

# The Bromley Messenger

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## Gt Bromley & District Cricket Club



### **New artificial wicket for Great Bromley**

Great Bromley under 11's prepare to take on Sudbury in the NEDCB league on the club's new artificial pitch.

The state of the art international standard pitch was installed last week by Clubturf following the award of a grant from Lord's Taverners towards the installation costs. It will provide a high quality consistent surface allowing the club's thriving youth players to develop their game as well as providing a much needed training surface. It is much appreciated by the groundsman as it also reduces the number of match pitches he has to prepare for colts games.

The club is embarking on an ambitious building project and is busy raising funds and grants to extend the clubhouse and facilities

*David Hardy GB&DCC Secretary*

# THE FIRST PAGE

It was only a month or so ago that we were really worried about the continued lack of rain. Now it doesn't seem to stop. Taking advantage of the sun I am writing this in the garden before the next forecast rain comes along. Only a week back we were fearful for one of our big trees which was bending alarmingly in the wind but it is still standing. Sadly the Gt Bromley Jubilee celebrations on the cricket pitch at the village hall did not survive the wind and rain and were cancelled due to the bad weather but we do have a large hall with excellent facilities. What a pity it could not have been used and the event held indoors instead.

The scarecrows braved the weather and have made me smile whenever I passed them. They became friends and I miss their presence around and about. Well done to the winners - you can see them all once more on the double page spread with a few dotted around in the magazine. How lovely it would be to be able to afford to print them all as a one-off in colour as well as the cover picture each month. Oh well, you will have to look on our webpage to see the photos in colour.

No pictures but you will find that both parish councils are consulting on the A120 junction and Gt Bromley parish council has

the rural broadband well in hand. Lt Bromley parish council will hopefully get the hedge by the war memorial sorted. It is an accident waiting to happen, especially when the hedge is in full leaf and/or uncut; it is quite scary turning right leaving Lt Bromley towards Gt Bromley when sight of oncoming cars and motorbikes is nil until almost the last moment. I am pleased to see the county councillor is taking this up with the ECC. I am also pleased to report that, due to the intervention of the district councillors, the repairs to the road bridge over the stream in Badley Hall Road have now been carried out. These are all good visible examples of the work of our parish, district and county councillors.

Visiting the Mobile Library this week I was told that, wef 4 July, the times for its stopping points have altered for the foreseeable future so take a look at page 35 for the changes.

The harvest will begin towards the end of the month with schools and colleges breaking up for the holidays so I expect many of you who will not be working will be planning trips - I just hope the weather is kind for everybody and that you all have fun.

*Leonie Henderson*

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## IN THE GARDEN IN JULY

The fig tree I planted two years ago succumbed to the very bad winter we had that year, so I replaced it with a peach tree which I purchased from Blenheim Garden Centre and as I am in the over-60s Club, get a 10% discount.

Peaches are quite easy to grow: all you need is a south facing aspect. I did not have any fruit last year although there was plenty of blossom. This year I am happy to say there are 16 peaches and at the



moment they are the size of golf balls. I covered the tree during the winter months until the middle of May with plastic sheeting which also guards against peach leaf curl. Peaches must be kept well watered

or the fruit will split. They also need some garden lime and a watering of weak fertiliser about every ten days. I shall give an update on the progress until August when the fruit should be ripe.

Spring cabbage seed should be planted this month. Fill a seed tray with fine compost and plant the seed  $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep.

When they have four main leaves they can be transplanted to their permanent position, plant them approximately 8" apart, then next spring take out every other one and use as spring greens leaving the rest to grow to full size cabbages. They will need some protection against the wild life in our gardens.

Carrots and radish can still be planted, radish can be sprinkled on the surface of a finely raked bed, then raked in. If the weather continues as it has over the last two months, there is no need to worry about watering, but runner and dwarf beans need to be kept watered in dry spells.

Lettuce is another crop that can be planted in the open and will be ready to harvest in October. Seeds are planted where the crop is to grow.

A late sowing of peas in July is still possible but will need protection from birds and mice. A good variety to grow is "Kelvedon Wonder" or "Onward".

*Frank Griffiths*

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# THE BROMLEYS SCARECROW FESTIVAL



What a success! We had 28 scarecrows scattered through Great and Little Bromley. One scarecrow even got to the outskirts of Greenstead.

Quite a few queens came to our villages along with corgis. Guards stood to attention and Where's

Wally came out of hiding. Directions were available in both churches and quite a few people went to find the scarecrows.

Father Robert was given the task of picking the winners and after a lot of deliberation he made his choice:

1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Sonny and Kerry Branchflower with the Royal Tea Party.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Abigail and Jamie Cant for Bill and Ben the Jubilee Men.

3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to Robert and Christine Barrett for their Welsh Guard.

Everyone who took part received a certificate for their efforts.

Photos of all the scarecrows are on display in the churches and some scarecrows received celebrity status in the local papers. Most of the scarecrows have disappeared now but they have made me smile whenever I have seen them. The reaction to all these additional villagers has been very positive, so when we hold the next festival we might get even more.

All money raised will go to the PCC. We would like to thank all those who entered and brightened up our villages during our Jubilee Celebrations.

*Carol Cordwell and Jenny Nicholls.*

## JUBILEE WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

### THANKS

Jayne Bates, myself and friends, Sue Bilby and Jane Randall, held a tea party in our garden on the Tuesday afternoon of the Jubilee weekend for our family and friends.

A great time was had by all and we raised £300 to be split between the hospice and Essex air ambulance.

*Dinah Jones*

### Jubilee Celebrations in St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June we held an open flower arranging afternoon. Several flower arrangers turned up and filled the church with beautiful decorations. The theme was a Royal Garden Party and they did the Queen proud. Several people visited the church and it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we had our Jubilee

Garden Party. With refreshments available all day and music most of the time, we had a very nice day. Our Matins service, presided over by Gregory Frostick had a very good attendance.

During the afternoon we had songs of love by 'Work in Progress' (previously called Two Cool Dudes). These two young men provided very enjoyable entertainment. The scarecrows winners were announced at 3pm and some prizes were given out. A few people were able to picnic in the tent outside, but due to the rain most of the activities were inside the church.

