people who live in and around Great Bromley. They are bemused by the accusation which suggests they are causing a nuisance to residents in Meadow Close. The young people have got together with sympathetic residents and formed a committee.

'Hare Green Half Pipes' are in the process of making an application to the Big Lottery Fund to enhance existing provision at Hare Green Playing Field. These young people have a stake in their community and wish to behave as responsible and active citizens. It is wrong to suggest that 'playing' is deemed anti-social.

How can anyone object to an early year's

education facility for pre-school children? Surely, this will be a positive development within the village, providing families with support and giving an assured orientation to the future of Great Bromley.

Children are a normal part of our society and a degree of tolerance and understanding needs to be exercised. They deserve to play outside and have a safe environment to learn in. The very idea of anything to do with children seems to be anathema to a certain segment of Great Bromley!

*A Sands (Meadow Close)*

## **Dear Editor**

Further to the letter published in October, may we take this opportunity to provide your readers with the facts about Little Dragons Pre-School's plans to operate from Church Meadow Bungalow. This may help dispel some of the rumours circulating in the village.

**Government Policy** – On 7th October 2011, Ministers announced help for less well off parents to enable them to go out to work, by introducing enhanced childcare support. Our plans directly support Government policy, by providing more flexible childcare thus enabling parents to return to the labour market. Our plans also secure the future of Little Dragons Pre-School.

**Use of the bungalow:** The owners of the bungalow are not seeking planning permission for change of use to commercial premises. What has been applied for is for use under Use Class D1 non-residential institution. This is the same use as churches, parish halls, libraries, clinics etc.

**Use of the land:** Another business cannot move in with little or no approval. The deeds of the bungalow contain a covenant which expressly states that the premises cannot be used other than as a private dwelling house or children's nursery/pre-school. Rumours about use of the land are therefore fundamentally misleading.

**Noise and traffic:** There will be a maximum of 24 children registered at Little Dragons Pre-School. The children will benefit from structured, supervised outdoor play. The play area has been moved to the rear of the property to meet one neighbour's concern (as was the reduction and

relocation of on-site parking spaces). Putting this into perspective, there are approximately 120 children at St George's School, which is about 150 metres away. The school and neighbouring properties are situated on a busy "B" road (Hall Road).

The operation of Little Dragons Pre-School will not lead to any noticeable increase in traffic or pressure on existing public parking. On average we expect up to seven parents/carers to drive and drop off/collect children from Little Dragons Pre-School. However, the arrival and departure times will be staggered and will not therefore be exactly the same as Leonard Cheshire staff or school traffic.

**Demolition:** To repeat what we said in May; the Bungalow is not being demolished. This was never on the agenda.

**Opening Times:** The proposed opening times of Little Dragons Pre-School will be from 08.00 to 17.30. Opening times of 7am to 7pm have never been on the agenda.

**Fencing:** The fence that has been erected around the bungalow is an outer boundary fence only. A secondary inner fence (yet to be erected) will provide a secure and safe play area for the children.

**Affordable housing:** Affordable housing relates to social rented and intermediate housing, provided by the local authority or housing associations, to specified eligible households whose needs are not met by the local market. Privately owned houses – even if currently rented at below market rates – do not constitute affordable housing.

**Support:** The Regeneration Team at Essex County Council view the project as "a highly valued community facility" and they believe "the rationale behind the relocation is based on sound and balanced business and community reasoning". The evidence suggests that concern being expressed is from a very small minority, whereas we have lots of evidence that there is a significant majority who actually support the application and use. With the backing of Essex County Council and so many hard working and respected local people, we are confident that we will deliver the kind of childcare every child in our community deserves.

**Future of the Pre-School:** Little Dragons Pre-School has been in existence and operating successfully for 34 years. We have a 15 year lease agreement with the owners of the bungalow. Our business plans have been scrutinised by Essex County Council – The

Directorate of Schools, Children & Families Early Years and Childcare are supporting our plans with a cash grant. Many other local businesses and tradesmen have also pledged their support, making this a true community project.

