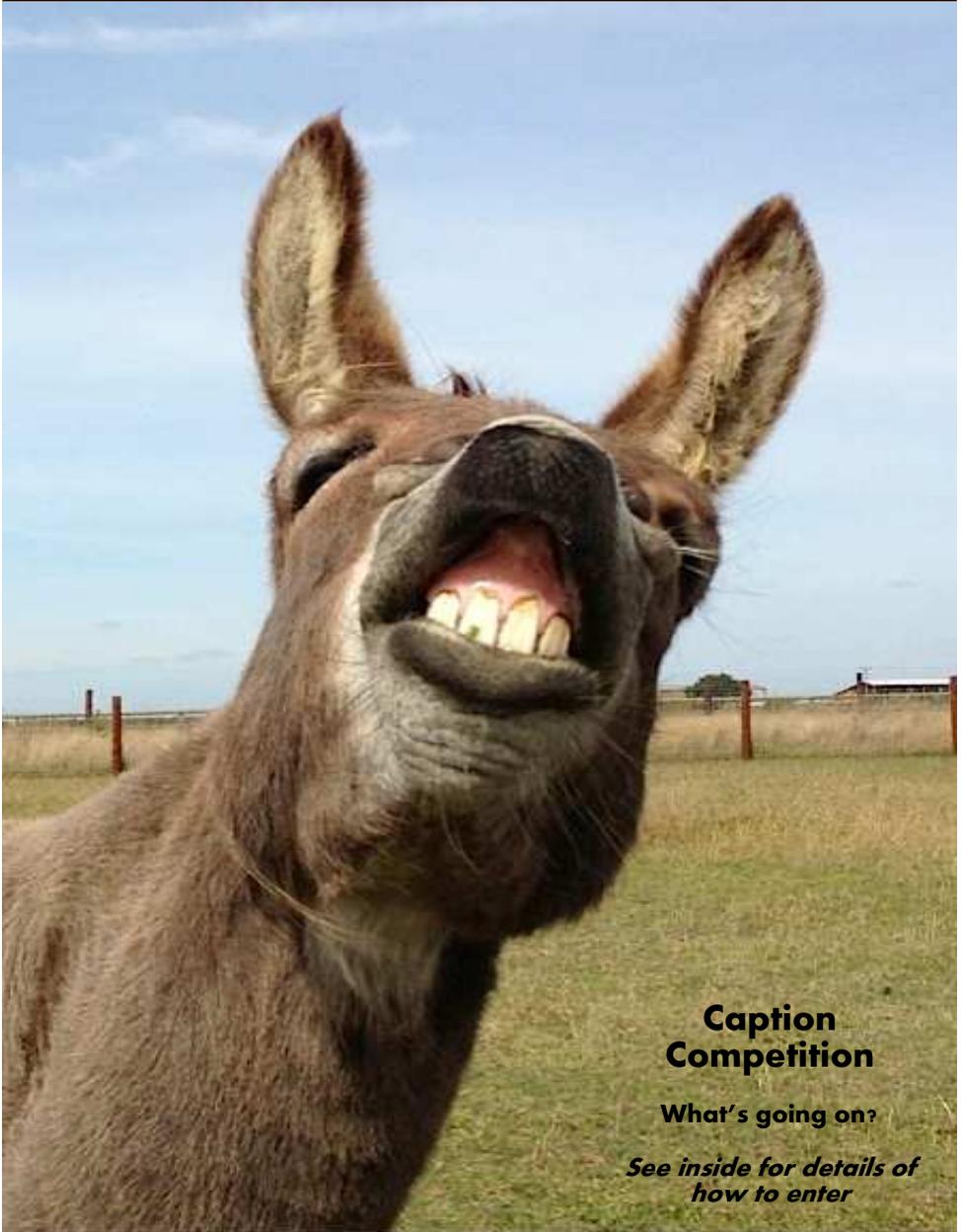


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**Caption  
Competition**

**What's going on?**

*See inside for details of  
how to enter*

## THE FIRST PAGE



Many, many thanks to Hugh Frostick for taking on editing the October magazine last month at very much the last minute and after the copy deadline date. I was immensely grateful as it is not easy to take over something in the middle of production. My daughter-in-law had been rushed into hospital and I went to help my son with the three children - school run (or rather walk), meals, bedtime etc - while he rushed around doing everything else. All is well again now and I must say I returned home for a rest. The baby, who was getting about by rolling, has since started to crawl so at least I didn't have to worry about where she was all of the time!

We did, however, find time to go on a trip to nearby RAF Cosford to its museum where the WWII German Dornier bomber, recovered in June from the Goodwin Sands, has been taken and saw how they are starting the conservation process by removing the salt water in a manner similar to the Mary Rose. The sight of it did, however, remind me of all those who had lost their lives in that and other conflicts up to the present day. RAF Cosford itself provides a number of technical training resources for the Services today. With Remembrance Sunday soon upon us we should remember with grateful thanks the members of all our

armed, and other, services both past, present and future.

The **bus services** through our villages are a vital service if we are not to be cut off and become accessible only by car. With this in mind do please read the article by Ann Jones, the Parish Passenger Transport Representative, on page 5 about the ECC review on our bus services and respond to their survey as the review could affect the buses in our rural area. When services or amenities are lost these days it is nigh impossible to get them reinstated.

Why not while you are thinking on these matters turn your minds to creating a caption to describe what the donkey on the cover is thinking or laughing at. There is a very generous prize for the best caption sent in to me by **10th November** - see print version of the magazine for full details.

**Don't forget** that the next issue of the Bromley Messenger covers both the months of December and January, so should you be thinking of holding an event of any kind during December through to February or March be sure to let me have the details by 14th November.

Enjoy the fireworks around the 5th and take care to follow the Firework Code (see page 14).

*Leonie Henderson*

## SOCIAL BADMINTON



October 1<sup>st</sup> saw the start of our new social **badminton club** at the village hall.

On the first evening 13 people arrived which was

excellent, and great fun was had chasing the shuttle around!