Cream teas were very popular and quickly eaten. We were very pleased with the day and would like to thank all those who helped, provided flowers and cakes and all those who came along to share the Queens Jubilee with us.

*Carol Cordwell*

# GREAT AND LITTLE BROMLEY



**2nd** 'Bill and Ben the Jubilee Men' by Jamie and Abigail Cant

Come rain, come shine!



# SCARECROW COMPETITION

**1**st 'The Royal Tea Party' made by Sonny and Kerry Branchflower,



**3**rd 'The Welsh Guard' by Christine and Robert



# OUT AND ABOUT IN LITTLE BROMLEY

## Jubilee Tree Planting



The planting of the Jubilee Tree took place on Monday 4th June at 10 a.m.

We all met to plant a Red Horse Chestnut Tree to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Tree was planted by Major Tony Downes, the former Clerk to the Parish

Council on land owned by the owners of the Rectory who kindly gave us permission to plant it. Pictures courtesy of Brian Conner



## Lt Bromley's Diamond Jubilee Coin

The coin was purchased by The Amenities Committee and distributed by Ken Hatch and Anita Spall to every house in the Village of Little Bromley as a keepsake.

Photo courtesy of Brian Conner.



*Anita, Lt Bromley Amenities*



Grace Smith has been selected to represent team GBR at the Junior World Carriage Driving Trophy to be held in July at Wiener Neustadt in Austria. Her pony Pickle and Grace have been unbeaten so far in all their preparation competitions and hope to bring home a medal. The event is held over 4 days and consists of a dressage test, a course of cones and obstacles and then a pure cones

## ROAD CLOSURE



A letter dated 13 June 2012 has been received from the Environment, Sustainability & Highways Department of Essex County Council with the following information: Application for Temporary Speed Restriction:

- **B1029** - Station Rd/Frating Rd, Ardleigh, Ardleigh Road/Hall Road/Brook Street/Parsons Hill, Gt Bromley, Bromley Road, Frating, Frating Rd, Thorrington
- Commencement with a three month period from 11 June 2012 for convoy working on surface dressing sites.

Thank you for your application dated 24 May 2012 regarding the above.

- a. The speed restriction will be 10mph speed limit from 50 metres before Railway Crossing Gates, Ardleigh to the junction Harwich Road, for a total distance of approx 6,000m.
- b. Access to properties for residents and emergency vehicles will be maintained during the closure but may be subject to delay whilst the works area is made safe.

Should you wish to discuss this matter .... contact Trevor Tuck on 0845 603 7626.

# LT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Two Meetings of the Parish Council were held recently.

The Annual General Meeting and the Parish Assembly.

There have been several changes within the Parish Council. Councillor Hatch stood down as Chairman and Major Downes retired after 13 years serving as Clerk to the Council.

Thanks go to both for their service and devotion to the village. A commemorative plaque was presented to Major Downes in recognition of all his hard work over the years.

Councillor Steve Wilcox has now been appointed as Chairman, Councillor Robert Middleton is now Vice-Chairman, Mrs Sandra Shute has taken over the role of Clerk.

Both the County Councillor Sarah Candy and District Councillor Neil Stock attended the Parish Assembly.

- Councillor Candy reported that there have been significant funding cuts, especially to the Highways Department, and these have caused many problems throughout the County.
- The hedge which is causing a visibility problem at the junction of Shop Road, Bentley Road and Church Road, was partly funded by the County Council. However, Councillor Candy agreed to investigate the situation regarding the hedge to see if any action can be taken to alleviate the problem. She added that it is important to report all accidents, however minor, to gather evidence of the safety issue.
- Mineral extraction proposals are still an ongoing threat to our village.
- It was noted that there has been some flooding of properties and gardens in the village over recent months. Land drainage is now the responsibility of Essex County Council.
- Councillor Neil Stock reported that the District Council has had its budget cut from £22m to £17m. Salaries alone total £16m therefore there has been the necessity to have massive restructuring of staff. There have been voluntary redundancies and

retirements and to date it has not been necessary to cut front line services.

- Deprived areas of Tendring are a drain on resources. Jaywick is a deprived area and there are significant housing issues there. On a good note, wind turbines are being built at Harwich and employment is increasing in the area.
- It is hoped that the A120 road will be upgraded. Unfortunately the recent changes to the road layout were completed with minimal consultation and have increased the problems on the road.
- Under the National Planning Policy Framework, Parish Councils have been given the task of identifying areas of land for housing development. This opportunity gives control of development at local level and enables local people to determine the look and feel of their village. Councillor Stock said that it would be very beneficial to have a Neighbourhood Plan which should involve all parishioners. More details of this will be forwarded to Parish Councils in due course.

The Amenity Committee have organised many very successful fundraising events throughout the year and hold regular litter picks. Thanks go to everyone involved. To celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee a celebration medallion will be given to every household in the village and a tree will be planted in the churchyard.

## **Little Bromley Parish Council. Reminder to Dog Owners**

There have been numerous complaints recently regarding dog fouling in the village.

Dog Owners are reminded that they must not allow their dogs to foul on any public land or private land which is not in their ownership and must pick up their dog's waste and dispose of it responsibly. The Parish Council would like to thank you for your co-operation with this issue.

# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

At the Great Bromley Parish Council AGM, held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the following appointments were made:-

**Chairman**

Alan Thomas

**Vice Chairman**

Richard Perry

**Membership of the Event Organising Committee** Mr Skinner & Mr Thomas

**Membership of the Hare Green Recreation Ground Committee -**

Mr Hardy, Col Frostick, Mrs Sands

**Responsible Financial Officer**

The Clerk

**Accounts monitoring Officer**

Mr Perry

**Internal auditor**

Mr J Turner

**Tree Warden**

Col Frostick

**Footpath Warden**

(Vacant)

**War Memorial Custodian**

Mr P Knappett

**Great Bromley Village Hall Committee**

Mr Nicholls

**Parish Passenger Transport Representative**

Mrs Anne Jones

**Tendring District Association of Local Councils**

Mr Thomas

**Bromley Messenger management committee**

Mr Skinner

The Parish Council Meeting dates for 2012-13 are:-

12<sup>th</sup> June 2012

11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

10<sup>th</sup> July 2012

8<sup>th</sup> January 2013

14<sup>th</sup> August 2012

12<sup>th</sup> February 2013

11<sup>th</sup> September 2012

12<sup>th</sup> March 2013

9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

9<sup>th</sup> April 2013

13<sup>th</sup> November 2012

14<sup>th</sup> May 2013 AGM and Parish Assembly

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Due to the resignation of our current Parish Clerk the Council wish to appoint to this post. Applicants should have knowledge and experience of I.T 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.