**Leonard Cheshire:** The Chairman of Leonard Cheshire in his latest annual report (2010/11) commented that Leonard Cheshire continues to face challenges – in addition to spending cuts, they have to contend with the harsh economic climate. As part of its review of properties and land, Leonard Cheshire privately sold one of its bungalows (and land, solely owned by Leonard Cheshire) at full market value to an investor who purchased it for Little Dragons Pre-School. The sale of any Leonard Cheshire assets and decisions on how the money is used is a matter for their senior leadership team and trustees. Both Leonard Cheshire Seven Rivers and Little Dragons Pre-Schools will directly benefit from new partnership initiatives that are building between the two organisations.

**Councillors:** We hope very much that you will support us in what we truly believe will be a wonderful, much enhanced, community resource and we encourage you to write to your elected official expressing your views, requesting that they represent these and the views of the significant local majority that clearly do support the application and use.

**Questions:** If you require more information, the trustees and management of Little Dragons Pre-School are always available to answer questions and provide you with the facts. Please feel free to email us at [littledragonspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littledragonspreschool@gmail.com)

*Yours sincerely,*

*Jean Chubb (Chair), Declan Montgomery (Secretary), Carole Davidson (Treasurer) & Karen Montgomery (Manager) Little Dragons Pre-School*

**Dear Editor**

As someone who served as a Parish Councillor for Great Bromley for over ten years I feel that I must write to clarify the position of the Parish Council in relation to Planning Applications.

The Parish Council's role is very limited. It receives details of Planning Applications in Great Bromley as part of the consultation process undertaken by Tendring District Council for all Planning Applications. Its role is to consider them, make comments and recommend that TDC approve or decline an application. It has no power to approve or decline an application itself.

That is the sole prerogative of TDC as the Planning Authority. All decisions by the PC must be made on planning grounds and any recommendation to TDC to decline an application must set out the objection on which the decision is based i.e. over development, outside the village envelope etc. Increased traffic movement or noise levels are not in themselves grounds for declining an application although the PC may recommend that TDC take such matters into consideration in their decision.

As already mentioned TDC is the Planning Authority. As required by the Government, at least 90% of all planning decisions are made by Council Officers under delegated authority from the Planning Committee. The Officers may recommend that some applications, for example the Tesco Store in Manningtree, are considered by the Planning Committee at one of its monthly meetings. In addition, District Councillors can 'call-in' an application for detailed consideration by the Committee,

TDC in considering an application will call on the views of Essex County Council, as highways authority, Anglian Water and other public bodies who may have an interest in the application. Having approved an application, it may impose conditions on the approval to meet objectors' concerns. An application which has been declined must state the grounds on which it has been declined. In such an event the applicant has the right to appeal the decision in which case the matter is referred to the Planning Inspectorate whose decision is binding. Objectors to an application, which has been approved by a Planning Authority, do not have the right of appeal although, at their cost, they may request a Judicial Review of a Council's decision. Should the review fail then they will be liable for all the legal costs.

All Councillors, Parish and District, are governed by a Code of Conduct which, in respect of planning applications, requires that they declare an interest in a proposal if they are affected by the application and take no part in the decision making process. District Councillors on the Planning Committee, when an application in their ward is being considered, must declare an interest. Thus Councillor Heaney, as Chair of the Planning Committee, would have to, and has done so in the past, excuse herself from the meeting whilst an application in the Great Bromley and Frating ward is considered. Councillor Nicholls is not a member of the Planning Committee and would be able to speak at the meeting if he so wished. However, he

would have to declare an interest if he or any organisation of which he is a member of the committee is affected by an application.

Whilst public attendance at a Planning Committee is encouraged participation is somewhat limited. Anyone wishing to address the meeting must give notice to the Committee and is limited to a time of three minutes. Having listened to the submissions, the members of the Committee will discuss the application and reach a decision, for or against the proposal, by a show of hands.