Several teenagers came, which was excellent, so it has been decided that they can have the first hour from 5-6pm, and the adults from 6pm onwards. That seemed to work better this week.

The cost has been fixed at £1.50 for now, but may have to increase to £3 per session for the adults, depending on how many regular players there are. Anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome, and more information can be obtained from Kate Strowbridge 07592735600.



# GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is over for another year and John Bolton is already working on the ground preparation for 2014 by reseeding the entire area. Overall a satisfactory season of cricket was had . The Saturday 1st XI finished in 3rd place following their promotion wining 2012 season. Whilst looking for back to back promotions they showed that further promotions are more than possible and that the difference of 2nd and 3rd place was perhaps the two games in which they lost on the final ball of the final over against East Bergholt in both the home and away matches. The 2nd XI team shows real promise and has unearthed some real up and coming talent. Sadly mid way through the season we had to withdraw our Sunday XI team from the Piri Piri league. We hope in the future to raise a new Sunday team but in the short term we want to concentrate on continuing to bring through our young talent via the Saturday teams.

## U11s

Players player	Ed Fairley
	Jack Allam
Fielder	Harvey Bell
Bowler	Jack Allam
Batsman	Ed Fairley
Most Improved Player	Flynn McKennon

## U13s

Players Player	Jessica Bird
Fielder	Beth Dodd
Bowler (shared)	Ed Fairley
	Samuel Grainger
Batsman	Jessica Bird
Most Improved Player	Thomas Carver-Hardy

## U14s

Players Player	Charlie Allam
Fielder	Callum Longhurst
Bowler (shared)	Charlie Allam
	Jordon Duchars

Batsman	Jessica Bird
Managers Player	Tom Dodd

## U15s

Players Player	Bradley Mann
Fielder	Elliott Mann
Bowler	Bradley Mann
Batsman	Bradley Mann
Managers Player	George Hearn

A new perpetual award was presented which was the "Graham Budinger Award, Colt of the Year" with the first winner being Jessica Bird

The following evening the Adults awards were won by the following:

## Saturday 1st XI

Players Player	Farooq Nasr
Fielder (shared)	Nick Holyman
	Cliff Day
Bowler	Farooq Nasr
Batsman	Farooq Nasr

## Saturday 2 XI

Players Player (shared)	Adam Cuthbert
	Beth Dodd
Fielder	Jessica Bird
Bowler (shared)	Beth Dodd
	Charlie Allam
Batsman	Elliott Mann
Young Player of the Year	Adam Bird
Clubman of the Year	Annie Sands

## 100 Club Winners

for September

1st Mrs. Vicky Griffiths  
 2nd. Mrs Barbara Hart  
 3rd. Mrs. Jackie Platt

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the September meeting Beryl Cowan and Friends entertained members with Songs from the Sixties which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The September outing was a mystery tour which included a stop over at Heybridge followed by a cream tea at the Wilkin's Jam Factory tea rooms in Tiptree.

Members were invited to St. George's school on the 4th October to hear the top classes sing Harvest Songs of Praise and recite harvest poems which were excellent. The pupils then served teas and

coffee with biscuits and chatted with their audience, after which they presented each member with a beautiful box of harvest produce. A delightful afternoon which was much appreciated.

Mr Waters will be our speaker at the November meeting and he will give a talk entitled "Stand by your Beds". The competition will be any Wartime Memorabilia.

*Sylvia Ward*



## PASSENGER TRANSPORT CONSULTATION/SURVEY

Most of the buses running through Essex are Commercial services. This means that ECC does not pay for them and does not determine how or when they run. **These are not part of the survey.**

However ECC does pay for nearly 200 services - called Contracted Services - which include the buses serving Great Bromley, namely the 105 and 107 service. ECC are undertaking a review of their bus strategy, including the provision of financial support for contracted services - given the financial climate it is likely that funding available in the coming years will be reduced.

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that bus users tell ECC their views on how they use their bus services. The 105/107 bus runs every 2 hours as you know - we cannot afford to have it reduced. Please therefore complete

the survey - the deadline is 9th December 2013. Copies of the survey can be obtained from the libraries, from Great Bromley Post Office and have also been distributed at the Friendship Club and WI. The survey may also be completed on line by visiting [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview) where you will also find more information on the review.



**Please, let ECC know your views.**

Thank you  
*Ann Jones*  
*Parish Passenger Transport Rep.*



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# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Bromley Parish Council welcomes Mr Roly Knott as our newest Councillor. Roly has lived in the village of Little Bromley for 30 years and is looking forward to helping us in our quest to reduce the PC costs.

By the time you receive this month's copy of the Messenger, the Little Bromley fireworks display will be nearly ready. This year the display is being organised between the Little Bromley Amenities Group and the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the show on 2nd November at Barlon Road - free entry (although donations welcome).

The Council is planning the repairs to the

War Memorial and we are looking for volunteers to join the working party. We will be removing the slabs round the Memorial and re-laying the base before putting them back. The turf will be taken up and replaced with stones and pots. It is hoped to save on having to cut the grass through spring/summer. If anyone would like to comment on these proposals or to offer their help then please contact the Acting Clerk, Sarah Candy.



*Little Bromley Parish Council*

## HARVEST AT LITTLE BROMLEY



On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, St. Mary's Church in Little Bromley held their harvest

doors of the church. A lovely service followed, and all the money from the collection was going to the Churches Conservation Trust.

Afterwards refreshments were enjoyed by all, especially the cheesy feet made by Janis and the pies from William.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces. The atmosphere was relaxed as friends chatted with friends. Once again Gregory had organised a really nice event. We would like to thank all our helpers and visitors for a lovely evening.

Come and join us for our Carol Service on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3pm. We are sure it will be just as enjoyable.

*Carol Cordwell*

*On behalf of the Friends of Little Bromley Church*

service.

Thanks must go to Linda, Sylvia, Dorothy and Jill who did the beautiful flower displays which set the church off so nicely. Lots of produce adorned the church to represent the harvest, including a huge bag of apples from Linda who came from Holland on Sea to attend the service.

