

The Bromley Messenger

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HOORAY FOR HARVEST

The harvest celebrations were again greatly enjoyed by all. Our Harvest Celebration, held at St George's Church on 11th October, was very well supported. Thank you to all our parents for their kind donations of food and for their continued support. The Friendship Club came to school on Friday 12 October. They really enjoyed listening to the Harvest production, drinking tea and of course receiving their harvest gift boxes presented to them by our Year 6 pupils.

ST GEORGE'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

This term we have started a new history club at our school and we are investigating the history of St George's C of E Primary. If you attended our school or know someone who did, would you be prepared to be interviewed or to write an account of what it was like when you were here. Next summer we will be celebrating our school's 150th anniversary and would like to make a book of memories of the school. We would also love to copy any photos you may have. If you are able to help us with this project, please contact the school by telephone - 01206 230305, email - admin@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk, post – St



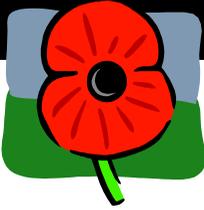
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George's C of E Primary School, Brook Street, Great Bromley, Essex, CO7 7HX.

- Andie, George, Christina, Luke, Liam and Jake



THE FIRST PAGE



The eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month - such a symbolic date and once again the Day of Remembrance has come around. This time last year some of us took part in the BBC Songs of Praise programme broadcast from St Botolph's church in Colchester. It was recorded during a very warm period in October, and was well put together with interviews with service personnel and their families. As we gather round our respective war memorials this year, we will remember those who have fought for liberty and freedom in both the past and the present. The memorial in Little Bromley is still being restored to sturdiness and Hugh tells on page 11 of how the corner where the Great Bromley memorial stands has changed. It is a sobering thought that nearly 100 years since the start of WWI we still mark the occasion and even more sobering how few days of peace there have been during since then.

Having received the card to remind us we are entitled to vote for our Police and Crime Commissioner on 15th November I find I cannot discover who the candidates may be let alone anything about them. Why has there not been more information given? How can informed decisions be made with such a paucity of knowledge for something which presumably affects us all?

It was good to read a report in the Essex County Standard of 19th October that Bernard Jenkin MP, together with local councillors, are keeping the A120 junction by Park Farm in the eye of the Roads Minister, Stephen Hammond. Hopefully something will get done about this dangerous junction.

Finally, a reminder that next month's edition of The Bromley Messenger is a combined December/January issue so please send me all your news, views and events to cover the period at least up to February 2013 by 14th November.

Leonie Henderson

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IN THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

This is the month to store vegetables for winter use, the average gardener will only have grown a few parsnips, turnips, beetroot, leeks and onions.

Onions can be laid on trays in a frost-proof shed, leeks and parsnips can be left in the ground until required, beetroot can be stored in boxes of sand and, of course, potatoes can be stored in paper sacks. Curly kale can also be left in the ground, cut leaves off as required, leave the plant in the ground to continue growing.

Marrows are easy to store this month. Make a sling and hang them up in a cool place, they will last till Christmas. Of course with our home freezers, peas and runner beans are easy to freeze.

Cooking apples can be frozen with no trouble, the method we use is to peel the

fruit and cut in to small slices, was for a few minutes in salted water (dessert spoonful in 3 pints water), drain off and pat dry on a piece of kitchen roll. The apples will stay white and will not go brown.

Blenheim Garden Centre had a competition for fruit, flowers and vegetables, a photograph of the produce to be entered. I am happy to say I entered a photograph of a dish of peaches and won first prize.

As this is the last gardening tips for 2012 may I take the opportunity to wish all readers of the "Messenger" a happy Christmas and a better (weather wise) New Year. Back in February.

Frank Griffiths



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our October meeting Jan and Brian gave a very informative talk about their journey aboard a tall ship to the South Pacific islands off New Zealand known as Vanuatu. They also showed slides of the islanders, accompanied by sound tracks of their special music. The competition was a nautical object which Jan and Brian judged.

On 12th October Members spent a delightful afternoon at St George's school where pupils entertained them with Harvest songs and poetry after which they gave each Member a box of Harvest produce, complete with a book mark designed by the children. Members were also treated to cups of tea or coffee with biscuits.

The November meeting will be a talk by Mr Ridgley on Venetian Carnivals. The competition will be a glass object.



The Christmas meal is on Friday 23rd November at the Village Hall 12.00 for 12.30.

Sylvia Ward

THANKS

Thank you "Cantare " for a truly entertaining concert on Saturday 13th October.

Cantare are a talented female choir who sing a wide variety of music in their programme both accompanied and unaccompanied.

The many soloists on Saturday were members of the choir and very accomplished singers in their own right. Mention must be made of Ed, their very talented accompanist who performed a piece by Orlando Gibbons on our very own Church organ. (Ed has just graduated from the Guildhall School of Music.)

The audience were most appreciative and enjoyed the evening's entertainment. We would like to thank those of you who have

KITCHEN CORNER

Rissoto Milanaise. Serves 8

This is a good dish for entertaining friends or family.

1 lb Italian rice
4 oz butter or ¼ pt olive oil.
2 large onions
2 cloves garlic
½ lb bacon rashers
2 pints hot chicken stock
Salt and fresh milled pepper
½ lb grated cheese
½ lb mushrooms.



