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THE FIRST PAGE

I am beginning to think it will be a minor miracle if you get the Bromley Messenger on time - or even at all! - this month. Modern technology is all very fine and wonderful when it works and just impossible when it doesn't. 'It doesn't' is the prognosis at the moment.

I returned from a couple of days away visiting the grandchildren to find the timer for my hot water was caput and the taps running only cold water. Double whammy was when I came to turn on the computer to complete the Messenger for the printers only to find nothing happened. Panic!! My equilibrium was restored when it was found the UPS box was the culprit, was re-set and all became well and the machine fired up.

Meanwhile, the printers were having their own problems ringing to say they could neither receive nor send emails using the address they have had for some time and a new one, hastily set up, was also not working! So if you are reading this somewhere near the beginning of August all these irritations will have been resolved (and my hot water too, I hope).

On another tack potholes are a further issue still to be repaired. Some have been marked not with just one colour but two colours but, again, despite being a hazard since last winter, Essex Highways have yet to mend them. Their promised work on the A120 has (at time of writing) yet to begin. Speeding accidents is one of the issues they are hoping to reduce on this dangerous section of

road. Speed is also a problem through both villages and certainly, too, in the lanes where vehicles do not seem to take into account either the narrowness nor the blind corners and do not slow down.

Commemorations (see page 21) begin this month to mark the onset of World War I. The cover shows a poster from that period and in future magazines Hugh will be remembering each fallen man and Gillian will be giving an insight, with perhaps some help from you with long memories or family lore, into the lives of those who lived to tell the tale. Gt Bromley is to have its flag pole and poppy sculpture erected soon by its Memorial and Lt Bromley is commemorating the start of WWI at their newly restored Memorial on 2nd August. The sad thing is that, despite the remembrances of the awfulness of war, conflict continues to grip parts of the world to this day. I remember reading once somewhere the number of days of PEACE since WWI. I cannot recall the precise number but it was depressingly very few indeed as almost not a day has gone by without someone fighting someone somewhere.

As well as the above commemorations there is much fun to be enjoyed in the villages by way of events and, of course, as we so fortunately live near the sea, no doubt hot days on the beach beckon. I, personally, will continue my tussle to reclaim the garden from the brambles, nettles, ivy and couch grass which threaten to take over whilst endeavouring not to sink too deeply into the tunnels created by the army of moles which, like Kate Strowbridge, I too have.

Happy holidays. *Leonie Henderson*

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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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We understand that work on the A120 junctions at Lt Bromley and Gt Bromley will be started towards the end of July so hopefully by the time you're reading this it will be underway - they are initially installing average speed cameras with a reduction in speed for that stretch of the road. Highways have been monitoring the speed of cars through the Village which we hope will lead to the installation of a Speed Activated sign - anything that helps with reminding drivers that we have a 30 mph speed limit will be welcome.

The Council are sad to report that the new Jubilee Village Tree has been vandalised again. This time it has been sprayed with silver paint. Someone really doesn't like the fact that Lt Bromley wanted to grow a tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. We have informed the local police with the hope that they will be more visible in the Village and deter this kind of petty vandalism.

Tendring District Council are planning on replacing the 10 year plan and to find out more two Councillors went along to a planning briefing at Weeley. We understand that the original estimate for housing in the Tendring district is being increased from 5,000 to 12,000 houses although the exact areas to be built on haven't been decided on yet. We were told that the

development will be on 90% greenfield sites. When the details are published we will put the information on our website and here in the Messenger. With the advent of this further housing planned for the Tendring area the PC feel it would be wise to initially survey the types of housing in the village and then to ask for a wish list of how inhabitants would like to see the village improved. People living in the village are invited to suggest ways in which the environment could be improved by contacting any of the councillors with those suggestions. In the longer term it is our intent to produce a neighbourhood plan so that if we are faced with any development we can have an influence over the form this takes.

Finally, the Council would like to remind people that there will be a **commemoration of the start of the First World War** at our newly refurbished **War Memorial on the 2nd August at 3 pm** followed by scones and tea at The Haywain - everybody is welcome.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the 25th September at The Haywain.

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BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

Alice is First Lady President for the Club

Andy Chapman hands over to Alice Davies, the first lady President for the Club, at their meeting in July.



Alice, who is also Commodore of the Brightlingsea Sailing Club, will bring to the Club some fresh and challenging

ideas over the next 12 months. There will be a double whammy here as the President next year will be another lady member, Nicky Conway. Congratulations to you both.