Following some bell ringing during the afternoon, our harvest began at 6.30pm. We were pleased to welcome Laura Garnham who took the service.

The choir were at the ready as we welcomed over 60 people through the

Well folks it's that time of year again when we need to be thinking about Autumn and the colour it can bring. We were fortunate to have John and Trevor from Blenheim Nurseries talking about winter planting in containers / baskets. First of all they had brought along a selection of hanging wicker baskets, terracotta pots, glazed pots and troughs.

It was pointed out that it was important to choose a multi purpose compost then add some appropriate fertilizer, to take account of where the finished container would be placed, the choice of plants, to look at height, colour and texture of plants used. They had brought along a good selection of herbs, grasses, pansies, heathers, any combination could be used but to remember to select materials that would complement each other.

We were told that for added interest, the containers could be planted at the bottom with bulbs, which would extend the period of interest and a longer flowering period.

One of the containers displayed was a large terracotta head with a wide opening at the top in which had been placed a large floaty grass, giving the impression of a large wild looking head of hair.



At the end of the evening we had lots of ideas to try at home and to help us the nursery had brought along a selection of plants that could be purchased if we so wished. Thank you to John and Trevor.

*Joy Rolfe*

## EYES DOWN FOR A "FULL HOUSE"

On Saturday 28th September the Little Bromley Amenities Group held their first Bingo Night at the Haywain. The event was a great success and was well supported.



The proceeds were donated to the Amenities Funds which will be sponsoring the Little Bromley Fireworks Display to be held on 2nd November (see advert on page 12).

Thanks to the Amenities Committee who supplied the buffet and to Dawn who did an excellent job as the Bingo caller. We have had numerous requests for this event to be repeated so watch out for the next Bingo date.

*Christine, Amenities Group Secretary*

## IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

I can't believe it's November already, the wonderful summer, once it arrived, seemed to go on forever, but the days are getting much shorter, and the leaves are starting to turn and fall off the trees.

In my garden, autumn heralds the arrival of much pruning (well hacking back really!) and tree pollarding. We have two huge willows that require pollarding once every five years or so, and one of them is due this winter. Once the leaves are off, the chain saw is dusted down, oiled and sharpened (incidentally, one of my husband's most favourite birthday presents), the poor defenceless willow has a haircut. We learnt the hard way how important this regular pollarding is when the gales of October 2001 brought a branch down from one of the willows, narrowly missing the house.

Most shrubs do much better if they have regular "haircuts", and if, like me, you have shrubs that have grown hugely this year, they have probably become more "thug" than "shrub". Climbers also need shortening and tying in before the winter gales, and clematis have to be pruned according to variety. Whilst the soil is still warm, any large clumps of perennials can be split using two forks and replanted.

Late apples should be picked and stored in a cool dark shed, I am told one of the best storage containers is a plastic bag which seems to me to be counterintuitive, but stops them drying out. Of course they need to be in perfect condition otherwise they will just go mouldy!

Medlars can be harvested after the first frost when they should have "bletted". Medlars make delicious "cheese" which is a change from marmalade for breakfast. They can be eaten uncooked, and seem to have an addictive quality!

November is also the time to plant tulips. If they are planted earlier than November they are at risk of developing "tulip fire", a form of fungal disease. I heard a tip for planting

tulips in containers.

These are frequently dug up by squirrels, but if you grate cheap soap over the surface of the soil, the squirrels won't touch them. It is important that the soap is as cheap as possible as this contains stearic acid, and apparently squirrels are allergic to it. It conjures up wonderful images of sneezing squirrels (or indeed frothing tubs when it rains!). I plan to try this and see if it helps.



Broad beans can be planted if they are the overwintering variety, and also onions, shallots and garlic. Personally I found the garlic rotted last winter, so it is important that the soil is well drained.

Leaves need to be swept off lawns, and the easiest way to make leaf mould is to collect them using the mower on a high cut. The blades shred the leaves, which makes them rot quicker. We keep them in a dedicated wire bin and just cover with old carpet, but they can be put in black plastic bags with a few holes.

November is also the time the seed catalogues drop on the mat to inspire us for next year- so get dreaming and ordering!

*Kate Strowbridge*

## KITCHEN CORNER

My mother has been doing Kitchen Corner for many years - to avoid repeats she started keeping a list, and that goes way back to 1988! She is always grateful for new ideas and recipes, and is happy to handover Kitchen Corner any month that someone feels like contributing! I am stepping up this month.

I am no chef, and I hate measuring things, but my random dishes tend to work out well! Here is simple and tasty Pan Haggerty for 4 that I made this week. Takes about an hour but can be done quicker. Preheat oven to 375°F/190°C/Gas 5.

Take 3 or 4 large onions, slice into rings, stir into a large oven dish with 1 to 2 tablespoons of olive or other good oil. If desired, press a few cloves of garlic in the mix. Allow to soften in oven for 10-20 mins. Meanwhile prepare 4 or 5 large potatoes - peel and slice thinly (under 0.5cm) and if

you are in a rush, microwave for 5 minutes to soften and to take 10 minutes off baking time below.



Stir and level the onions, then add potatoes onto onions and continue to bake for about 20 minutes.

Whilst that is going on, make up a white sauce including 1/2 tsp of mustard, 2 big splashes of Worcester sauce, pepper, and salt to taste. Pour over the potato, top off with sliced cheese and bake a further 10-20 mins until browned.

Some people prefer potato on bottom, and/or the cheese under or grated in the sauce. Some people would probably prefer to prepare the whole dish first and chuck it in the oven complete. Either way it is very tasty! You just need to make sure the potatoes have softened.

*Hugh Frostick*

### British Sausage Week Hash

Ingredients.