Method: Rub rice over sieve on in a cloth to clean. Melt butter or heat oil in a large heavy pan. Peel and chop onion and garlic, trim and chop bacon. Sauté these in the hot butter or oil together with the rice till onion looks transparent but not brown. Stir in the boiling stock. Cover closely with buttered papers and a lid and simmer till the rice is tender and liquid absorbed, about 30 minutes. Stir once during cooking and add more stock if necessary.

Clean and slice mushrooms and stew in ¼ pt water with a pinch of seasoning and knob of butter. When rice is cooked, add the drained mushrooms and half the cheese, folding in with a fork to avoid crushing the grains. Pile into a hot dish and scatter rest of the cheese on top. Serve this dish with salad and hot garlic bread, or as accompaniment to ham or cold chicken.

Jill Frostick

loyally supported this 2012 season of concerts at St George's.

Thank you to all members of the P.C.C. and congregation who helped to make these concerts most successful, it is hard work and your continued support (especially providing such delicious refreshments), on these evenings throughout the year has made them so successful and enjoyable.

Jenny Nicholls

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

Those who expressed an interest in using the high speed broadband solution by County Broadband will obviously be



disappointed at the slow progress being made. It is understood that 55 people in Great Bromley have registered an interest which is considerably more than other villages in the vicinity. However, we would all obviously like to see progress soon.

In the meantime you may be interested to know that Essex County Council are pressing BT to speed up their rollout of High Speed Broadband to rural areas. To add your voice to this campaign please go to:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/Superfast-Essex-Broadband.aspx>.

Information on the latest developments, including this link, regarding County Broadband or any other scheme will be found on the Parish Council website - [gbpc.org.uk](http://www.gbpc.org.uk).

Neil Skinner

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

Great Bromley Parish Council have agreed to purchase bulbs for Spring flowering. I am looking for volunteers to help plant them on 10th November from 2pm onwards. If you are willing to help please contact me on 01206230688.

Fred Nicholls

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL, GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS 2013/2014

GBPC invite interested parties to quote for the above. Full details of requirements can be obtained from S.R.Perry, Tethers End, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL, Tel 01206 230282, email:-

perrybr@btinternet.com

PUBLIC MEETING - HORSLEY CROSS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

55 acres for industrial use at Horsley Cross has been added to the new Local Plan.

A public meeting will be held at Great Bromley Village Hall on Friday 16th November 2012 at 7.30pm.

Tending District Council lead planning officer for the local plan, Mr Gary Guiver, will be present. Also invited are Mr Bernard Jenkin, M.P., Planning Portfolio Holder for TDC, County Councillor and District Councillors.

If you are interested to hear firsthand what the proposals are, how it will affect you and what we, the residents can do please come along.

GREAT BROMLEY SPEEDWATCH

Great Bromley's Community Speedwatch will soon be up and running. There are a number of volunteers who are already trained and eager to get started. We have just been advised that we will have regular access to a speed gun in the very near future and have identified the sites where traffic speed needs monitoring most. As soon as we have confirmation from the police that these sites are suitable we will be ready to go. We will keep you informed...

Susie Burnby

[See also page 9 the piece from PS Simon Tattersall on Speedwatch on the meeting in Brightlingsea police station. - Ed.]



'THINK BIG'

Exciting opportunity for young people to apply for £300 for a Community Project

Whether it's setting up a local football team, painting a community centre, running a campaign to educate young people about knife crime, young people are full of great ideas, energy and enthusiasm. But they need support and money to make it all happen. Think Big is a programme aimed at young people aged 13-25 who want to make positive changes in their community. If they've got a great project idea, it'll help them get going.

Think Big aims to harness the incredible talents of young people to bring people together in their communities. To help young people make the most of their potential, and inspire others. To change the way young people think about themselves and their communities. And change the way people think about them.

Initially young people can apply for £300 (Think Big), for their community project. If they successfully complete their Think Big project they will have the opportunity to apply for £2,500 (Think Bigger). For more information or to apply for Think Big please visit the O2 Think Big website:

www.o2thinkbig.co.uk

The Parish Council will support applications.

SURGERY - DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Ward Councillors Rosemary Heaney and Fred Nicholls will be available to meet residents on Saturday 10th November at Elmstead Community Centre from 10am to 12 noon.

If you have any concerns, problems or worries that you feel they can assist you with please call in and have a cup of tea or coffee.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

Councillors have decided to publish approved minutes only and so there may be a delay before these are published on the web site. However, informal reports will be published in the Bromley Messenger.

The restoration of the war memorial is taking longer than envisaged partly due to the delay by the stonemasons to clean and repair the cracks which have formed. The council are seeking the advice of a structural engineer regarding the condition of the foundations.

Although the Parish Council has planning permission for a bus shelter in the village, permission has not yet been obtained from Tendring District Council to position the bus shelter on their land. Although negotiations are ongoing some objections have been raised which may limit the prospect of a good outcome.

A request has been made to the District Council to have some dog bins positioned in the village. Approval has so far been given for one bin and installation will be completed as soon as possible. Any additional bins will be funded by the Parish Council.

The dog fouling problem is an ongoing concern.

The Parish Council are currently custodians of the amenity fund. It is the intention of the Parish Council to hand over the fund to the newly formed Amenity Organisation as soon as they are properly constituted and have proper accounting procedures in place.