Ideally we are looking for a Clerk who lives close to the Parish of Great Bromley since knowledge of the community and local issues are key. Previous experience of

working as a Parish Clerk would clearly be helpful.

Hours are 28 per month working mainly from home with a number of evening meetings. An hourly rate in the region of £9 to £10, depending on the experience of the successful candidate, will be paid plus a small allowance for home office working and mileage.

For further information, Job Description & Person Specification please contact: Pam Williams (Great Bromley Parish Council) on 01206 230485. Messages may be left. Alternatively, you can contact me by e mail at: [recruitment@gbpc.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@gbpc.org.uk) Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

## **JOINING FORCES TO TACKLE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS IN TENDRING**

A special £100,000 fighting fund has been created to support efforts to upgrade rural infrastructure across Tendring and improve people's quality of life.

The money is being made available by Tendring District Council (TDC) to help tackle issues such as the lack of mains services such as drainage, sewerage and gas in villages. TDC is joining forces with its 27 Town and Parish Councils to campaign for improvements in the services currently supplied to the rural areas. A cross party group is to be set up to work with the other councils to put pressure on the various agencies to secure vital improvements – with the cash pot put in place to back up the initiative.

Neil Stock, Leader of TDC, said that is unacceptable that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century there are parts of Tendring that do not have the most basic of amenities that others take for granted. "We have a situation in many of our rural areas where businesses, homes, gardens and roads are regularly flooded every time there is a heavy downfall. Others do not have mains gas, some still rely on septic tanks and elderly and vulnerable residents in our communities have to deal with these issues day after day. We need to bang on the doors of Government and others responsible to make sure something is done to improve the situation." He also said that the Council is not in a position to put in these mains services, but could lead the way in helping to get them installed. Cllr Stock met today with the representatives of 11 Parish Councils from around the District including Frating, Alresford, Little Clacton, Little Bromley, Ramsey and Parkeston, Wrabness and Mistley.

At TDC's Cabinet meeting which followed it was agreed to set aside £100,000 from the general fund for a rural infrastructure improvement fund

## **GT BROMLEY PC NEWS**

### **A120 JUNCTION UPDATE**

The report commissioned by Tendring District Council into the problems with the A120/Harwich Road/Little Bentley/Little Bromley junctions has been sent to the Council. It is anticipated that very shortly a further meeting of parish council representatives, county councillor and Tendring ward councillors along with Bernard Jenkin M.P will be held to discuss the implications of the report. The Highways Safety Audit has not as yet been issued to Tendring District Council.

### **VILLAGE BROADBAND**

It is understood that it is felt that the level of support shown in response to the survey conducted following the meeting in the Village Hall in March has exceeded expectations. Whilst this is most encouraging it is believed that this will require more work on the part of the providers than was expected to reach the next stage. It may therefore take a little longer than was originally expected before the service is up and running.

### **COMPOST BINS**

Tendring District Council has a limited supply of compost bins to give away free of charge to residents of Tendring District. We can deliver directly to residents' homes but will need to charge a fee for this service dependant on the level of demand (likely to be £6).

However a small number are available to collect within the Village please contact [gbcouncillor \[email\]\(mailto:gbcouncillorfawcett@gmail.com\)](mailto:gbcouncillorfawcett@gmail.com) [gbcouncillorforfawcett@gmail.com](mailto:gbcouncillorfawcett@gmail.com) for details.

### **PARKING PERMITS**

Also all Tendring Council Tax payers are to receive a free parking permit for use in any TDC car park after 10am until 12midnight each day, except for the Naze at Walton & Holland Haven. It is an effort to encourage people to shop in Clacton, Frinton, Walton & Brightingsea wherever there is a TDC car park.



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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara  
Telephone: 01206 230305



Our jubilee fun day on 31 May was a great success. The children came to school dressed in red, white and blue and enjoyed a morning of activities – making crowns, designing jubilee postage stamps, making red, white and blue fruit kebabs and decorating jubilee biscuits. The Little Dragons Pre-School then joined us for a Jubilee Picnic lunch and to take part in the afternoon festivities. Each class and the Pre-School then performed a celebration themed dance in front of parents and other visitors. The afternoon finished with the children lining up in ERIL formation and singing the National Anthem. A very moving moment!



We were so proud of all of our children.

As part of our school focus on PSHE (Personal,

Social and Health Education) we held a Health Week during the first week back after the half term holiday. The aim of our Health Week is **to promote healthy eating and regular drinking of water.**

Children were encouraged to bring 500ml bottled water into school to drink at

regular intervals throughout the day. We also launched a new tasty tuck range which will could be purchased during playtimes. Children from Class 4 held taster sessions for parents and then were responsible for managing and selling the stock. The new school **policy for playtime snack is healthy tuck, fresh fruit or vegetables or dried fruit only.**

We also had special visitors who led fun sessions on exercise, healthy eating and the children thoroughly enjoyed the week.

This next half term will be very busy with Sports Days and Class trips. We will also be saying a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to their secondary schools and also to Mrs Warren and Mrs Cordwell who have both taken voluntary redundancy. We wish them all every happiness for the future.

## Will You Join Our Team?

Are you interested in work that fits around your family life? Why not join our friendly school catering team and enjoy weekends and school holidays at home?

Chartwells has a vacancy at **St George's Primary School** for a Kitchen Assistant.

£6.37 per hour, 10 hours per week

Duties: Serving food, clearing dining halls and general kitchen duties. Fits in with school hours and school holidays, working over the lunchtime period for 2 hours a day. Experience preferred but not essential

The Opportunity to work and learn with a friendly team

please contact Sarah Nugent on 07899 062099 for more information and an application form

COMPASS GROUP



## GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

### Great Bromley and District Cricket Club Chairman's Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August the cricket club will hold its annual Chairman's day.