8 Best Pork Sausages  
15mlsp (1tbsp) Olive oil  
200g (7oz) Black pudding  
100g (4oz) Thick cut bacon lardons  
1 Onion chopped  
3 Whole cloves  
1 Garlic clove, chopped  
1 Fresh chilli, seeded and finely chopped  
1 x400g can BBQ baked beans  
25g (1oz) Black treacle  
15mlsp(1tbsp) Smoked paprika  
3x15mlsp (3tbsp) Ketchup  
15mlsp (1tbsp)Dijon mustard  
15mlsp (1tbsp)Malt vinegar  
250g (8oz) Cooked new potatoes, sliced  
50g (2oz)Butter  
5mlsp (1tsp) Chilli flakes  
5mlsp (1tsp) Smoked paprika  
1 Lemon, juice

PREPARATION

Preheat the oven.

Fry the sausages and black pudding in the oil in an ovenproof casserole pan until cooked and the black pudding is crispy.

Remove from the pan and set aside.

Fry the bacon until crisp and then set aside. Finally fry the onion, cloves, garlic and chilli until soft. Return the sausages, black pudding and bacon to the pan and add the beans, treacle, paprika, ketchup, mustard and vinegar. Stir well and simmer for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, fry the new potatoes in the butter with the chilli and paprika, then add the lemon juice.

Spoon the potato slices over the top of the sausage and bean mix. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes, finishing under the grill for a crispy topping if necessary.

Serving suggestion: serve with dill pickles and spicy sauce

Enjoy

Karen Moss.



# THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

## Ardleigh Surgery

### Influenza immunisation nasal spray for children

Patients aged over 65 or in the 'at risk' groups are reminded to get their flu vaccination before supplies run out.

This year for the first time, all children aged 2 to 3 are being offered the flu vaccination. This is in addition to those children in the 'at risk medical condition' groups such as asthma or diabetes.

**The good news for children is that they are now able to have the flu vaccination via a nasal spray and not an injection.** We hope that this will improve the uptake of the flu immunisation programme in this age group as children can spread the flu more so than adults.

Parents should contact the surgery to book their children in with an appointment with a nurse.

*Fred Merrin, Practice Manager*

## Gt Bentley Surgery

Introducing a new member of staff always gives me an easy start to the Surgery News, so I am delighted to have our new Nurse Practitioner, Tracy Mooney to tell you about this month. You may well recall that Sue Webb, left us a few weeks ago to go to Frinton surgery, and Tracy is already proving that she's a more than adequate replacement. She is very experienced in all the usual chronic disease clinics, as well as women's health, family planning and weight management. I believe that she has very gentle hands when it comes to

immunisations, which is always good news.

The flu jab season is now in full swing and it's good to be able to report that take-up this year is excellent so far. As ever, supplies of the jab are finite, so don't miss out by leaving it too late to claim yours. I've been asked to mention again that **all** children aged two or three on 1<sup>st</sup> September this year are now being offered annual immunisation against flu. No needles, so no excuses for them either – their protection comes from a nasal spray, which must be much less unpleasant. Please make sure that you book eligible offspring into one of the many clinics we are laying-on over the next month or two. You might well save them – and yourself – a rotten couple of weeks sometime later in the winter.

Sadly, this is going to be my last Surgery News as I have now retired from my old position as Practice Manager and cut down to a couple of days a week working just on finances. Your new Practice Manager, Richard Miller will take over the very pleasant job of keeping you abreast of what goes on here.

I've had a lot of fun writing this piece over the years, especially introductions to new personnel, and of course the now traditional April bits – remember the burger van and the underground car park amongst other stories? They certainly got a few of you going and made for good talking points. Anyway, I hope that Richard gets as much pleasure from the job as I've had over however many years it's been going.

Very best wishes to all of you.

*Hugh Cronin, Great Bentley Surgery*

### Top Ten Sausages Facts During the year to July 2013,

The nation consumed 188,270 tonnes of sausages at home and spent £737.3 million  
87% of British households buy sausages - 45% at least every four weeks Each household spends an average of £32.25 per year on sausages  
Every day, 3.7 million meals containing sausages are eaten at home.

A staggering 1.4 billion meals containing sausage are eaten in the home each year.

More pork sausages are eaten as part of an evening or teatime meal at home (66%); compared to 18% at breakfast, 14% at lunch and 2% as a snack. 31% of the sausage market (by volume) is classified as premium, 58% as standard, 3% as low fat and 8% as economy.





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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

On Friday 4th October we went to St George's Church to celebrate our Harvest Festival. Year 2 children presented boxes with food inside to share it with other people. We sang harvest songs and children read poems and readings. By Elenore Dewey



Year 6 pupils served tea to Great Bromley Friendship Club and presented them with their baskets. Due to the overwhelming generosity of our children and parents we were also able to donate 2 boxes of packaged food to the Colchester Food Bank.



## Fire Swim

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October we took part in the fire swim, we had to swim for one hour and through our sponsorship, raise money for a variety of local charities. As the event was so popular, the infants had so many children taking part that they had to split the lane! There were six lanes of the pool,

filled with 47 children, past and present (and a handful of parents) We all swam very well with all lanes swimming over 100 lengths in the hour, with a top score of 154! We hope to raise over £1000. Many thanks to all the adult helpers, parents, swimmers, lane counters and the ever hard working Mrs Platt! We all had a great time and enjoyed the brilliant atmosphere and swimming – we all got medals and hope

that you will take part next year.

By Georgie Hinds-Dutton, Oliver Davis, Harvey Bell

On the 3rd of October, 12 children from Years 3 and 4 went to the Garrison to compete in a gruelling cross country race with other primary schools. Mrs Fairley was very proud that all of our children managed to run the whole distance. This is the first time we have entered an event like this and we are particularly pleased that Mason Miller came third in his age group. Well done!

Well done to Esme Foster who sent her poetry project to the author Jacqueline Wilson to read. Jacqueline responded 'I think your poems are absolutely fantastic - it's lovely that you can express yourself this way. You're very talented.'