*Rtn. Len Christodoulides
Brightlingsea & District Rotary Club*

Parkinson's Donation by Rotary

Proceeds from fund raising in the last year, which included in particular Santa Sleigh collections, enabled the Brightlingsea Club to donate £1000 to the local branch.

The photograph shows the President – Andy Chapman presenting the cheque to Anne



Moore from the Colchester Branch of Parkinson's Society. This donation was to commemorate the work in Rotary by founder member Tony Fowler who had recently died and suffered with Parkinson's.

Rtn. Len Christodoulides MBE

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the June Meeting Cathy and Peter came along to entertain Members with a wide selection of songs and ditties which were enjoyed by all.

The Outing to Perrywood's Nurseries was very successful - the perfect place to spend an afternoon gazing at the wonderful plants and enjoying one of their delicious cream teas.

Our August Meeting will be an open afternoon when we shall be holding our

annual Auction to raise funds for the Club. There will not be a competition that month. We look forward to welcoming any non-members who would care to join us.

Usual starting time 2.30pm. Do come along, you may find that perfect bargain and a lovely cup of tea and refreshments will be available.

Sylvia Ward



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IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE IN AUGUST

On 8th March 1702, William III of England and Holland died as a result of complications after a fall from his horse. The horse had stumbled on a mole hill, and for many years afterwards, Jacobites would toast “the little gentleman in the black velvet waistcoat”. This brings me neatly to the subject of moles. There seems to have been a population explosion of them in my garden this year. We have always had the odd one, but they are appearing everywhere, you no sooner deal with one, and another appears. My husband is not, unlike some men, paranoid about his lawn, but even he is becoming upset. Is this mole explosion limited to our garden, or has anyone else got the same problem?



The weather today is distinctly un-summery. Although warm, the gale force winds are wreaking havoc to my garden, and are drying out already parched soil. Rain is forecast but never seems to arrive, though we shall probably now have torrential downpours.

Despite all that, the garden seems to be doing well. I have had a magnificent crop of black and red currants, and the apples and pears look set to produce a bumper crop. Sadly my lovely quince tree has a dose of blight. This is a fungal infection and was probably due to the wet winter, so no quince jelly this year! I appear to be in good company as Monty Don has had the same problem. The advice is to rake up and burn infected leaves.

I seem to say it every month, but flowering can be prolonged quite substantially by regular deadheading- it also improves the look of the tubs and borders. I must admit that I do leave certain plants to set seed, so that I have something to sow next year. Tubs also need regular and frequent watering and feeding even if it rains heavily. Many vegetables are now ready for harvest such as beans, lettuce, beetroot, turnip, courgettes, onions and potatoes. My greenhouse tomatoes are ripening fast, the chillies and peppers are fruiting, and one day, my cucumber might, if I am lucky, actually produce a cucumber!

I have been dividing and taking cuttings from several perennials such as geranium, lavender, curry plant, sage and rosemary, and these seem to be taking well. Soft fruit bushes can be pruned after harvesting; the suggestion is that the bush should be opened out in the middle to increase ventilation. Hedges can be trimmed now all the baby birds have fledged. Lavender bushes can be clipped to a neater shape once the flowers have been cut. I dry them every year and use them to try and keep the clothes moth at bay.

Ponds may well need attention, ours has a thick layer of blanket weed which needs removing on a regular basis, though it is important to dump the blanket weed near the pond for a few days to allow any invertebrates inadvertently removed, to scurry back to the pond. Happy gardening!

Kate Strowbridge

LITTER PICK

The next Litter Pick in Great Bromley, will take place on Saturday 8th November.

Watch this space for more details!



Our July meeting was to be a very interesting and informative evening. The speaker was Adrian Wright and his subject "Earth On Fire" What do you make of this? Adrian started his talk with the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, the eruption of Pele` to be followed with a tour of volcanos, then to talk about the types of volcano. Active... still erupting, Dormant... may erupt, Extinct..... finished erupting. He discussed contrast in shapes of volcano, one being called umbrella shape.



Volcanic Action was not all bad news, it provided the country with very fertile soil and lots of valuable minerals.

The evening then followed with talk of a tour of Harwich with lunch in August, a watercolour day in the village hall (bring your own lunch), and ladies that lunch at the Wooden Fender. Plenty to keep us out of mischief during our down time for August.

Members were reminded that Great Bromley would host the group meeting in September.

Joy Rolfe

WI Strawberry Tea

Thank goodness we put up the Party Tent and the Gazebo because at 2.45pm the heavens opened and at 2.55pm our first customers arrived. Thank you to all of you who braved the summer rains to support our Strawberry Tea.