Training for both the Clerk and Councillors continue. The training sessions are run by the Essex Association of Local Councils which also provides vital support and legal advice to local councils. Training is an investment in the future and will underpin the ability for the council to obtain 'Quality Status' at some time in the future.

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 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

September Incidents in Great Bromley

- Threats** - Back Lane East
 - Theft** - Hall Road - (Lead taken)
 - Nuisance due to Noise** - Parsons Hill - (Party)
 - Nuisance Youth** - Meadow Close
- PCSO LES BARNES 71909

The recent murder of two police officers in Manchester has reminded us all once again of the evil that lurks within society and of the dangers we face. However, it also makes us more determined to rid our streets of these people and make our communities safe. May PC Bone and PC Hughes rest in peace; you will not be forgotten.

This week I attended a Neighbourhood Action Panel in order set our local policing priorities. Speeding is still top of our agenda and I am currently setting up a COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH ACTION PANEL (see below) so you can all help make a difference. Our other priorities are to tackle the recent spate of vehicles being broken into in Brightlingsea and to target inconsiderate and lazy parents who continue to park dangerously on the zig zags outside schools. You will get tickets so be warned!

As always please email me 3030@essex.pnn.police.uk if you have any concerns or problems.

PS 3030 Simon TATTERSALL

SPEEDWATCH

As you may be aware [see the August 'Messenger', page 13 and the parish council website at <http://www.essexinfo.net/gbpc> - Ed.] I am looking to re-invigorate Community Speed Watch within my villages. There are a couple of cameras available and our local Neighbourhood Action Panel are looking to buy another.

To make this work we need members of your community willing to give up some of their free time and help target those speeding vehicles we all complain about. We will give you the training, some safe locations, process the speeding vehicles and deal with them appropriately.

I propose to set up our own Community Speed Watch Action Group. This will involve just one person from each Parish acting as a Single Point Of Contact (SPOC). They will arrange amongst themselves who has the camera and when and decide where it is stored. They do not have to meet but simply decide on where it goes and e-mail me the results so I can action them.



I propose to hold this meeting on Tuesday 27th November at Brightlingsea police station at 1900hrs. This should give you chance to canvas your Council as well as your community looking for volunteers.

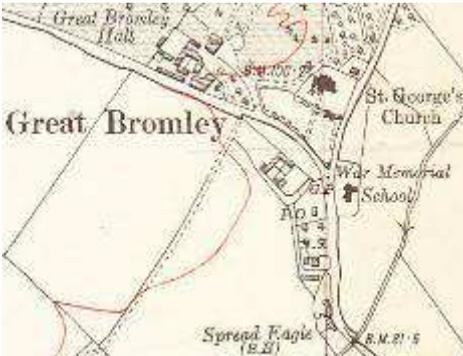
Police Sergeant 3030 Simon TATTERSALL
Tending Rural Neighbourhood Policing
Team Brightlingsea Fire station Lower Park
Road, Brightlingsea
CO7 0LQ

Direct Dial: 101 & ext 487700

Email: 3030@essex.pnn.police.uk

CHANGES AT THE MEMORIAL CORNER

There were some very notable changes through the 20th century at the Y-junction of Hall road, Badley Hall Road and Brook Street in the centre of Great Bromley. There used to be a tree in the road on that junction, which acted as a kind of roundabout - it shows clearly as a dot on the 1925 map! When the tree began to die it was removed and it seems hard to imagine one there now. My brother Martin remembers a sign on the tree, with rotten



branches in evidence, advertising our father's farm sale at Hiskeys in the mid 60s, so we guess it was removed around then. I have no recollection of it during my time at the school ('66-'72), but then I never was that observant! Does anyone know when it was felled?

After the Great War, the corner became the site for the war memorial, of course. First of all there was a wooden plaque, of which there are photos; again, I don't know the date when the stone memorial was installed. Jean Austin told me the original plaque was kept in the school but later vanished, perhaps thrown out, and that Aunty Vera (Biddis) was very upset by its disappearance, feeling it should have been saved.

During the Second World War, a hexagonal pill box was installed between the memorial and the tree, with gun slits pointing each way up the three roads. (I guess if you looked out of the wrong slit, all you would see would be a tree trunk!) So coming down Hall Road and turning left to Badley Hall, you would normally go between tree and memorial, but during the war you had to go around the tree. Tubby Austin says he remembers it well, but unfortunately in those days not many folk had a camera, and you weren't supposed to take photos of things military, so we younger folk can only imagine.

I hope Mrs Rudd won't mind me telling her story about the pill box! The night before he was called up into the Army, Freddie was coming home from the Fox and Hounds after a "few beers" and presumably forgot it was there, as he cycled straight into it! The following day he departed for his service, cycling with his father to catch the train at Ardleigh Station. His mother gave him a bottle of homemade wine to take, and he said later "That was really the last thing I fancied *that* morning!"

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Sorry - I forgot to thank Beryl Hurst for her part in the telling of the Pot Corner story last month.





VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

Martin Frostick and Mike Corduff have been busy working on

the outside areas and have started the route to getting the oil tank security sorted. It is likely that we had some more oil taken from the tank by forcing the top lid this time. Luckily as we keep the levels low we still have some for the early season chill. Thank you Martin and Mike and we look forward to this project being completed.