The day features an all day cricket match against Springfield CC. starting at 11am. The bar will be open to everyone all day from 11am onwards.

There will be a lunch for club vice-presidents (by invitation).

During the evening there will be a barbecue and musical entertainment to which everyone is invited.

Please come along and support your local club for what is always a very enjoyable day.

*David Hardy , Club Secretary*

### Roller needed !

Does anyone have an old garden roller (hand roller) as we had ours stolen over the winter and need one for our new artificial wicket as the large motorised one is too heavy for it.



We would be able to arrange collection and would be willing to pay a small fee.

If you know of one please contact David Hardy on 07817451401

### 100 Club Winners for May

1st. Mr. James Wild  
2nd. Mr. Sam Halsey  
3rd. Mr. Darren Alger

## KITCHEN CORNER

### Fish Cakes

Homemade ones are very easy and good, using either fresh or tinned fish.

### Salmon Cakes

Serves 4

1 (lb) tin pink salmon  
1 lb potatoes  
1 tblsp chopped  
parsley  
1 tblsp tomato ketchup  
Squeeze lemon juice  
Seasoning  
Toasted breadcrumbs for coating.



2 eggs

**Method:** Drain salmon and flake, removing bones. Peel and cook potatoes till tender, drain and return to the pan to dry a few moments, then sieve into a bowl. Season well and add the fish, parsley ketchup lemon juice and mix with a fork. Lightly beat the eggs and add enough to just bind the mixture together. Pour the rest of the egg into a shallow dish, and the crumbs onto a plate. Turn the mixture onto floured work surface and shape into a thick roll. Divide into 8 portions and shape into neat cakes. Dip each into the egg and brush all over, then lift out and drain before coating with the breadcrumbs. Heat 1 tbs oil and 2 oz butter in a frypan, and fry cakes 5 minutes each side

Other tinned fish, or cooked white fish can be used, or a mix of fresh and smoked. Always use equal quantities of fish and potatoes.. The cakes can stay in the fridge before cooking for a few hours. Or can be frozen and then cooked till browned and heated through.

*Jill Frostick*

## THANKS

Thank you to all who helped in any way towards the success of the Plant and Garage Sale at Ilex Farm. It raised a magnificent £1,200.

# 2012 EVENTS



## JULY

- 1 Summer Vintage Fair, Venture Centre 2000, Lawford, 10am
- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 Summer Fair, Venture Centre 2000, 10am  
Concert with The Galliard Trio, St George's church, 6.30pm
- 8 St Helena Hospice It's A Knockout, Essex University
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Village Hall Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 14 Essex Castle Bike Ride
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 25 Messy Church Picnic, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 28 Barn Dance, The Haywain

## AUGUST

- 10 Cricket Club Annual Chairman's Day. 11.00am onwards (see p 19 for full details)
- 14 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 31 Ghost Stories, Lt Bromley Church, 7.00pm

## SEPTEMBER

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

### **Venture Centre 2000, Lawford Summer Vintage Fayre**

Sunday 1st July 10am - 4pm  
Lots of Vintage fashions and memorabilia  
Entrance £1 children under 16 free  
phone Linda on 01206 323969

### **Summer Fair**

Saturday 7th July 2012 10am - 4pm  
Entrance £1.00 and under 12's free.  
refreshments & food available.  
for further info phone Julie on 07809600313

### **Introduction to Psychology**

Tutor: Carole Sawo BSc (Hons) MA  
14th, 21st & 28th August 7pm-9.00pm @ £35  
for the course  
Contact Carole via [www.carolesawo.com](http://www.carolesawo.com)

### **Circuits for 40+ Workout**

Monday afternoons 1.30pm  
Further info: phone Wendy 07944555228

### **Brantham Leisure Centre**

are hosting the **Brantham Fun Run** on Friday  
20th July 2012

Race start time

- 7.00pm for the Junior Fun Run under 15's 1 mile course
- 7.30 15 & over 5 mile race

For more details & to enter this event contact  
Phil Wainwright 07721591748 or Janet Webb  
01206 391965

### **Brantham Bootcamp & Zumba classes**

Bootcamp - lose weight, tone up and get  
fighting fit. Range of activities from boxing,  
team games, suspension training, circuits and  
tyre workouts. Male and females are welcome  
and all levels of fitness so come and join us  
for only £4.50 every Saturday 10-11am.

Zumba - a Latin inspired fitness class that  
gets you shimmy, shaking and your blood  
pumping. Zumba is on every Wednesday. All  
levels of fitness welcome.

If you are interested in either of these classes  
please call Stef on:07894010727 or visit:

[www.stefit.co.uk](http://www.stefit.co.uk)

## Barn Dance

on the 28th July  
at The Haywain.

Tickets £10 each which includes a  
basket meal.

There will be a Charity Raffle on the  
night in aid of the MS Society.

Prize will be handed out on the night to  
the best dressed  
Western Dancers.

Tickets on sale at  
The Haywain now  
- phone 01206  
390004.



Saturday, 7th July  
at 6.30pm  
at St George's Church  
A Concert by

## The Galliard Trio

internationally acclaimed musicians  
The concert includes music by Bach,  
Handel, Mozart and  
Verdi



Followed by a light  
buffet with wine

Tickets £10 per person  
available from Susan  
Scott (01206 251107) and the Post Office  
at The Cross Inn, Great Bromley (01206  
231073)

Come and join us for some fun  
at

## THE GREAT MESSY CHURCH PICNIC

on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
10am – 12.30pm

in  
GREAT BROMLEY  
VILLAGE HALL

Have fun with craft  
and stories about  
God's garden.



Make your own picnic box.

Also come and see us on the church  
stand at the Tendring Show

## Friends of Little Bromley Church

Sunday 15th July  
Morning Prayer (BCP) 11am  
All are welcome to this short service.

## Country Barn Dance

Saturday 21st July  
8.00-11.30pm  
Coppice Farm, Great Bentley  
Licenced Bar  
Tickets £10 (inc food)  
from 01255 831567



## BRANTHAM BOWLS CLUB

Founded in 1935, we are a ladies and  
men's bowl's club of approx 50 members.  
We have various mixed leagues which  
are played in the evenings and two men's  
leagues one on Tuesday and Thursday  
afternoons, the other in the evening on  
Wednesday's. We also play mixed  
friendly games against local clubs.