*Pender Richardson*

## KITCHEN CORNER

### Smoked Haddock Soup

8oz smoked haddock  
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped.  
600ml/1pt water  
600ml/1pt milk  
Seasoning  
8-12oz hot mashed potato  
1oz butter (flavoured with lemon and parsley if available)  
1 Tbsp lemon juice.

Method. Put fish in a saucepan with onion and water, cover and simmer gently till tender, about 15 minutes. Remove fish, put skin and bones aside and flake the flesh finely.

Return skin and bones to pan and simmer 10 minutes. Strain the liquor into a clean pan and add fish, milk, seasoning (not too much salt) bring back to the boil. Simmer 3 minutes then whisk in mashed potato to make the consistency you like. Stir in the butter and lemon juice, and serve very hot with toasts or croutons.



*Jill Frostick*

# THANKS

## FLOWER FESTIVAL at ST GEORGE'S

"Wow" we raised £2350!!

Well done everyone and thank you.

What an absolutely fabulous weekend!! St George's Church, the cathedral of the Tendring Hundred, (although swathed in scaffolding and corrugated iron), shone in the wonderful sunshine throughout the weekend. So many of our community contributed in making our Festival weekend such a success.

The Flower arrangers who worked so hard on the Thursday creating truly spectacular designs on new shelves and display boards created by our very hard working verger. We thank you all.



The sponsorship and donations from local businesses and organisations, we thank you.

The bellringers who rang a quarter peel on Friday evening in celebration of our Festival, we thank you.

The Medlars, Nil Desperandum and the audience at the 'Folk in the Church' Concert, we thank you too.

The members of our community who organised and helped with the Raffle, the stalls, the stewards and refreshments we thank you so very, very much.

To all who helped with the oh so successful Festival lunch – Thank you.

We thank you for your warmth and friendship extended to Bishop Christopher and all those who helped with the Harvest Lunch.

Events such as these require such a lot of team work, organisation and community spirit. Fr. Robert, Ann and I thank you all.

Our next event will be the Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to be part of our team and help on this Festive occasion please phone 01206230688 or 01206250229.

*Jenny Nicholls*



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# Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating

Ofsted Inspected

Website: [www.littledragonspreschool.org](http://www.littledragonspreschool.org)

Email: [littledragonspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littledragonspreschool@gmail.com)

## Great Bromley Village Hall

Monday & Wednesday 9.15-11.45am & 12.15-2.45pm Tuesday & Thursday 9.15-11.45am

Children 2-5 years

Lunch time session available Mondays & Wednesdays

Over the last month we have been looking at the changing season and the children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors for signs of Autumn. We have used the fallen leaves, twigs, conkers etc to paint, print, wax rub and glue and have made a lovely display of their work.

We have talked about Harvest Festival and also took part in the recent 'Flower Festival' at St. Georges Church. The children made dragon pictures decorated with flower petals and a big thank you to Laura for creating a beautiful 'flower dragon' for us.

We hosted a 'Dads Week' at the beginning of October and invited Dads to take part in a questionnaire and to join us in our sessions. This was very successful and generated a lot of interest. The children loved having the Dads come along to play – and I think the Dads quite enjoyed it too!

The Quiz Night held at the Old Courthouse on 8th October raised a fantastic £414.

Thank you to everyone involved for all their hard work.

Speaking of hard work we would also like to congratulate our Setting Manager Karen Montgomery on gaining her 'Early Years Foundation Degree'. Well done Karen.

Just a reminder that we are collecting the vouchers from 'Morrisons' and the 'Nestle box tops' so please tell family and friends.

We take children from the age of two years and now offer a 'home visit' to families of children prior to them starting Pre-school.

This gives the child the opportunity to meet their key-person in their own home, aiding the transition stage to pre-school. It also enables us to collect and share information in a confidential environment.