With no events this year so far we are thinking about several different ideas, each member has been looking at types of entertainment. So far we have some very different ideas but some old faithfuls too. A taste so far, Table Top Sale, Murder Mystery Night, Film Night, Whist Drive, Whist Drive teaching night . The Christmas Fayre is already booked for Saturday December 1st. Filipe Farné is the organiser for this event so if you are able to help please make contact.

This year its the Hall and The W.I who are organising. So Saturday December 1st Christmas Fayre is going to have Santa, Christmas decorations, live music, food, tombola, cakes to mention just a few. Raffle tickets will be for sale from October 24th. Bring along your children to get the Christmas season started.

The safe, the padlocks, the microphone and the rear cigarette bin have all been replaced this month. The correct end has been fitted to the microphone now too. The new keys have been cut to replace the keys that were stolen at our break in.

That's all for now; as always thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall in 2012 and lets start to look forward to 2013.

Next Committee meeting is on Tuesday 23rd October at **7:30pm**. As always all welcome.
David Beech

HARVEST LUNCH

that was it!

Throughout the meal the gentle voices of Cantare could be heard playing on a CD a very fine advertisement for the concert they will be performing in St. Georges later in October.

The tickets were only £6 and for all the hard work involved extremely cheap at the price, the funds from the tickets will be shared with the charity Water Aid and the Church. After such hospitality it would have been selfish to walk away leaving all the tidying up to those who had worked hard enough already. So I offered to do a little drying up of the dishes with several others (women) and especially Sarah whose poor hands must have suffered from washing up most of the plates and pots and pans! I was reminded again of gentle pre-dishwasher days stood by the kitchen sink talking with my Dad and having our special private time.

Sunday 30th September was my first visit to St. George's and Great Bromley's Harvest Lunch and to be truthful I was a little wary. Being reasonably new to the Village (7 years) It has taken me a little time to find my feet. My own fault, I was welcomed with open arms but was very slow to realise that this village was filled with warm hearted hard working generous people. So I have learned a lesson. If you want to enjoy the benefits of rural living then get involved and meet people; otherwise you are likely to miss out on many things especially the warm hospitality and wonderful food.

The Harvest lunch at the village hall was a glorious happy success. I estimated that 72 people attended and shared the feast of three courses and fresh coffee prepared by the hard working members of the Church; led by the unflappable Jenny Nichols and Ann Fairley and too many others to mention here, but they have my thanks. From the young children to the village elders everyone marvelled at the artistically autumnal decorated tables with wonderful centrepieces made by June Wenden.

It was wonderful to meet St. George's Head teacher, Mrs O'Mara, who only managed to remain for part of the meal. She was returning to the school to work on a Sunday!!! Something she regularly does. (Hope I'm not going to be reprimanded) There is no such thing as a day of rest any more is there? Are we any better off for having stores etc. open seven days a week?

No one stood on ceremony we all helped serve each other. That is what was wonderful about the Harvest lunch. It was a time to slow down, converse and circulate, a reminder that we live in a small community with a wealth of knowledge held in the memories of people who were born and lived all their lives within the village. To stop checking emails and text messages, to actually sit down for a few hours and talk with people who are our unknown neighbours was delightful. Isn't that one of the reasons we moved to a village to join a community that works together? For those of you who thought it would be dominated by religion fear not; a 30 second sung grace and



Communicating with others is so important and something we are sadly slowly losing the art of. So my wish is that this Harvest meal will be my first amongst many and that next year more of you will come and take part and begin to talk and share bread with your neighbours within the Village.

PS. The men had also been involved with the cooking and organising of the hall they were just very scarce (or scared) when it came to the washing up!!!

Mary Fawcett

We welcomed Mr Sadler of the Harwich Historical Society to the October meeting who is President of the Society and also a Town Guide. He was to captivate us with a talk on the history of Harwich.

Mr Sadler talked of Mr Len Weaver who was head of history at The Harwich School and who had researched the history of Harwich (he died in his 90s) which was what he based his talk on. In the 1100s the sea broke through the land between Harwich and Felixstowe and the then Lord of the manor the Duke of Norfolk seized the opportunity to make a port in Harwich as



one was already established in Ipswich.

In the 1600s the Keeper of the Kings Stores started the original records. It is possible in 1297 that Edward I first stayed in Harwich with all noblemen in the country coming to Harwich (this was an extraordinary meeting and possibly the first parliament). In 1561 Elizabeth I made one of her progresses through Harwich.

In the early 1600s several voyages of discovery left for America. An expedition led by Christopher Newport went to Jamestown, America and was the first English settlement, also one of the pilgrim Fathers, Christopher James, was a Harwich man.

1604 saw the signing of the Harwich Charter which still hangs in the Guild Hall to this day. This gave Harwich its freedom, provided for a mayor and served the town until 1974 when local re-organisation happened and it became part of Tendring District Council.

There is an entry in the Domesday Book which refers to Duvicult (almost certainly Dovercourt); there are also Saxon and Roman remains in Harwich.

In 1668 Harwich had a naval yard and ships were produced for the British Navy, one of the local MPs was Samuel Pepys, who at that time had to pay to get into parliament (so needed plenty of money).

In 1801 the HMS Conqueror was in Harwich. The railways also arrived and a connection was made between Manningtree and Harwich. In the middle 1800s holidays were being taken in Harwich and Mr Bagshaw bought a seat in Parliament.

In the 20th century Captain Fryatt from Harwich was killed in Germany and buried in Harwich. The local hospital is called the Fryatt Memorial Hospital.