# 2013 EVENTS



## NOVEMBER

- 2 Seven Rivers Cheshire Homes Hallowe'en and Bonfire 6.00pm  
Little Bromley Fireworks Display, Barlon Rd, 6:30pm.
- 9 Mind, Body & Soul event, Village Hall, 10.00am.  
Gt Bromley Litter Pick—come and help!!! *see page 21*  
Donkey Charity Comedy Night, Frating Kings Arms 7:30pm
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 14 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm, The Haywain
- 16 Tabletop Sale, Village Hall, 10am-1pm  
Lt Bromley Amenities Quiz Night, Haywain 7:30pm
- 20 Gt Bromley Carpet Bowls Club Open Evening, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 30 Seven Rivers Christmas Bazaar, Seven Rivers, 2.00pm

## DECEMBER

- 1 Messy Christingle, Ardleigh Village Hall, 3.00pm
- 7 Christmas Fayre Village Hall with Children's Competition  
Lt Bromley Amenities Group - Children's Christmas Party, Haywain
- 7 & 8 Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's church, Gt Bentley
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 14 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Christmas Meal at Haywain
- 21 Carol service, Lt Bromley church, 3.00pm
- 31 New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall—be quick, may be selling out!

## 2014

## JANUARY

- 8 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 16 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7:30pm
- 25 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall

## Friends of Little Bromley Church - Coming Events

21 December Carol Service 3.00pm

Christmas is Coming!  
**Seven Rivers  
Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday 30th November  
2.00-4.30pm

Raffle, Toys, Christmas  
Gifts, Cakes &  
Refreshments

To hire a space for your  
own stall just phone Pauline  
Melton on 01255 230345



## Lets Party!



Yes, you get 2 for the price of one at our

**Grand Halloween  
come  
Bonfire Night Party!!**

at Seven Rivers Residential Home,  
Hall Road, Great Bromley.  
Saturday 2nd November  
from 6pm.

£2 per head or £5 Family Ticket.  
Refreshments on sale.



# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

[www.gbpc.org.uk](http://www.gbpc.org.uk)

October has been a busy month for Parish news, with a number of matters to bring to your attention.

Firstly it was just after our September meeting that the Parish Council received the news that following the traffic survey, the Highways Agency have decided to impose speed restrictions along the A120, enforced with speed cameras, in an attempt to reduce the number of casualties on the trunk road. In the long-term it is hoped that a roundabout will be built. This has come as welcome news to all, and was something for which the Parish Council had been lobbying for some time.

The Parish Council would like to thank everybody who responded to the recent Superfast Broadband survey. The response in the village was over 60% - higher than some of our neighbouring villages - which we all hope will have great influence in ensuring the service in the village. There is no immediate update following the survey, but watch this space.

Readers will recall that there is a fund available for the Parish Council to utilise for a community project in the village. At the deadline of the October meeting, the Parish Council had only received one developed and project managed suggestion, which was for the installation of play equipment at Church Meadow. The Parish Council are hoping to proceed with this soon, and further updates will be posted in future editions.

Last years' Council accounts have been returned by the external auditor, with no major defects. The accounts have now been posted on the Council's website for viewing, or a paper copy can be inspected by an elector within the village. The Parish Council have also received a VAT reclaim, which may well be put towards the replacement of a noticeboard in the village, as some have deteriorated as a result of

extreme weather conditions.

Do look out for forthcoming events at the Village Hall. A table top sale has been arranged along with a Bingo evening - see elsewhere in the Messenger. In addition Cllr. Kate Strowbridge has formed a Badminton Club on Tuesday evenings, 5-6pm for under 16s and 6-7pm for over 16s and adults.

Lastly this month, the Parish Council are looking to support Tendring District Council in establishing the need for Social Housing. To that end, if there is anybody within the village who wishes to be considered in the future for Affordable Housing, please contact me and your contact details will be added to the list.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and you can stay for all or part of the meeting. You may not be aware that there is a window at the start of the meeting for public participation when the Parish Council can be addressed directly. Even if you cannot attend, please contact me should you wish to discuss an issue or draw something to the Parish Council's attention.

Laura Austin

## The Autumn Litter Pick

will take place on Saturday morning 9<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone with an hour or two to help out will be very welcome. Litter grabbers and hi-visibility vests will be available, but we suggest you bring a pair of gloves. Rendezvous points will be the Cross Inn car park at 10am and the Old Courtyard Inn car park at 10.15am. James and Heather at the Cross Inn will lay on

coffee afterwards - our thanks to them. More information can be obtained from Richard Perry on 01206 230537 or Owen Blowers on 07879 433716.



# PLANNING

## PLANNING DECISIONS

APP REF /DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00786/FUL - refusal, full	Westward House, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley	Conversion and alteration of redundant building to form a single family dwelling house, erection of garage/garden store and change of use of land to garden
13/00867/FUL - approval, full	Primrose Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Dwelling for an agricultural worker (variation to design of dwelling as approved under planning permission 12/00569/FUL)
13/00985/HHPNOT - prior approval not required	2 Firtree Cottages, Stone Road, Great Bromley	Erection of 3.3 wide, 3.64 deep and 3.2m high conservatory
13/00853/LBC - application withdrawn	Spread Eagle, Brook Street, Great Bromley	Proposed replacement of tile hanging with render on front dormers and replacement of front doors
13/00852/LBC	Little Paddocks, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Discharge of Conditions of planning permission 11/01207/FUL-03-Materials-07-Car Park-and 08-Horse access details.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/01076/FUL	Triangle Farm, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley	Proposed Store Building
13/00981/FUL	Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Agricultural Building
13/00980/FUL	Land off Hall Road, Great Bromley	Proposed permanent agricultural dwelling
09/00680/FUL	Bosco House, Bosco Farm, Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Change of use to B1 light industrial. Vehicular entrance upgraded as planning approval 13/01104/COUNOT

**The Council resolved to object to the Bush Farm application as it was felt that it was too large for an agricultural dwelling and too intrusive on the landscape overall.**

### Firework Code

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework
4. using a torch if necessary.
5. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
6. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
7. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
8. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
9. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
10. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
11. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

## *We Are The Champions!*

Last year we at Seven Rivers held a sports day to coincide with the Olympics and the day was such a success that we decided to hold a sports day again this year.