For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us on the above number.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 24th October Half Term week

Thursday 1st December AGM

## THANKS

### PINK FRIDAY

On Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> Great Bromley W.I hosted a "Pink Friday" Coffee Morning in aid of breast cancer care.

Thank you to all who supported our event in the Millennium Lounge at the Village Hall. Cakes, produce, craft and raffle raised around £55 for a very good cause. The pin the "Bra on the Boobies" created a great deal of laughter and hilarity.

Thank you to all who helped, supported and made our fund raising morning such a success.

*The W.I Committee.*

# ST HELENA HOSPICE



St Helena Hospice  
your time...your hospice

## Help us by Sponsoring a Nurse...for as little as £3 a month

Our Inpatient nurses at St Helena Hospice are part of a caring team, who have a variety of specialist skills and knowledge. They work closely with the other Hospice nursing teams that work in the Day Centres in Colchester and Clacton and out in the community in people's homes.



It costs roughly £14,000 to run the Hospice per day, and for as little as £3 a month, you could sponsor one of our nurses to help carry on caring for people

throughout our community.

We rely heavily on the kindness of people like yourself, so your gift, however large or small, really counts towards helping patients and families at a really difficult time. The work that we do is so important and we want to ensure that we continue this wonderful service within our

community now and in the future.

Thank you for your kind support - we really do appreciate it and simply couldn't do what we do without you.

### Did you know?

- St Helena Hospice is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- It costs £5.8 million each year to run our Hospice services.
- We employ 56 permanent nurses and 24 bank nurses in our Inpatient Unit, Day Centres and in the community.
- We have a team of volunteers that help our nursing team care for patients and families, and who come in throughout the day and night to sit and talk with patients.
- Our nurses work a variety of shift patterns.

If you are interested in sponsoring a St Helena Hospice nurse, go to: <http://www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/SponsorStHelenaHospiceNurse.cfm> or call the Fundraising Office on 01206 791740 for more details.

## NATURE'S DIARY



This is the month of whizzes and bangs as people enjoy Firework parties. Do keep you cats and dogs indoors. I used to have a dog years ago who was terrified of thunderstorms and fireworks, even when she was indoors. She would cower and shake in a corner until it was all over. Be aware also that hedgehogs may be hibernating in piles left for bonfires and check before lighting them.

The first frost has been and gone after a late warm spell and now suddenly heating is required along with warmer food. Spare a thought for the wildlife outside. There are still berries and seeds to be found at the moment but extra food in your gardens, throughout the winter, will help sustain them through the long cold days to come. Don't forget to leave out fresh water for them to drink and to bathe in.

The summer migrants have left and the winter migrants are returning – look out for the winter thrushes (the redwings and fieldfares) in the fields and trees. They particularly like the berries of the hawthorn. To see the waders and wildfowl

migrants go along the river at Manningtree where many of them can be seen. Starlings will be massing together providing spectacular watching as they prepare to home in on their favourite roosting site.

The insects will also be preparing to hibernate in nooks and crannies, sheds and, sometimes, our houses. Ivy is a winter refuge for many insects with the consequence that wrens, who are insect eaters, quite often reside there as well – fast food to hand!

The toads will now be hiding beneath logs and stones for the duration of the winter so keep a careful eye open when gardening whilst frogs will hibernate at the bottom of ponds ready to emerge in the new year.

Life appears to be dormant but much is going on under the surface if you just stop and watch.

LMH



## “Seven Rivers” - why, “Seven Rivers”?

More mental meanderings on how Leonard Cheshire came to give us our distinctive name.

### **Birthplace of a Religion**

Eastwards, first, to the area of the Punjab, where it straddles the borders of northwest India and northern Pakistan. These are lands, stretching as far as Afghanistan it is said, where the Hindu religion first grew up. The tales told in the area for generations spoke of the rivers' release from the mountains and there are many myths surrounding the “*Sapta Sindhu*”, which means “Seven Rivers” in the local language.