In the summer there are local walks around the town of Harwich. There is also Trinity House and also the possibility of development of Bathside Bay which makes the future look bright for Harwich.

This was a very informative talk and even those of us who are "locals" had plenty to think about. Newcomers to the area were pleasantly surprised about the history right on their doorsteps.

Joy Rolfe

2012 EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 3 Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night, Seven Rivers, 6.30pm
- 7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 District Councillor Surgery, Elmstead Community Centre, 10.00am (see p 7)
Litter Pick, Lt Bromley Car Park, 10.30am
- 11 Act of Remembrance, St George's church, 11.00am
Act of Remembrance, Lt Bromley War Memorial, 11.00am
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 16 Horsley Cross proposed development public meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Friendship Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12 noon
- 24 St George's Flower Festival 2013 meeting, St George's church, 10.30am
- 27 Community Speed Watch meeting, Brightingsea Police Station, 7.00pm

DECEMBER

- 1 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10.00am
Grand Christmas Bazaar, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley Amenities Group Christmas Quiz, The Haywain, 7.00pm
- 5 WI Christmas lunch
- 8 Christmas Concert, St Botolphs church, Colchester, 7.30pm
- 9 Hare Green Half Pipes Community Breakfast & Roast Dinner (see p21 for details)
- 11 Carol Service/Event, Ardleigh Methodist church, 2.00pm
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

Hare Green Half Pipes
invite you to a

Community Breakfast and Roast Dinner

on Sunday 9th December.

Breakfast will be 10.00am till 12pm.

A full roast dinner will be served 3.30pm,
Cost is only £5.00 and £3.00 for under 11's.

*See p 21 for full details and how to book
your place.*

Stroke Family Support

Annual Xmas Fayre

on Saturday 10th November 2012

at Tending Specialist Stroke Services, 85 Frinton
Road, Holland on Sea CO15 5QH

Doors open at 10.00am, closing at 12.00pm -
admission 20p

Usual attractions include; Home Made Cakes & produce,
Raffle, Jewellery, Gifts & Decorations, Books & Puzzles,
Bottle Stall.

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Biscuits will be available.

All proceeds will directly benefit our daily group
attenders.

Any queries, please contact group Coordinator;
Rosemary Garrey on 01255 815905

Christmas Fayre



Saturday, 1st December
10.00am - 1.00pm

Great Bromley Village Hall

Santa is visiting * Christmas Decorations

Live music * Tombola

Cakes PLUS All your favourite stalls

Refreshments

**Bring the children and get the
Christmas season started**

CRAFTY LADIES

We Patchwork and Quilt, Knit, Crochet, Bead
Make and Craft.

If you would like to come along to work on your
own project we next meet at Langham
Community Centre on Wednesday 7th
November 10am-3pm £4.00. We are a friendly
group and welcome new members.

For more information please contact Jacqui on
07979 947931 or Toni on 07871 875455
We look forward to hearing from you.

Seven Rivers
Hall Road, Great Bromley

Halloween and Bonfire Night
Saturday 3 November 2012

Start time 6.30pm

Tickets available from Seven Rivers
Price £2 each or £5 per family
Telephone : 01206 230345

Prize for Fancy Dress

Chips, soup and hot drinks available

Charity No 238194

Leonard
Cheshire
Charity

11 November at 11.00 am
Act of Remembrance
Little Bromley War Memorial

Ardleigh C.of E. Primary School
Carol Service/Event
in Ardleigh Methodist Church
on 11th December at 2.00pm
parents and public very welcome

**PUBLIC MEETING - HORSLEY CROSS
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

A public meeting will be held
at Great Bromley Village Hall
on Friday 16th November 2012
at 7.30pm.
see page 7 for more information

Lt Bromley Amenities Group

10th November

Litter Pick

meet in Little Bromley Village Car Park
at 10.30 a.m.

Bring gloves and wear hi-vis jackets if
you have them - otherwise some
provided - refreshments afterwards at
The Haywain.

Saturday 1st December

Christmas Quiz

at The Haywain at 7 pm

Teams of 4 - £5 per head to include
buffet - raffle - ring 01206 390004 to
book a table or email

amenitiesgroup@gmail.com

on behalf of Lt Bromley Amenities Group

**St George's Church
Flower Festival 2013**

There will be a meeting on Saturday
November 24th at the church at 10.30am.
Fr. Robert and the P.C.C. are keen to
involve all the community (clubs,
businesses etc.) in this event next year.

Please come along and join us in
planning for a most enjoyable weekend.
Your help will be appreciated in so many
ways - with flowers, the refreshments,
Grand Draw – car parking, publicity, etc.

Don't be shy, come and join us in making
this an event for the whole village.
For more information please contact Ann
(250229), Jenny (230688) or just come
along to the church on the 24th.

Venture Centre 2000

Lawford Scouts are hosting a table top
sale on Sunday 18th November from
2.00 - 4.00pm To book a table please
phone 01206 393093

Seven Rivers
Cheshire Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley

Kubofski
Dishes, Dances, Prancers
Here hope there's work
to be!

Yes, its
Christmas Time
again!

Life? Winner?
Did anybody
call??

**GRAND CHRISTMAS
BAZAR**

Saturday 1st December
2pm to 4.30pm

Please send your donations to
Pauline Melton
or call her on 01206 230345

You'll be glad you came!!



Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating

Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: 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 are pleased to announce that 'Little Dragons Preschool' will be moving to new premises in the New Year. We will be situated close to St Georges School and Gt. Bromley Church. Please check our website for more details and further updates.

Over the last month we have been looking at the changing season and the children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors for signs of autumn. They had great fun playing with mud and constructing a bridge over a large muddy puddle. We mashed up and explored some elderberries and the leaves, twigs, conkers etc have been used in various art projects, the insects that arrived indoors with them were thoroughly examined!

October has been busy - the photographer visited pre-school on the 3rd and took some beautiful photographs of the children—(they will make lovely Christmas presents).

The toy sale held on 10th October has raised £48 so far, thank you to everyone for their support.

Thank you to Linda who visited us to help the children make some delicious bread rolls.

And finally the position of Assistant Administrator has been filled and we look forward to welcoming a new member of staff to our team.

Just a reminder that we are collecting the 'Morrison's Vouchers' and the 'Nestle box tops' so please tell friends and family. 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:

Mon 29th October Half Term week

Mon 5th November Preschool re-opens

Thurs 13th December Last day of Autumn Term



HARE GREEN HALF PIPES

CAR WASH AND BREAKFAST

Hare Green Half Pipes made a splash and did a cracking job cleaning cars at Great Bromley Village Hall, supported by

adults who gave up a valuable Sunday morning. Breakfast was served with the support of Primrose Pork and Great Bromley Free Range Eggs!

Hare Green Half Pipes are a group of sensible young people who would like to enhance the skateboard facilities at Hare Green. They are busy raising funds for a purpose built Skate Park. We would like to thank Cllr. Fred Nichols for his support and allowing us to clean his car to a brilliant shine!

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & ROAST DINNER

After the success of our Car Wash and

Breakfast, Hare Green Half Pipes would like to invite you to a community breakfast and roast dinner on Sunday 9th December. Breakfast will be 10.00am till 12pm. A full roast dinner will be served 3.30pm, the cost is only £5.00 and £3.00 for under 11's. No frozen products, everything fresh and cooked from scratch with meat from our local butcher Primrose Pork and Yorkshire Puddings made with Great Bromley Free Range Eggs! Bring your own drinks and glasses and enjoy an afternoon with friends and family without the need to wash up! Homemade puddings will be available at an extra tiny price along with complimentary coffee.

Roast dinners need to be booked in advance (we need to know how many want feeding), come along for a breakfast and read your favourite Sunday paper in the surroundings of our fabulous village hall! To book roast dinner please call 01206 250776 (if no answer please leave a message and we will get straight back to you).

I have a little Satnav

It sits there in my car
 A Satnav is a driver's friend
 It tells you where you are
 I have a little Satnav
 I've had it all my life
 It does more than the normal one
 My Satnav is my wife
 It gives me full instructions
 On exactly how to drive
 "It's thirty miles an hour" it says
 "And you're doing thirty five"
 It tells me when to stop and start
 And when to use the brake
 And tells me that it's never ever
 safe to overtake
 It tells me when a light is red
 And when it goes to green

It seems to know instinctively
 just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front
 it lists those to the rear
 and taking this into account
 It specifies my gear

I'm sure no other driver
 has so helpful a device
 For when we leave and lock the car
 it *still* gives its advice!

It fills me up with counselling
 Each journey's pretty fraught
 So why don't I exchange it
 And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house
 makes sure I'm properly fed
 It washes all my shirts and things
 And - keeps me warm in bed!

NEWS FROM PRIMROSE FARM



Bonfire week is also British Sausage Week!!!

Now in its incredible 15th year the British Sausage Appreciation Society

nominate a celebrity to promote British sausages.

We Brits love our bangers and for good reason, we have much to be proud of! In this very patriotic year, The Sausage Appreciation society asking everyone to Stand Up for British Bangers during British Sausage Week. Launching on the 5th November, British Sausage Week will add an extra special bang to Bonfire night!!! This year's celebrity is the stand up comedian. Al Murray.

10 facts about sausages.

- 1 Sausages were nicknamed bangers during the Second World War. Their high water content due to the scarcity of other ingredients meant that they were liable to explode when cooked as the water turned to steam
2. Sausages are even older than ancient Greece or Rome - the Sumerians (modern day Iraq) made sausages 5,000 years ago.
3. During the year to June 2010 we ate 186,210 tonnes of sausages worth £653.3 million.
4. 88% of British households buy sausages, 50% at least every four weeks.
5. There are more than 470 recipes and flavours for sausages in Britain. If you take into account all the different variations from butchers across the country you could eat a different British sausage every day for ten years.
6. The most expensive sausage ever was made from Fillet steak with Champagne and truffle and cost £20 a pack.
7. The World's longest sausage was made during British Sausage Week 2000 and weighed 15.5 tonnes and was 35 miles long!
8. In 320 AD, because of their association with pagan festivals, Roman Emperor

Constantinus I and the Catholic Church made sausage eating a sin and their consumption was banned! This led to sausages going underground until the ban was lifted.

9. Footballer, John Terry, and wife, Toni Poole, served sausages at their wedding in 2007, as did Kate Winslet. Katie Price and Peter Andre served their guests bangers and mash when they married.

10. Apparently legendary highwayman, Dick Turpin, was known to moonlight as a butcher making sausages from the finest meats hunted in Epping Forest.