The day was organised by Kate and Lee, our Activities Organisers who made sure that everything ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all who attended. Friends, families, volunteers, staff and residents were all welcomed and the sports day had a successful turn out.

Some of the activities included shot-put (pictured), obstacle race, three legged race, egg and spoon race and fancy dress. Everyone really got involved with the sporty spirit and we had three teams to give the day a competitive feel.

All three teams had a mixture of residents, staff and volunteers. After the day was done, the winning team were the 'Misfits' who will have their names engraved on our



Sports Day Shield, shown above.

The day was a lot of fun and those who came said that they had a brilliant day and they look forward to doing it all again next year.

*Pauline Melton, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

## BREEDING BLACKCAPS IN MY GARDEN

Spring can be a rewarding time of the year when migrant birds start to arrive to the UK from their wintering grounds.

In April this year a pair of Blackcap Warblers decided to take up residence in my garden, the birds seemed quite settled occupying a wild area of bramble bushes, nettles and mixed shrubs. This type of habitat is perfect for nesting species such as blackcaps. My hope was that they would start nest building and breed, so it was with much delight when in late May I saw three healthy fledglings perched on one single branch low down in my elderberry shrub - my blackcap pair were indeed parents.

The Blackcap belongs to the large warbler family Sylviidae and is common throughout the UK. British and Western European birds migrate south west and are common in

winter around the Western Mediterranean; some reach tropical West Africa, they are also passage migrants. Some birds, however, overwinter in the UK.

Identification of this species is quite straightforward, the main features being, the male has a black cap and in contrast the female has a chestnut coloured cap. It is, however, the charming fluty scratchy song of the male bird that catches one's attention. This is usually heard from dense cover. A 'tek' sound is heard when the bird is alarmed.

I have been privileged in recent years that interesting birds have favoured my garden as their preferred nesting site.

*Bruce Root*



## MEMORIES OF THE BLITZ AROUND THE BROMLEYS

Although Frank Faircloth was a Clacton and then Crockleford lad at the time of the war, his interesting experiences certainly involve the Bromley villages.

He was the youngest of four boys, his older brothers being of service age when war came. He lived with his parents and grandfather until evacuation began from their home in Clacton; Frank was sent to Gloucestershire where he had a happy time with kind foster parents. After a few months a farmer had offered his parents an old, disused cottage in Green Lane, Crockleford near where his grandfather, Alfred Cook, was staying owing to maternal family connections. Frank could then come back to Essex. Two of his brothers, Ernest and Reg, had joined the Light Anti-Aircraft Battery known as "Clacton's Own"; they had been posted to protect the Pylons, manning the gun near Pellens Corner. Meanwhile their oldest brother, Leonard, had joined the Air Force Police and also happened to be posted to the Pylons! And so, from being scattered all ways, the family found themselves all clustered around Great Bromley.

Frank has many memories of those times. One striking memory was looking along Green Lane one evening to see a light in the sky over Great Bromley. It was a parachute mine (he does not know why they had lights on them) and when that exploded, the huge flash behind clearly illuminated the tower of Great Bromley church, a vision that persists in his mind.

He remembers taking the school bus to Manningtree which went down Carringtons Rd (they collected Geoff "Curly" Hurst from Bluegates). One day as the bus went up towards Little Bromley Church, he remembers seeing a string of 3 or more bombs landing across the fields, presumably aimed at the radar pylons but falling off target.

As an aside, Frank says he remembers a girl getting on the bus at the Little Bromley

war memorial; she was called Kate but he can't remember her surname - does anyone know who this would be?

Frank says he often preferred to be outside rather than in the shelter at home as it was all rather exciting for a boy and there was no point worrying about the danger. One day he went off for a cycle ride round the lanes and on his return found he had missed seeing an American fighter plane from Boxted Airfield crash landing in the orchard right next to the house!

Just up the road there was a heavy AA gun emplacement - Frank says you certainly knew when they were firing! It was like someone was bashing up on your floorboards with a sledgehammer and the plates would jump up and down on the table!

Frank's father John (aka Jack) was an air-raid warden in Crockleford, and whilst he was very particular about the local lights being blacked out, he did not seem too worried about the lights coming from the fields between Hall Road and Elmstead Hall. Frank knew nothing of it at the time, but his father must have known it was a decoy site, used to attract attention away from Colchester Railway Station. In such installations there were metal strips laid out to shine like rails and men would move objects with lights around the field, or light fires as if it were a bombed target. Possibly one unfortunate result of this deception was Elmstead Hall being damaged by fire; Frank saw the parachute incendiary bombs drop there and the stacks catching light.

We are very fortunate that our nearby Church and the Hall were not badly damaged during those days of war.

*Many thanks to Frank Faircloth for sharing his memories, and thanks to Susan Scott for introducing us at the Flower Festival!*

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# Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

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## OFSTED INSPECTED JUNE 2013 - **OUTSTANDING**

CONGRATULATIONS to our setting Manager, Karen, on gaining her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Studies and also our Deputy Manager, Christina, on gaining her Foundation degree of Arts in Early Years. Their graduation ceremonies were held last month, we are very proud of them both, well done.

Over the last month we have been looking at the changing season and the children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors for signs of autumn. We have used the fallen leaves, twigs etc to paint and glue and make lovely pictures. They have had great fun exploring muddy puddles and also continue to enjoy playing in the 'mud kitchen'. We have been clearing the garden of the summer plants and planting daffodil and tulip bulbs in readiness for the spring too. The children also look forward to their visits to the library bus once a fortnight and enjoy the walk there and back, even more opportunities to observe the changing scenery.



Looking ahead the photographer will be visiting preschool on 4<sup>th</sup> November to take

photos of the children (they make lovely Christmas presents) and we will be holding another 'Dad's Week' beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We invite Dads into the setting; children love showing parents around and it also gives Dads the opportunity to see their child at play and take part in some of the activities.

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

We take children from the age of two years and 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:

Preschool reopens after half term - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Photographer visiting - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Dads Week - Beginning Mon 2nd Dec  
Christmas Holidays begin.- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Preschool reopens in 2014 - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan



## KNIT AND KNATTER

Our group which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month continues to flourish and grow each month.