There is social bowling on most Saturday  
afternoons and we would be very  
pleased to see visitors.

We are a very friendly & social club so if  
you like the sound of us and fancy a go,  
we would love to see you.

Please contact Ann Smith on 01473  
827447 or Peter Wilson 01206 395217

# BERLIN TO LONDON - COMPLETED!!



Brandenburg Gate

As many of you know, I left Great Bromley on 27 April and headed to Berlin by train

over two days before getting on my recumbent tricycle and cycling home again. I took just under two weeks for the 701 miles and whilst everyone at home was getting drowned in rain I enjoyed sunshine and 27 degrees for the first few days. I cycled through some very empty bits of the former East Germany, through scenery rather reminiscent of Tendring, before going around the Harz mountains (a bit hilly!) and then



Outside PRC

reaching the more populous Nordrhein-Westfalen. I spent three days cycling across Holland, including a day in Delft which was lovely,

before returning on the ferry, spending a night at home and then riding from Great Bromley to London on 13 May. On my way to London I was given a tour of the new Chavasse VC Personnel Recovery Centre in

the Garrison, for which I have been raising money.

I would like to thank all the generous friends, neighbours and other villagers who have supported me through sponsorship and other means. Di and Martin at the Post Office have been collecting sponsorship and I've been delighted at how generous so many of you are. Thank you all so much! It looks as though I will be passing on over £2,000 to Help For Heroes in the next few weeks which will make a real difference to injured and ill service personnel in Colchester.



Trafalgar Square

Thank you once again for all the support - it has been much appreciated!

You can read all about my trip (and see lots of photographs of all the cakes I sampled along the way) at [auntiehelen.wordpress.com](http://auntiehelen.wordpress.com)

*Helen Hancox*

## Pothole Funding

Email from Cllr Peter Martin, Leader and Cllr Derrick Louis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

Importance: High 12 June 2012

I am delighted to announce that proposals to invest an additional £11 million to repair the damage caused to the county's roads following the severe weather extremes of recent months are going to Essex County Council's Cabinet for approval on 19th June.

While over 50,000 potholes were fixed across Essex in 2011/12, extreme weather conditions including heavy snowfall in the winter, followed by a hot dry spring and then by severe flooding, have caused damage to the county's roads and increased the need for repairs.

The first phase of the programme will start this

month and will target the number of outstanding defects waiting for repair across Essex. The second phase of work will start in November 2012 and will focus on strengthening the road network to ensure that fewer potholes occur in the longer term.

This extra investment of £11 million confirms our commitment to maintaining and improving the condition of our roads, which we recognise is an absolute priority for businesses and residents across the county.

In addition to this proposed investment, Essex County Council will also start work on its annual surface dressing programme during the week commencing Monday 18th June. This is a 10-week programme that will see surface dressing carried out on 1.6 million square metres of road across the county. This year's programme is a third larger than last year's.

# A VISIT, AND GREAT BROMLEY MILL

A slightly shorter item this month to make way for scarecrows! I am delighted to be preparing for a trip back to the Bromleys. One of my first stops will be to St Mary's on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July, where my brother Gregory will be delivering an old style Matins service at 11am. That will be followed by coffee and refreshments at noon where I would love to catch up with you and hear some stories about Little Bromley, as I am conscious I have many more contacts in and information about Great Bromley! If you would prefer me to visit you for a chat I would be delighted - please phone 250263 to arrange.

John Hodge, as honorary auditor of the church accounts circa 1967, has some memories of Miss Honor Thomas which he sent in to the magazine. "Sometimes after 8 o'clock Holy Communion service I used to help Miss Thomas up Church Hill by pushing her chair whilst riding my bike. On one of my visits to her home I recall Benny (*Miss*

*Thomas's housekeeper*) being called through to make up the fire, being admonished for putting too much coal on, and then being asked to remove two or three lumps!"

One thing I stumbled across recently was a mention of Great Bromley mill. One would assume a mill would be situated in Mill Lane, probably at Mill House! There is also Mill Farm and Mill Wood on the Harwich Road of course, which being on the brook might be presumed to be a water mill. The reference I found was to a post mill at that location (that's a windmill where the whole body that houses the machinery is mounted on a vertical post, so it can be turned to bring the sails into the wind). This was first mentioned or built in 1724 then demolished in 1895. (There was also a post mill on Tendring Rd, Little Bentley between 1818 and 1905.) Does anyone know more about what was at Mill Lane?

*Hugh Frostick*

## GUIDING IN THE 1950s

Guiding played an important part in the social life of the village in the 1940s and 1950s. When I first joined the Guides, our Captain was Mrs Cross who was the Rector's wife. The meetings were held in the old Rectory, until her husband retired and they moved away to Colchester.

Subsequently, the Hayward sisters were generous-spirited enough to take us on, and under their youthful leadership we enjoyed really active Friday evenings. They were great at sending us off on trail laying exercises, or scout's pace challenges where we had to reach the village phone box (located by the War Memorial) quickly but not too out of breath to make a telephone call back to base. We also enjoyed doing a lot of cooking out of doors, the smell of fried onions and sausages being the main indication of this taking place in the neighbourhood. The pudding was invariably stewed rhubarb, as

all of us could bring this fruit from our gardens 'for free'. Another culinary speciality was 'dampers',

which were always a welcome - though somewhat indigestible - treat. They consisted of flour and water dough wrapped round a stick long enough to be held over an outdoor fire for the requisite length of cooking. Then the stick would be carefully removed and the hole left behind filled to overflowing with homemade jam. Annual summer camps were glorious affairs. On a good night they would let us sleep out under the stars. We would lie in a row in



our sleeping bags on groundsheets, and we would have groundsheets placed over us as well. We could see all the constellations, and witness shooting stars - what magic! In the winter, our main interest was preparing for the annual pantomime that we performed to an indulgent audience of family and friends in the village hall. I wrote the scripts, so they were not that good, but all the performers gave of their best and I hope everyone had a good time.