### **A Mystical Land**

Next, we move to the mystical land of Lindon, as created writer J.R.R. Tolkien. He wrote books called *The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings* about an elf called Bilbo Baggins and his adventures in the mystical world of “Middle Earth”, where Lindon lay .

Within this place, there was a “Land of the Seven Rivers” as the story tells, where a tribe of elves called the Laiquendi dressed all in green in order to blend in with their forest background, and became famous for their stealth and secrecy.

So, I wonder, could any of these stories and places, related this month and last, have given Leonard Cheshire the idea for the name of our home?

Could he have been inspired by the story of a Mexican ghost town peopled by ghostly bandits of the wild west era? Hardly!

Scottish Highland dancing or American scouting adventures? The beauties of the Mississippi river valley? A good game of golf? Probably not.

Perhaps we shall never know.

But we do know that Leonard Cheshire loved India and did great work there, beginning in Mumbai (or Bombay as it was then), where he opened a Home in 1955 ( just three years before Seven Rivers came into being). This

city is within reach of the area of the Sapta Sindu - and he was also a very religious man.

We also know that Tolkien's Lord of the Rings was first published in 1955, just at the time that his own children were growing up. Perhaps he shared the adventures of Bilbo Baggins in the lands of Middle Earth with them? Maybe the idea of little people dressed in green and hiding in the woods caught their imaginations?

Certainly, he viewed the world of disabled people as being a secret world as he described in his book, “The Hidden World”, written in 1981, in which he says, “...it [the world of disabled people] is a world that, even to this day, is little known and poorly understood. This is true to such an extent that I have come to think of this as a ‘hidden world’...”

Who knows? “Seven Rivers” – I wonder....  
*Colin File, Voluntary Newsletter Editor*



## Incidents in Great Bromley for the month of September

**Theft Other** - Harwich Road - (2 dogs taken)

**Common Assault** - Parsons Hill - (Male spat at another male)

### October Newsletter

The Office of Fair Trading is warning people of unscrupulous traders that sell mobility aids on the doorstep. Mobility aids are products that are used by the elderly or disabled such as mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and walk-in baths. These items are often sold to vulnerable people in their home. A charismatic salesperson can be intimidating and it is easy to fall for their charm. This is a skill often used by rogue traders, to convince you to buy a mobility aid you may not need, or agree to terms you haven't fully checked out. Office of Fair Trading's campaign, which is offering people advice on how to deal with rogue traders, seeks to ensure you don't end up committing to pay for something you haven't had the chance to fully consider first. Consumer Direct, the OFT-managed advice service attracts a large number of calls from people complaining or asking for advice about mobility aids and in 2010, over 4,500 such calls were made. It is not illegal for traders to canvas for work in this way but it is important that people are cautious and don't make hasty decisions about agreeing to have work done by traders who come to their doorstep. Rogue doorstep trading is an ongoing problem in the UK and mobility aids sold to people in their home can sometimes be unnecessary, of a poor standard, and much more expensive than originally quoted.

If you think people who fall for scam letters are stupid, Think Again!

Criminals worldwide are sending millions of **scam letters** into the UK. After replying to the first 'tempter' letter, victim's names are put on a 'suckers' list; these lists are then sold to other criminals all over the world.

A chronic scam victim is someone who is repeatedly taken in by scams. This may be because they are over trusting, socially isolated, suffering from declining mental health or dementia. Some victims are receiving 30/40/50 over 100 criminal letters a day. 22,000 victims replied to one scam mail shot in one day and sent £500,000. 20 pensioners in Cornwall collectively sent £350,000 to another!