Primrose Pork shop has been open 5 years in November and we were so pleased to win the regional award in 2008 when the famous Cricket commentator, Dickie Bird, came and presented us with our famous sausage shaped trophy. We have won some gold awards since then.

STOP PRESS!

We have just received through the post a gold award for our Best traditional Sausage !!!! awarded for sausages that are really worth standing up for !!!the judging took place at Harper Adams Regional food Centre and the sausages were judged by a panel of industry Experts including representatives from ladies in pigs, a food writer from the Guardian and a editor of the meat trades Journal.

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

We are now counting down the days until we go live on our new computer system. November 6th is E-Day (the system is called EMIS Web) and all of us are undergoing intensive training at present. Although the supplier remains the same, the new system is very up to date and quite different, so we are expecting that it will take a few days for us to get up to speed with it. This is where you can help us out a great deal.

Firstly, please be patient and gentle with us during the transition period. We will all be a bit slow and cack-handed to start with, so many of the jobs that we do without thinking at the moment, e.g. making appointments, printing prescriptions, looking up test results and recording consultations are bound to take us longer when the switch happens. Hopefully, that phase won't last too long.

As making appointments and dealing with results will be taking us a little longer, I'm afraid the speed of our telephone answering could suffer and it might be more difficult to get through to us on the 'phone. The general view here is that if you could ring between 12.30 and 3.00pm you will probably find it easier. We will have extra bodies dealing with the 'phones, but there are bound to be some delays.

Finally, if you can avoid putting in prescription requests during the week 5th – 9th November, that will also ease the pressure. If you read this in time to get your request in the previous week, that would be great.

I know this all makes the switch to EMIS Web seem like a major interruption to normal service – and it certainly will cause a headache or two – but we are in no doubt that once we've got used to it and have explored all its extra facilities, we will find it much better and far more user-friendly than the old one. It will be another milestone in

our efforts to provide the best care and service that we can to all of you.

Next, I want to apologise for the delays and frustrations that we are experiencing with our supply of flu jabs. As many of you will have seen in the media, a major supplier has been unable to release its stock because of quality control concerns. As luck would have it, we (like many other local practices) had ordered through them. When we got the bad news that our supply was delayed indefinitely, I ended up involved in a very undignified scurry around other potential sources, fortunately finding enough stock to cover all our patients who need the jab. The catch is that we won't get our delivery until October 31st, which has meant rearranging several hundred appointments that had already been booked. If you were one of those affected – please accept our apologies.

The last thing to mention this month is that the local PCT is starting again on what seems to be its annual campaign to reduce wastage of medication. I know it is covering old ground, but the message is that we still waste several million pounds worth of medication every year in the Tendring and Colchester areas alone.

You genuinely can help with this by only ordering each month medication that you know you will use that month. Don't be embarrassed to tell us if you are not using something that is on your repeat list so that we can stop doing prescriptions for it. Over-ordering and stockpiling are major causes of overspend and waste, and waste means that there is less money to pay for operations and improvements to local healthcare. If you don't believe me, watch out for it in the press over the next couple of months. If you read it in the papers, it must be true.

Hugh Cronin, Practice Manager Great Bentley Surgery

The East of England Co-operative Society has donated £10,000 to Colchester Hospital's Children's High Dependency Unit

The East of England Co-operative Society has donated £10,000 to the Children's High Dependency unit at Colchester General Hospital to help fund a new state-of-the-art ventilator.

The Society's donation will help the unit, which cares for up to 550 babies a year, to replace some of its older ventilator equipment. Between 25 to 30 per cent of the children cared for at the unit need ventilator support to help them breathe and to give them a better chance of recovery.

Colchester General recently tested out a state-of-the-art ventilator on a trial basis and is now in the process of raising £28,000 to add the equipment to the unit on a permanent basis.

In addition to the Society's £10,000 donation, Clair Cutting, an East of England Co-op member, has already raised £3,000 and is in the process of reaching a further £7,000 to bring the unit even closer to its target.

Karen Moss, Neonatal Unit Sister, said: "The staff on the unit are enormously grateful to the East of England Co-op and to Clair Cutting for their extremely generous support. The recent trial of the Drager Ventilator proved highly successful and the donation from the Co-op and the additional funds they have secured means I am hopeful that we will soon be able to place an order."



The support of these projects is funded by the Society's Healthcare Fund, which collects together the profits from the sales of tobacco products in our stores, and uses them to support health themed initiatives in the region.

Roger Grosvenor, Executive Officer Retail – East of England Co-operative Society said "We are delighted to have been able to make this donation to the unit. As a Society we are at the heart of every community and that means supporting all generations. We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to visit the unit and to see firsthand the great care these babies and their families receive."

The donation to Colchester General was part of a £30,000 donation made to three hospitals across East Anglia by the Society. A further two donations of £10,000 each, were also presented to the Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust Neonatal Unit and Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

HAMILTON LODGE SENSORY GARDEN

The staff at Hamilton Lodge are hoping to build a new sensory pathway leading from our bungalows to the activity room and onto the patio area. If, over the next few months you have any plants spare or are changing your garden design please remember us. We will happily collect anything and put them to good use.

Contact Kath, Rose or Brenda on 01206 230298 at Hamilton Lodge, Rectory Road



Whooping cough vaccinations available to pregnant women

Following a rise in the number of whooping cough cases in young

babies vaccinations are being offered to pregnant women in north Essex.