*Jane Colvert (Pache)*



*[Does anyone recognise themselves or others in the photos? Please let me know the name of anyone you recognise and also indicate where they are in the photos. - Ed]*

## PRIMROSE FARM OPEN DAY

Hundreds of people enjoyed Primrose Farms open day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Despite the cloudy, windy day many people visited the farm on its open day. They enjoyed many local attractions, firstly a walk through the now established planted various trees with a farm nature quiz leading to the newly developed Sevy's field, a new vegetable and fruit enterprise, where John Le-Seve explained his plans for his horticulture and educational field. There was a demonstration of the old tradition of wood turning.

People enjoyed seeing the livestock, especially the 5 week old piglets, who all live outside free range. The sheep had been sheared especially for the occasion but the one previously known as Shaggy was lost in the flock!

Tending Tree Services demonstrated their chain saw skills and a huge attraction was the accompanying ferrets who enjoyed the handling and being the centre of attention.

The old 1972 Ford 4000 tractor was compared against a neighbouring farmer's large New Holland T6080 tractor with a gigantic 24 ton bulk trailer.

Visitors browsed around local stall holders and the children really enjoyed the animal experience roadshow. Here Pete explained about, and had children's participation in, handling many small animals including tortoises, snakes and a rat!!!!

Many visitors tried their hand at making a sausage under Hannah's and David's guidance and got to take them home for breakfast!!!!

Despite the windy weather many people commented on how they enjoyed the open day and asked for another one next year, watch this space!!!! Everyone at Primrose Farm would like to thank everyone for coming and making the day a great success.

*Karen Moss.*



# 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 club available every day

For more details/visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

We hosted a 'Grandparents week' at the end of May, thank you to all the grandparents who came. The children loved having their grandparents come along to play and were interested in the books and stories they had to share.

We learned about the Diamond Jubilee and made our own 'Buckingham Palace' and thrones which inspired some lovely role play.

We also made and decorated cakes, bunting, crowns and hobby horses.

We joined St Georges School for their Jubilee festivities on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. The weather was kind and the children, accompanied by 'Sparky' our resident dragon, enjoyed a lovely buffet lunch. The children also gave a short performance which they had been practising with Debbie Millar. Well done to everyone.

The children have also been very busy making Fathers Day cards too, lots of messy paint!

This month the children will be busy preparing for our Olympic themed display at the 'Tending Hundred Show', come and visit us in the Education Tent. We will also be at the 'Weston Homes Stadium' for their fun day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

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:

July 15<sup>th</sup> Weston Homes Stadium fun day

July 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### **Baby Dragons' Parent and Toddler Group**

Come and have fun with other parents and their children. Every Wednesday at the village hall in the millennium room (term time only)

9.15am-10.45am. £2.00 + 50p for each additional child. For further information or any queries please contact us on the above number.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 'Tatty Bumpkins' came to Baby Dragons and the babies and toddlers had great fun joining in with the yoga session.

# THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

## Ardleigh Surgery

### Practice Nurse changes

Following Nurse Practitioner Kate Strowbridge's retirement at the end of March, the practice has appointed a replacement Practice Nurse, Joanne Gordon who started at the surgery on the 10 April. Joanne is an experienced practice nurse and previously worked at a surgery in Colchester. She has taken on the lead responsibility for asthma and COPD care and is a nurse prescriber. Nurse Practitioner Joy Harrison has taken over Kate's lead responsibility for diabetes.

### Bereavement

We are sorry to inform patients that one of our long serving receptionists, Jane Roberts, died on the 22 May after a long illness. She will be very much missed by patients and colleagues. Jane joined the practice in 2001 having previously worked at the opticians in Manningtree.

### AAA screening

The practice has been approached by Colchester Hospital to provide screening clinics for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm as part of a national programme. The screening is targeted at men aged 65 and over who are in the highest risk population from suffering a ruptured aortic artery. Male patients of the practice will receive an invitation during the year they turn 65 to attend one of three clinics being held during July and August at the Dedham branch surgery.

Men over 65 who have not been screened previously can arrange a screening appointment by contacting Colchester Hospital directly. Screening involves an ultrasound scan that takes around 10 minutes. The NHS AAA Screening Programme aims to reduce deaths from a ruptured aortic artery amongst men aged 65 and over by up to

50%

### Dedham Surgery

The practice is making a few changes to the Dedham branch surgery opening hours. Dr Parker will be undertaking her Wednesday surgery in the morning rather than the afternoon and will be joined by Nurse Practitioner Joy Harrison who will be undertaking an additional surgery session.

### The surgery hours at the Dedham branch are now:-

Tuesday morning - Dr Radrie Cole and Dr George Pontikis  
Wednesday morning - Dr Lisa Parker and NP Joy Harrison  
Thursday morning - Dr Vernon Bettle and NP Joy Harrison  
Friday morning - Dr Jane Owens and Dr Hannah Roberts

### Patient Reference Group

The practice has been recruiting members to the Patient Reference Group since October by advertising its existence in posters and a handout in the waiting area in both surgeries, articles in the parish magazines and on the practice website.

To date we have had 70 members join the Group. Patients in the age range 55 to 74 are well represented and we are, therefore, trying to encourage a wider age range of patients to register. A report of the activities of the Group is available on the practice website or can be requested from the surgery.

*Fred Merrin. Practice Manager*

## FOUND

in Little Bromley small  
black kitten with little  
white patch on chest.  
Phone 07885 357817





## VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

It was a great shame that the fun and games held over the Jubilee

weekend Sunday were cancelled due to the weather. It was planned to be a great time but the weather did not cooperate.

The new committee met for the first time for an extraordinary meeting about the Hall cleaning. The good news is that it was agreed that the new cleaning regime will be run by Marion. Martin Frostick is the committee member who liaises with Marion and who will also be the person to talk to about any cleaning issues.

With a large number of new committee members it is going to be tough going while we try to bed in. Please give us some time and I am sure that it will all gel.

The new curtains for the main hall continue and we think that the fire proofing issue is now sorted. The men's urinal has been fixed which is very welcome (far too much information). The old committee room has been cleared and will be deep cleaned so as to offer another room for hire. This has been out of action since we changed the storage system and had a de-clutter and reorganisation eighteen months ago.