Yesterday October 9<sup>th</sup>, friends met (six residents and ten W.I members) together in the Tranquillity Room at Cheshire Home, we enjoyed tea, coffee, cake and a jolly good knatter. A busy group this month, completing thirteen Christmas Shoe Boxes, and continuing to knit squares for Chenynobyl. On October 4<sup>th</sup> we were

delighted that twenty six blankets completed by us here in Great Bromley were taken to the orphanage in Chenynobyl.

We decided also to take a table at the Table Top Sale on November 16<sup>th</sup>, perhaps to make a little to buy more materials and wool.

All are welcome - 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm. You are also welcome to park at the Cheshire Home. Please phone Mary 230419 for more information.

## LITTLE BLOOD SUCKERS

### What is a flea?

Fleas are small, wingless insects with mouthparts adapted for piercing skin and sucking blood.

### Where do fleas live?

Adult fleas will live on dogs or cats, feeding on their blood, which is required by the female flea to produce her eggs. The female flea will ingest about 15 times her body weight in blood and lay about 25-50 eggs per day.

The eggs are laid on the animal but will fall off onto the ground or into your carpet, usually close to where your pet spends most of its time. Eggs usually hatch in about 2-12 days depending on temperature and humidity.

The larvae that emerge from the eggs have no legs and can only crawl a short distance, so most will be near your pet's favourite resting place.

The flea can remain as a larva for 2-20 feeding on organic material. The larvae change into adults after spinning a cocoon (pupa), which may take from 7 days up to 1 year.

The adult fleas emerge from the pupa and jump onto your pets to begin the cycle all over again.

### How do I know if my pet has fleas?

The feeding of the fleas will cause irritation

so your pet will be constantly scratching and biting itself. You may also observe the fleas in your pet's hair, see them on your carpet or be bitten yourself.



A severe flea infestation can make your pet very miserable and can lead to allergic dermatitis and anaemia. Fleas can also transmit tapeworm parasites to your pet.

### How can I keep fleas out of my house?

Fleas can be difficult to eliminate, but if you are vigilant and use the correct chemicals in a safe and effective manner, you will be victorious. Just be sure to treat all the areas where your pet spends time, including the car.

- Kill the fleas on your pet by treating as recommended by your vet.
- Vacuum regularly, paying special attention to the areas where your pet spends most time.
- Wash or replace pet bedding. Spray with spot killers.
- If you have a severe infestation call in the professionals for a full spray treatment of your property.

### What is the difference between a flea and a wolf?

One howls on the prairie and the other prowls on the hairy!

*There is lots more information about fleas*

## TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

The weather is now beginning to change, misty dramatic conditions are leading to very damp dewy mornings. The farmers markets are really picking up with the run up to Christmas, the topics of discussion have been lively and informative as we set up our stalls, from keeping ponds clear with putting in a net of barley straw to the different types of jams and chutneys that Nick has been making with the autumn hedgerow fruits and vegetables. His stall called Nicks wonky labels has such a variety of his newest arrivals such as Victoria plum jam, Rosehip jelly, and

Autumn allotment chutney. Son David's enterprise of growing his own pumpkins has taken off with a sales target of 96! Tall order!! we will see.

The pig unit is preparing for the winter the straw bales are all lined up for the bedding for the outside huts and the feed bin will be constantly full as they have extra feed the winter. Paul the Pigman saw a common snipe this week which he says although has the name common is fairly rare!! The fields are abundant with partridges and pheasants, they have such fantastic colourings against the autumn golds and

browns. The field hedges are being trimmed while accessible by the land before the discing and ploughing takes place ready for next year.

The shop is getting busy again with the preparations for Christmas already, the Christmas order list has been designed already. We always end up with having our family turkey being sold at the last minute so I think the first order may be mine, so start thinking about your Christmas orders if you want a British traditional Christmas dinner.

TV chef, Simon Rimmer, is this year's face of **British Sausage Week**.

**From 4th-10th November**, Simon will be taking consumers on a voyage around the country to discover more about Britain's great sausages. As co-host of a popular weekend cookery programme and with three restaurants and numerous cookery books to his name, Simon knows all too well the importance of discovering and

using quality produce.

Simon said: "It's great to support the mighty pork sausage for 2013. British Sausage Week is all about showcasing the versatility, variety and popularity of quality pork sausages and encouraging people to find new ways to enjoy this fantastic food."



*Karen Moss*

*See page 13 for the recipe for British Sausage Week Hash*



## ESSEX POLICE

If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967466876, or 101 Ext 487603

(free phone) or email me [leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police.uk). Please note if you leave a message I will try to reply to your call the day I am next on duty.

Website: [http://www.essex.police.uk/my\\_neighbourhood.aspx](http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx)

**Obstruction** - Back Lane East - (Lorry parked to close to a junction)

**Burglary Dwelling** - Parsons Hill - (Copper pipe taken)

**Burglary Dwelling Attempted** - Harwich Road

**Suspicious Circumstances**

- St Georges Close - (Two males seen looking at a caravan on a driveway)

- Brook St - St Georges School - (Male seen acting suspiciously)

**Nuisance Other** - Harwich Road -

(Maggots thrown through letter box)

### POLICE ALERT

Just a little reminder to the residents in the rural areas

Due to the cold weather coming up, domestic oil fuel tanks will be filled up, this is just a reminder about oil thefts.

The oil thefts in the rural area's last year was quiet high so please stay vigilant.

**PCSO Barnes 71909**

## Could you get funding from Colne Community Builders?

This is a quick introduction to Colne Housing's grant funding programme, Colne Community Builders. As somebody who is active and well connected in the local community, we're writing to you because you may well know of a not-for-profit group (charity or similar) that could benefit from our support. Keen as we are to attract the very best proposals for projects that will strengthen communities in the long term, we're happy to talk to potential applicants about the suitability of their ideas. So, if you think we're a good match, please do pick up the phone!