I have received a letter from a member of the public in relation to a letter received. I would advise that should anyone receive a similar one then please either report it to action fraud [www.actionfraud.org.uk](http://www.actionfraud.org.uk) or Tel 0300 123 2040. The letter is from a Mr Chen Wong who claims he works as an external auditor in an Asian region and has come across information on a possible relation (who has the same surname as you) and that 29.8 million United States dollars could be yours. The male claims that he can secure the funds for you and all you need to do is to contact Mr Wong direct. This letter looks as it has been posted from the UK. Many people would simply dispose of these types of letters in the bin, but unfortunately many people are still victims of these scams. If you have any concerns please contact Essex Police 0300 333 4444.

### Microsoft scam survey

To establish the extent of this emerging form of Internet fraud, Microsoft surveyed 7,000 computer users in the U.K., Ireland, U.S. and Canada. The survey showed that across all four countries, 15% of people had received a call from scammers. In Ireland this rose to 26%. Of those who received a call, 22%, or 3% of the total survey sample, were deceived into following the scammers' instructions, which ranged from permitting remote access to their computer and downloading software code provided by the criminals to providing credit card information and making a purchase. The vast majority (79%) of people deceived in this way suffered some sort of financial loss. Seventeen percent said they had money taken from their accounts, 19 percent reported compromised passwords and 17% were victims of identity fraud. More than half (53%) said they suffered subsequent computer problems. The average cost of repairing damage caused to computers by the scammers was more than £1,000.

### The following is Microsoft's advice:

- Be suspicious of unsolicited calls related to a security problem, even if they claim to represent a respected company.
- Never provide personal information, such as credit card or bank details, to an unsolicited caller.
- Do not go to a website, type anything into a computer, install software or follow any other instruction from someone who calls out of the blue.
- Take the caller's information down and pass

it to the authorities.

- Use up-to-date versions of Windows and application software.
- Make sure security updates are installed regularly.
- Use a strong password and change it regularly.
- Make sure the firewall is turned on and that antivirus software is installed and up to date.

Please be aware that Microsoft does not cold call offering repairs.

**Microsoft advises anyone who thinks they may already have been a victim of a phone scam to do the following:**

- Change their computer's password, change the password on their main email account and change the password for any financial accounts, especially bank and credit cards.
- Scan their computer with the Microsoft Safety Scanner to find out if they have malware installed on their computer.
- Contact their bank and credit card companies.

Anyone who has been a victim of this type of fraud should report it to action fraud.

[www.actionfraud.org.uk](http://www.actionfraud.org.uk) Or call 0300 123 2040

I have also received information which indicates that several people are receiving emails or phone calls regarding the following items.

**Tax refunds** – This looks like an official HMRC site. They may state you are owed a tax rebate. Or that they will look into the fact that you have overpaid your tax and can claim this back for you. Please **do not** click the link button and do not fill in any personal or banking details. Nationwide, thousands of people have reported receiving this scam.

**Western Union** – Again this looks genuine, it claims that as a customer you need to update any records that they hold for you. Do not linkup or again give any details.

**Council Tax** – Calls have been received whereby you are told that you could be entitled to a council tax rebate. There are some companies that will look into this for you and they will take a percentage any money that you have been overcharged. That is fine if you want someone to look into this for you. However if you think that your Council tax is wrong you can visit your local council office in person and they will look into this free of any charge. Some of the calls have a dialling code 00912 which is the code for India.

**Orange** - this email has been sent out to many asking you to update your records, it is not genuine. If you have queries regarding your phone please contact Orange direct.

#### **Alarm systems phone calls**

Calls are also being received by companies who indicate they are involved in Crime Research or Crime Prevention; they may state they are a crime reduction liaison officer / advisor and that there has been a rise in the amount of burglaries within your area. Some companies may also claim that they also work in conjunction with Essex Police, well they do not. You may be offered a free alarm or one for a £1.00 and they will attempt to make an appointment to show you their product. It is best not to get involved.

Never feel pressured into signing a contract, if something does not feel right, do not get involved.