We are still waiting on the outcome of the future of the Playgroup in the Village Hall.

It has been proposed that the new Committee set up a Sub Committee to look after fundraising. This will be, I am sure, one of the items up for discussion with the new members at the meeting on 11th of July. What could be more fun than to have a say in the Village Hall's activities?

We are still looking to upgrade the security on the oil tank with Martin coming up with some new ideas. We will keep you posted.

Other ideas that are being suggested include A Bingo Night, A Quiz Night, Essex on Tour Cabaret Night, a Murder Mystery Night as well as the usual favourites. More details coming very soon.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support and please leave spaces free for all those events yet to be planned. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall in 2012.

Next Committee meeting Tuesday 11th July at **7:30pm**.. As always all welcome.

*David Beech*



## AIRSOFT GT BROMLEY

YOU are missing out! Do you like playing Call of Duty or may be Modern Warfare on the computer or console? If so get out of the chair and play for real. Game scenarios to suit all comers. There are places still for the 30th June Airsoft Event being run right in our Village. If you are 12 plus and are looking to do something different then why not give it a try?

See us on Facebook, on the web [www.airsoftgb.co.uk](http://www.airsoftgb.co.uk) or phone David on 07825 300516

# ESSEX POLICE



If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967 466876, or 101 ex 487607 (free phone) or email me [leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police](mailto:leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police) please note if you leave a message I will try to reply to your call the day I am next on duty.  
*Les Barnes PCSO 71909*

These are the incidents for Great Bromley in May

## **Theft Other**

- Back Lane East - (Childs Scooter Stolen)
- Rectory Road - (Heating Oil Stolen)

## **Suspicious Circumstances**

- Brook Street - (Homeless Male Looking For Somewhere To Sleep)

## **News letter for June 2012**

We seem to be having a spate of thefts of garden ornamental stuff, plant pots, chimney pots with flowers in them and metal flamingos!!

Can you please be vigilant of these type of thefts and trend and report anything that seems suspicious.

## **Please see the below scam.**

Bank customers are falling victim to a new and sophisticated type of credit card fraud which has increased threefold since the beginning of the year. Victims are telephoned by fraudsters and duped into revealing their PIN and then handing over their bank card to a courier in this new form of crime, which has seen more than £750,000 taken from customers since the beginning of the year. The scam involves a person being called by someone claiming to be from their bank. They are told that their debit or credit card needs collecting as it needs replacing following fraud on their account. The caller often suggests that the person hangs up and calls the bank back if they want to ensure the call is genuine, but stays on the line, tricking the person into thinking they're calling their bank. The criminal will then ask the person to key in their PIN number, before sending a courier to collect the card. The victim is told the card is going to the bank to be changed but

it is actually delivered to the fraudster to use along with the PIN obtained during the scam. More than **£1.5m** has now been lost to this crime, with the same amount £750,000 stolen in the first four months of 2012 that was stolen during the whole of 2011.

The Payments Council found in a survey of account holders that more than three quarters feel confident that they would be able to spot a fraudulent telephone banking call. However, after hearing how the card fraud phone scam works, over half of the 4,000 people surveyed were surprised by how sophisticated it was, one third worried they were more vulnerable than they thought and four fifths felt that anyone could be a potential victim of the fraud. Customers should follow some simple tips to avoid being a victim. These include making sure you can hear the dial tone when you call your bank, and **never handing over your card**. Your bank or the police will never ring you and tell you that they are coming to your home to pick up your card, so never hand it over to anyone who comes to collect it.

**Your bank will NEVER** ask you to authorise anything by entering your PIN into the telephone. The only times that you should enter your PIN are at a cash machine or when you use a shop's chip and PIN machine.

There were 3 incidents on Monday 28th May 2012 in the Chigwell area, where a group of people approach elderly ladies and offered them jewellery as a 'gift from God'. As they confuse the victim they remove their jewellery and leave them with various items of rings/necklaces of 'rubbish/ fake' jewellery making off with the real jewellery. Group described as Eastern

European gypsy looking. 2 females and 2 males all aged around late 40s. Dark hair, the women were wearing long skirts / floral pattern. Group ask about the hospital making victim believe they are lost and need help. Car described as Black saloon with 4 doors one person said they thought it was hand painted. These unscrupulous criminals are obviously preying on elderly and vulnerable victims. They need to be urgently apprehended and brought to justice.

**We also need to remember that 'Criminals have no boundaries,' they could be in your area next, so please make sure that you pass this message on to friends, relatives, neighbours and colleagues!**

*PCSO BARNES 71909*

Dear Residents

Essex police are having to save more than £40 million pounds every year for 5 years and this has obviously had an impact on the staffing levels. We no longer routinely attend ALL minor crime and take statements - although if you are a vulnerable or repeat victim you will always be seen. I personally check each and every crime to ensure this but if you feel you would like to see us please feel free to contact me or my team or e-mail me on: [3030@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:3030@essex.pnn.police.uk). I am confident that the changes are a positive move forward and so far it is working well. Indeed I have more officers now that we did have before the changes and I'm hoping that my campaign to see "feet on the street" is having a positive impact on Crime and Antisocial behaviour.

*PS 3030 Simon TATTERSALL*

## ST HELENA HOSPICE



St Helena Hospice  
your time... your hospice

### St Helena Hospice Fundraising Events Summer 2012

#### It's a Knockout

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at Essex University, St Helena Hospice will be hosting their very own It's a Knockout! They're currently looking for teams to take part in the fun-filled event and get messy whilst raising money. Teams should ideally be made up of at least ten people, and minimum age for entry is 16. Entry is free, the Hospice asks for each team to raise a minimum sponsorship of £500.

It's a Knockout is a great challenge for corporate team building, community groups, friends or perhaps a hen or stag party with a difference! So if you fancy a fun challenge, don't miss out!

For more information and to register, call the Fundraising Office on 01206 791740.

#### Essex Castle Bike Ride

New to St Helena Hospice this year is the Essex Castle Bike Ride on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

July. Starting at Kings Head

Meadow, Catchpool Road, Colchester, cyclists have the choice of completing a 25, 50 or 75 mile route through North Essex's rolling rural landscape. With the opportunity to refill water bottles and buy food and drink at stops on the routes, this event is fantastic for cyclists to have a different day out.