By way of guidance we have produced a grants prospectus detailing the types of projects we will consider funding. I have attached a copy for your information and to

circulate amongst friends, contacts and colleagues. Whilst Colne Community Builders is a relatively small funder distributing c£10,000 annually (grants between £500-£5,000), often the advice and assistance we provide is every bit as valuable as the financial input.

To find out more about Colne Community Builders or to discuss a potential application, please call Alistair on 01206 244757 or email [alistair.heron@colnehousing.co.uk](mailto:alistair.heron@colnehousing.co.uk) You can also view our [prospectus](#) for more details.

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**SinglePoint**

your Hospice  
your community services **24/7**

**01206 890360**

**SinglePoint** is a palliative and end of life care service which works alongside other services received from the GP, community nurses or specialists, to make

sure there is high quality coordinated care at home. The SinglePoint service is run from St Helena Hospice's Highwoods, Colchester site. It includes a 24/7 telephone number 01206 890360.

If someone has been diagnosed as having specialist palliative care needs or being in the last year of life they can use the SinglePoint telephone number for help, advice and support, as can the health and social care professionals involved in their care, as well as their family, carer/s or friends. Visits from Assistant Nurses for personal care and respite for carers when they are in the last three months of

life are accessible to those on the My Care Choices Register from the end of November 2013.

The My Care Choices Register is a record of decisions about the type of care someone would like to receive as they approach the end of their life, including any cultural or religious wishes. It also records their preference of where they would like to die, whether at home, in hospital or in the Inpatient Unit of St Helena Hospice. The register is for those who have been identified as being in the last year of life. The GP will discuss choices with them and input the information with their consent.

You can also contact SinglePoint for advice and support as to whether the service is the right one to meet your needs on 01206 890360. Some aspects of the service are only available at certain stages of illness, but St Helena Hospice are happy to talk to you to see if they are able to help.

## CHURCH JOTTINGS

Living as we do in the midst

of a farming community the words of a very favourite Harvest Hymn become so significant and relevant.

"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above  
Then thank the Lord, Oh thank the Lord  
For all his love."

The words of this hymn, "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" sung in church on Sunday were particularly meaningful to all those who work within the farming industry in the Bromleys and other villages across the Tendring Hundred and East Anglia. Members of the congregation and community came together on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to celebrate and to give thanks for the seed time, the Harvest, Our lives, Our health and Our food.

The Venerable Malcolm Lessiter led our service of celebration and praise. The church looked stunning – the flower arrangements and donations of produce were magnificent and greatly admired by the large congregation. Thank you to all who helped prepare the church for this very happy occasion and thank you Malcolm for a very appropriate thought provoking service and sermon.

At 1pm seventy parishioners and friends sat down to a three course Harvest lunch provided by the ladies of Arleigh and the Bromleys. Malcolm led the assembled company in a grace of praise and thanksgiving making us ever mindful how very fortunate we are to have food on the table and warmth in our hearts.

Our charity this year was chosen in the memory of Ken Bromfield who with Marion had worked in Lesotho for many years teaching impoverished and disadvantaged children living in this area of South Africa.

Thank you to everyone for their kindness and generosity: we are able to send £342 to this very worth cause.

"We plough the Fields and Scatter" is also the favourite hymn of Mrs Julie O'Mara, Headteacher, at St George's School and the children certainly sung the hymn with great gusto at their Harvest Celebrations on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

It is always such a pleasure to welcome children, parents and staff to our church. We always look forward to their visits and this time we were privileged to hear beautiful words about the Harvest.

Words spoken in prayers and words spoken in poems and words sung in the praise of this very special season of the year. Well done children, well done their teachers and especially Mrs Bridle who conducted the singing so magnificently.

I especially enjoyed "Do Wap Showaddy Waddy" a very catchy modern Harvest Song, however "Time to Give Thanks" was delightful and perhaps my very favourite. The children told us the well known parable of "The Sower" and explained the meaning behind the story (which coincidentally we are using at "Messy Harvest on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Great Bromley Village Hall).

So now we are looking forward to their next visit which is already booked for December 20<sup>th</sup> ... can't wait.

The Celebration of the Harvest concluded on Sunday evening October 6<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Church, Little Bromley. The church looked quite beautiful decorated with seasonal material from the hedgerows and produce from the garden. Our service began at 6.30pm was led by Laura Garnham, Lay Chair of our Deanery.

Thank you Laura for your kind thoughtful words, we so enjoyed your first visit to Little Bromley. Thank you to the bell ringers led by David and thank you Stephen who played so beautifully our favourite Harvest Tunes.

What a season! The weather so mild and warm, celebrations in our two villages bringing folk in the community together to give praise and thanks to God – fantastic!

Our Remembrance Service on November 10<sup>th</sup> is to be led by Canon Gillian Greenslade. Please meet at the War Memorial at 10.45, the ceremony of laying wreaths will be followed by a non-Eucharist (no communion) service of Remembrance and Reflection in the Church. All are welcome to join us for the service and refreshments in the Lady Chapel afterwards.

Finally and sadly I have to mention that an intruder entered the vestry on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at some time during the day. Fortunately nothing was taken and no damage was caused but a great deal of paper and documents were strewn around by the perpetrator who was perhaps searching for money. Scenes of Crime Police Officers attended on Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> and a match has been established on fingerprints taken from the scene. We wait to hear developments, if you do see anything suspicious in or around the church please let Ann or myself know.

*Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden*

## FROM THE REGISTER

### Funerals

Maureen Nora Rogers  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2013

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



## Church of England Services - November

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	8.00am	<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>	
	10.30am	Eucharist Parish Eucharist for All Saints <i>Incense may be used</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong	<i>Lt Bromley Church</i>
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	8.00am	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.45am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Service of Remembrance Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	8.00am	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	8.00am	<b>Christ the King</b>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	The Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>December 1st</b>	8.00am	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	3-5.30pm	The Parish Eucharist for All Saints Messy Christingle	<i>Ardleigh Village Hall</i>
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service <i>led by Archdeacon Annette Cooper</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

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