Consumer direct can be contacted on 08454 040506 if you have any concerns

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### **Tendring Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team**

The local policing team have already attended your parish council meeting or intend to do so during October to speak to you regarding a crime prevention initiative. This involves the use of SelectaDNA. Our intention was to visit your meetings in October to canvass thought, opinion, interest and hopefully orders of the product following the September meetings. As all meetings have not yet been attended it is our intent to visit all the parish meetings in November instead. If any of the parishes have any queries relating to this then please contact us and if a visit to your meeting is required we will make every effort to attend."

# THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,  
Oxford of course was a marvellous experience and I was tutored and lectured by some of the top theologians of the day. The study of Theology can sometimes undermine one's faith as many of those things, which were once certainties, are brought into question. My training as a student of history had shown me that even historical facts were liable to interpretation and as we were dealing in theology with things unseen, there is much that is mystery, myth and liable to interpretation. During my time at Oxford the great controversies began with the publication of "the myth of God incarnate". The authors of this book were much maligned because of a popular understanding of the word "myth". Many of the authors themselves did not deny the fundamental truth behind the symbols and stories in the Bible, which were regarded as "myth".

My reading of theology did more to deepen my faith than to destroy it. Admittedly it changed some of my attitudes, but a faith built on fewer certainties was more of a faith and not less of a faith.

Oxford of course was a place where there was such a variety of worship to choose from. Where else, except perhaps Cambridge (referred to at Oxford as 'the other place!') could one choose where to go for a Eucharist or Evensong and choose between so many excellent choirs?

My two usual places of worship among of course several others were Pusey House and Christ Church Cathedral. The High Mass at Pusey House on a Sunday morning was a wonderful experience. I even got to play the organ there when the organist happened to be away or was taken ill. The singing was good. Each Sunday the preachers were distinguished theologians and spiritual men.

I usually went to choral evensong at Christ

Church Cathedral on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

During the first term of my second year my parents came to visit me at Oxford. They spent a lovely weekend seeing the city of dreaming spires. They returned home on the Monday and my mother was taken ill, but she assured me after a couple of days that she felt better, the Michaelmas term ended on December 8<sup>th</sup> 1975 and I travelled home to Wales. I had only been home for a few days and my mother was taken ill again. My father was at work. She stayed in bed all day long and this was highly unusual. I had never known her to do this before. Her face was turned to the wall and she told me the next day that now she was not afraid to die. I naturally told her not to be so morbid, and she laughed but repeated very seriously that death was not to be feared.

Then as Christmas drew nearer I was aware that my mother was not herself. Her strength seemed to have been taken away from her. I did most of the Christmas shopping and some of the cooking but she insisted on cooking the Christmas dinner. I was aware that something was wrong. My mother began to speak very candidly about many aspects of her life. We had always been so close but now she seemed to express her innermost thoughts. She became weaker and weaker. The doctor kept diagnosing flu or virus. It was now New Year's Eve. My father was at sea and although we always waited the New Year in I begged her to go to bed because she was so unwell. However she insisted on bringing in the New Year with me. The words she spoke that night were so prophetic and I cannot share them because they related to people and circumstances, which are personal. Suffice it to say I firmly believe it was her way of preparing me for her death.

I shall continue with the story next time.

*Fr. Robert*

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



## Church of England Services for November

<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	7.30pm	<b>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All Souls' Day</b> Requiem Eucharist with incense	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	8.00am 10.45am 10.45am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday</b> Eucharist Act of Remembrance with Parish Eucharist Act of Remembrance with Sung Eucharist Act of Remembrance Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>War Memorial, Little Bromley</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>Christ the King</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist <i>Incense will be used at this service</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>Advent Sunday</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Ecumenical Advent Carol Service	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th</b>	6.30pm	<b>St Andrew the Apostle</b> Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

*This Festival offers an opportunity for us to pray particularly for the Mission of the Church. Our preacher will be the Rev'd Jenny Tomlinson, Parish Development Adviser, in the Colchester Episcopal Area.*

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**