Thank you to the ladies from E.A.C.H. who valiantly set up their stall in the Party Tent, "mind the guy ropes" "careful on the deck". But we had a wonderful time, "sweets in the jar", "bowling for a pig" – great fun.

Over seventy people were served a strawberry tea by our super waitresses, no queuing this year, waitress service to all tables.

A lot of laughter and fun raised nearly £400 of which £200 was given to E.A.C.H. to support the ongoing work that they do for the children of our area and the rest to support our local W.I.. In August we are looking forward to firstly an away day in Harwich, travelling on the Mayflower line, a guided tour and lunch at "Trees" and then a Water Colour Activity Day on August 27th at the Village Hall.



Come and join us

The **W.I meeting** is 7.30pm the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. **Knit and Knatter** 4pm the second Wednesday of the month at Cheshire Home.

Ladies who Lunch every other month on the 3rd Wednesday at local hosteleries. The next lunch is September 24th and you are welcome to join us.

Please come and join us, pop in at any of our events or phone our secretary on 251939 or me on 230688. You will always be most welcome.

Jenny Nicholls



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Incidents in Gt Bromley for June Disturbance - Hall Road - (Argument at a party)

PCSO Barnes 71909

Website: http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx Thorpe le Soken

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council met on 14th July when a number of matters were discussed.

There was an extremely high number of planning applications to be discussed, and the Parish Council were assisted by one of the applicants who attended to discuss their proposals and answer any questions that the Parish Councillors had.

By the time you read this the War Commemoration at the site of the War Memorial should be in situ consisting of a flag pole with commemorative poppies. The Parish Council are also planning a site visit this month to the war memorial to see what if any visual improvements can be made, though any proposals will be taken back to the August meeting for discussion and approval.

On the issue of speeding in the village, the Parish Council will be approaching Highways to propose a reduction in the speed limit to 30mph from Frating Road all the way along to Ardleigh Road.

Councillors have long been concerned about speeding within the village and the hazards that this creates, and it was noted that neighbouring villages have similar schemes. The Parish Council will also invite the local police to undertake another Speedwatch review. On the matter of speeding generally, the Parish Council are still being told that the work to enforce the speed restriction on the A120 will commence in July, so by the time the Messenger has been distributed, it should be known whether this was indeed accurate or otherwise!

More volunteers have come forward for the working group who will be cutting back the footpaths, so many thanks to those. At the moment the vegetation is growing back almost as soon as it has been cut owing to the mix of rainy and sunny weather, so when this has passed the work will begin.

A very brief update on Broadband now.

County Broadband's service has seen a mixed reception (if you pardon the pun) and it has been confirmed that an alternative provider will not be entering the village until next year at the earliest.

The Parish Council also discussed the noticeboards, some of which have rapidly deteriorated over the last couple of years. It was agreed that at the moment one will be replaced in the Balls Green area of the village, as I pointed out that this noticeboard was the one in most need of replacing. This work will be commissioned shortly with the noticeboard moved next to the post box for increased visibility. The second noticeboard, situated at the Ardleigh end of the village will be replaced at a later date.

Lastly, congratulations to the Cricket Club who have secured a £20,000 grant from the Big Society Fund - this should enhance what is already a very well-attended club by members of both ours and neighbouring villages.

Laura Austin, Clerk



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners June

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| 1st. | Mrs. Lorraine Allam |
| 2nd. | Mr. John Boulton |
| 3rd. | Mrs. Tracey Redfern |

CAN YOU HELP?

GT BROMLEY RIGHTS OF WAY WORKING PARTY

If you can spare some time on 13th, 14th or 15th August, I am forming working parties (hopefully of more than just the one - me!!) to ensure that our parish rights of way are accessible and walkable. You need to be fit, aged between 18 & 70 and you need to wear appropriate clothing. It would also be very helpful if you could bring a pair of secateurs, or loppers, shears etc. I would really welcome any help - even an hour or two can make a real difference - so if you would like to volunteer, please phone

Brenda Perry on 01206 230537 (leave message on ansafone if necessary and I'll return your call) or e-mail perrybr@btinternet.com.

I would add that if you have not participated in this work before, it is a lot less strenuous than you may imagine and everyone who has joined us in previous years has found it very enjoyable - even therapeutic! There is the added bonus of seeing our village from a different perspective, and of making the acquaintance of folk you may not ordinarily meet. I look forward to hearing from you.