The vaccination is being offered on advice of the Department of Health after 302 cases of whooping cough have been identified in children under three months old in the past eight months. Nine infants have died as a result of whooping cough in this time.

Women in north Essex who are between 28 and 38 weeks pregnant will be offered the whooping cough vaccination to protect their unborn babies at their next ante-natal appointment at their GP practice.

This vaccine aims to boost short-term immunity passed on by pregnant women to their new born babies who cannot be vaccinated themselves until they are two-months old.

Debbie Saban, Senior Public Health Commissioning Manager Screening and Health Protection for NHS North Essex,

said: "Following national advice we are making these vaccinations available with immediate effect. The best way pregnant woman can protect their babies against whooping cough is by getting vaccinated. The vaccines being offered have been recommended by experts and a similar vaccine is already given to women in the US and is perfectly safe.

"Whooping cough is highly contagious and newborns are particularly vulnerable. It is vital babies are protected from the day they are born and that is why the vaccination is now readily available to women between 28 and 38 weeks pregnant."

The Government decided to introduce the nationwide vaccination campaign due to the alarming rise in whooping cough cases in young babies during 2012. This year there has already been 302 confirmed cases compared to just 115 throughout 2011.

Women wanting more information about the vaccine can contact their GP practice or midwife.

Further information is available at www.immunisation.dh.gov.uk/pertussis-pregnant/

ST HELENA HOSPICE



St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

Light up a Life

Take time over the busy festive period to celebrate your loved ones by attending one of St Helena Hospice's Light up a Life events. These events allow you to reflect upon special relationships in your life, be it in remembrance or in celebration of a loved one.

We will be holding several Light up a Life services this year throughout the North Essex area. Each event includes traditional Christmas carols and readings.

Our events are as follows:

Wednesday 5th December 2012
Walton – 6:30pm. All Saints Church,

Walton
Friday 7th December 2012
Brightlingsea – 7:00pm. St James Church, Brightlingsea

Sunday 9th December 2012
Colchester – 4:30pm. St Botolphs Church, Colchester

Friday 14th December 2012
[Harwich](#) - 6:30pm. St Nicholas Church, Harwich

Sunday 16th December 2012
[Clacton](#) - 4:00pm. The Pier, Clacton

Thursday 20th December 2012
Colchester - 6:30pm. St Helena Hospice, Myland Hall

For additional information or to make a dedication to a loved one, please contact the St Helena Hospice Fundraising Office on 01206 791740.

St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent will soon be upon us and I have been thinking of a secular song that is familiar to us all. In fact there is a sense in which this song could be called an Advent hymn, although it does not talk about God, or the coming of Jesus, or about the Christian hope.

The song is “Santa Claus is coming to town”. This sums up the Advent message in a secular way – all that needs to be done – and it is something that as Christians we can do – is substitute the name of Jesus for the name of Santa Claus, and then we would have, in lyrical form, the essence of what the Gospel tells us about the return of Christ and how we should be ready for it.

As Christians and as adults we are called to follow the Santa song, and recover the joy and blessedness of our childhood faith in goodness. As we substitute the name of Jesus for that of Santa, we are called to expect the coming of Jesus with the same energy, and the same dedication, and indeed the same joy, as we awaited Santa Claus when we were children. The reason we are to await with the same joy, is that joy is one of the fruits of the spirit of God in us – and because too many well meaning Christians want to take the joy out of Advent. It is a joyous time because it is the time of preparing for the return of our king.

For some people, talk about the second coming of Christ is a terrifying thing. They concentrate on all the negative elements. The question is – Will you be found in sin? Some would say that this is biblical, quoting the scriptures, “Be therefore always on the watch, and pray that you will be able to stand before the Son of Man”.

Of course it is true that at the coming of Jesus there is a judgement, but as during the Advent season we prepare for the coming of Jesus, for his birth in Bethlehem and in our hearts, and for his return on

earth, let us remember and never forget that like Santa he loves us. Yes, there is a judgement – judgement for those who totally ignore what is right and what is good, but the second coming is about good news and not bad, it is about the gifts of God for our world, and not just, or even primarily, about the anger God has for those who totally ignore his law of love.

In the light of all this what then is the best way to prepare ourselves during this forthcoming Advent season? It is not by developing fear of what will happen if we are not prepared, but rather by developing ways of giving hope, and peace, and love, and joy – the things our candles are meant to remind us of.

This Advent let us give hope by showing care for those in need, let us give peace, by turning the other cheek when we are provoked. Let us give love by hugging someone who is feeling sad or tired, and let us give joy by being encouraging and helping someone who feels at the end of their tether, by showing them that we care and therefore God cares as well.

When we do these kinds of things we will receive hope, peace, love and joy in return, and we will know that when the King our Lord Jesus, does return, that we are ready for him, for we will know his presence in our hearts long before he actually arrives on the clouds with glory.

Fr. Robert

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services November

Friday 2nd	7.30pm	Commemoration of All Souls All Souls' Requiem <i>Incense will be used</i>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 4th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	All Saints' Sunday Eucharist Parish Eucharist - <i>Incense will be used</i> Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 11th	8.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Remembrance Sunday Eucharist Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance 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>
Sunday 18th	8.00am 10.30am	2nd Sunday before Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 25th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Christ the King Eucharist Parish Eucharist - <i>Incense will be used</i> Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i> <i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>