The rides start between 8am and 10am, at a time that suits you best. Accompanied



under 14s can be entered for the 25 mile route at £8 each. For adults entry is £17 each however if you enter in a team of six the individual entry fee reduces to £16 each. For more information or to register, please visit [www.bike-events.co.uk](http://www.bike-events.co.uk)

During the March meeting, Jenny, our President, asked for volunteers to co-ordinate the Members' Meeting in June. The hall went very quiet, with all the eligible ladies metaphorically sliding under their tables. Later in the month she started to make telephone calls, eventually ringing me. I succumbed. The onus was then on me to find a small group of willing?\_ helpers. Quite by accident rather than design they were all fellow members of the 'Naughty Table', with Beryl coming in as our 'wise one', who may also keep us on the straight and narrow.

"They will all expect us to do the Queen's Jubilee" was the general refrain. We decided to take this as our base, but to add a different dimension.

On 6th June we held a 'Queen's Night'.

Everyone had received a designed invitation in May.

The members arrived to be presented with a lucky dip - the paper they picked directed them to their allocated table: Fairy Queen, Carnival Queen, Pearly Queen or Wicked Queen. Everyone had been requested to wear a home made crown - the results were wonderful. We democratically voted for the best crown - Jill Frostick's for which she won a Gingerbread Queen. The entertainment was a 'Queen's Quiz' - with thanks to Mr Clark for compiling the questions. After much laughter, ringing of a triangle, cow's bell, rattles and a tabourine, the eventual winners were the Carnival Queen team. They each received a First Class Diamond Jubilee stamp.

The refreshments were representative of Great Britain, along with Queen cakes. The auction of items of Commonwealth or Gt Britain origin caused laughter.



A very happy evening concluded with the National Anthem.

my thanks to Beryl, Jane, Karen, Leonie and Mal, also Laura.

Our next meeting is on 4th July. (7.30pm in Gt Bromley village hall). Subject - 'My Life in Visual Arts'.

We have members from Great Bromley, Bradfield, Brightlingsea, Colchester, Lawford, but none from Little Bromley. Do come along for interest and laughter.

*Susan Scott*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the May meeting SUE CLARKE showed us all the kind of things she had found with her metal detector. Maurice won first prize with a British copper company penny piece dated 1812, Anne came second with a 1905 Edward V11 Hong Kong 5 cents coin which she had found in the street that week and third was Pauline with a George III shilling. Beryl and Anne donated theirs to Sue to do further research on.

Beryl has been given a cheque from the parish council for £250.00 to help our club. for which we are very grateful.

In June we are having our royal theme. 19th July the competition is a book mark and the speaker will be the Rev Lovell.

The outing to Bury St Edmunds is on 12th September, £11.00 each. There will be spaces for non members to join us. We leave the hall at 10 am returning from Bury at 4 pm, names to Barbra please.

If anyone wishes to join the club and you are over 50 years of age, you are sure of a good welcome on the third Thursday of every month.

*Anne*

# THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

As time went by in the Parish of St. Luke's Margaret's health was deteriorating and it took a long time to diagnose her illness, which by then had progressed considerably. The diagnosis came in November 1995. The people of the parish of St. Luke's were very much involved in Margaret's illness and there was a great deal of prayer. The wait for the major operation (a heart and lung transplant) was twice as long as expected. Indeed we knew that she might die before the chance of the operation because she was in her forties and they gave priority to younger people.

I had mentally put on hold any thoughts of moving parish under these circumstances. However in the summer of 1998, despite the fact that she was an extremely sick woman on 24 hour oxygen, Margaret urged me not to let these circumstances prevent me from at least thinking about it. She was the catalyst. I think this was one of the occasions in my life that I would not have done without this nudge from Margaret. Within two weeks I was appointed to St. Augustine's Thorpe Bay. She knew I was going there and I thank God for that. She also told me in September 1998 that if she were to die she would know where I was and felt sure Adam and I would be happy there. She had the operation in October 1998 and died on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Margaret was proved right and I had ten years of happy ministry where we were loved and supported. It was far from easy trying to cope without the love and support of a devoted wife. But there were many blessings seeing Adam grow up and all the love and kindness which surrounded us.

When Adam went to University it was time to think again whether or not I should stay in Thorpe Bay or go to pastures new. You know the rest of the story. In November 2008 I was inducted as Rector of Ardleigh and the Bromleys. Great Bromley is a lovely place in which to live and I have lovely

neighbours, Jenny and Fred. I also have four wonderful Churchwardens, Ann and Jenny and Ruth and Christine. They tease me "Poor Fr. Robert having to cope with four women!" but indeed they are the salt of the earth.

And now as I finish my faith story I know that as life goes on there will be more to write. God knows what shape and fashion it will take. This is true of all of us, and I believe if we remain faithful to Him and trust in Him that all shall be well.

I look to the future in trust and faith and I finish with Cardinal Newman's hymn which I feel is not only applicable to myself but to all Christian pilgrims.

Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom  
Lead thou me on;  
The night is dark and I am far from home,  
Lead thou me on.  
Keep thou my feet I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

So long thy power has blest me sure, it still  
Will lead me on,  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

With love to you all,  
*Fr. Robert*

## MOBILE LIBRARY GREAT BROMLEY



### NEW TIMES

**for Fortnightly Wednesday visits until further notice**

Location	Arrives	Departs
Village Hall	10.55	11.10
Church Meadow	11.15	11.30
Bromley Cross/Cross Inn	11.35	11.50
Hamilton Lodge	12.00	12.15
Chase Road West	12.25	12.40

July 4, 18	August 1, 15, 29	September 12, 26
October 10, 24	November 7, 21	December 5, 19
January 2, 16, 30	February 13, 27	March 13, 27

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



## Church of England Services July

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>4th Sunday after Trinity</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 8th</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	10am-12.30pm	Messy Church Enquiries: Revd Gill Moore 01206 397493	<i>Gt Bromley Village Hall</i>
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	8.00am 10.30am	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b> Eucharist Parish Eucharist with Laying-on-of-Hands and Anointing	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>

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