PLANNING

Decisions

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00613/FUL - approval, full	Brookside, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley	Retention of Boiler House
14/00504/FUL - application withdrawn	Arthrath, Cold Hall Farm, Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Storage barn for hay
14/00561/FUL - refusal, full	The Cottage, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley	Two storey side extension with addition of new porch

Applications

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00739/FUL	Northgate, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Single storey front and side extensions
14/00739/OUT	The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley	Erection of 4 no. dwellings
14/00806/NMA	Pondfields, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley	Non material amendment to planning application 05/001170/FUL to replace glazed link with black weatherboard and tiled roof to height of proposed gable on annexe.
14/00815/LUEX	Anthrath, Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Use of land for horses hay for more than 10 years
14/00870/FUL	Land to the rear of Roseland, Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Proposed outbuilding to replace an existing shed used for storage of hay and straw and to provide shelter for tractor/equipment used to manage the land.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

COUNCILLORS WELCOME INITIAL WORK STARTING ON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON A120 IN TENDRING

Advance works start on a series of measures to improve safety on the A120 in Tendring.

The main scheme involves a speed limit reduction and average speed safety cameras being installed along the stretch of road – moves which have been welcomed by Councillors and residents.

The work had originally been expected to get under way in April but was put back due to the Highways Agency changing its service provider.

The Agency announced it would begin the scheme in July but due to negotiations with its new provider, Amey, the advance work begins tonight.

Two weeks of advance work, which will include installing electrical supply, will be carried out overnight between 8pm and 6am (weekdays only) with no traffic restrictions.

The new safety measures are being installed between Horsley Cross, Pellens Corner and Hare Green which has a history of numerous road traffic accidents.

Tendring District Councillors, Essex County Councillor, Carlo Guglielmi, and nearby Parish Councils have all been part of a campaign to call for improvements.

They are delighted that the speed will now be cut from 60mph to 50mph – backed by speed cameras.

Mick Page, Leader of TDC, said that everyone hopes that the changes will make a difference along the 6.5km stretch of road and help to reduce the number of accidents. The cameras are crucial as they will deter motorists from going above the new speed limits," he said.

"The delay has been frustrating but the work is now getting off the ground and we are pleased that through talks with the new



TDC Leader Mick Page (centre), Tendring District and Great Bromley Parish Councillors Rosemary Heaney and Fred Nicholls at the A120 where safety improvements are taking place.

provider the scheme is finally under way. However, we will still be pressing for the longer term goal of a roundabout and we are waiting for further details from the Highways agency of exactly where that will be located."

Cllr Guglielmi said that the campaign - which has been supported by many people - has finally paid off.

Tendring District Councillors and Great Bromley Parish Councillors Rosemary Heaney and Fred Nicholls said the improvements will be a great relief to local residents and those travelling the road on a regular basis.

The Highways Agency is employing a specialised contractor to install the cameras and is preparing a temporary traffic regulation order for the speed reduction as it is only intended to be an interim solution.

WORK CARRIED OUT AT FOUR OUT OF FIVE OF TENDRING'S FLOODING HOTSPOTS

Flooding issues have been tackled at four out of five sites in Tendring which were put up for urgent attention earlier this year. Due to a long sustained period of wet weather Essex County Council (ECC) came up with an extra £1million of emergency funding for hotspots across the county.

Tendring District Council (TDC) produced its list to be addressed - and so far work has been carried out at all but one of them.



At the fifth the landowner refused access and further talks are taking place with ECC's Flood Management Team in a bid to resolve the situation.

Mick Page, Leader of TDC, said it had been a successful exercise overall and improvements had been made. He added that it was only disappointing that ECC was not allowed access to the area in Hall Road, Great Bromley and he hoped the discussions with the landowner would prove fruitful.

The list of five sites was as follows:

- A133 Clacton Road – area of Clacton Road, Elmstead Road and Main Road (at the bend with Hill Farm). Jetting was carried out in February along with repairs to a surface water sewer and pipes which were completed by the end of March
- B1033 Colchester Road, Thorpe. Jetting was undertaken in March but a longer term solution costing around £500,000 is to be considered following a full survey
- B1414 Rice Bridge Hill, Harwich Road, Thorpe. Jetting was completed at the beginning of March followed by extensive pipe repair work
- B1027 Tenpenny Hill, Thorrington. In-filling of a pond by a landowner had caused water to back up and flood the carriageway. An investigation was carried out in March and to reduce further problems completed in April
- B1029 Hall Road, Great Bromley. This site was well-known to Essex Highways and work started in March but the landowner refused access and nothing further could be done.

As well as the five sites an extra 306 known flooding defects have been addressed in Tendring and resolved between the middle of February and the end of March. These have mainly consisted of blocked gullies, associated pipework and culverts. It has also been recommended that more frequent

cleansing of gullies and pipe outlets will need to be carried out at some sites and this work will be picked up by the cleansing crews.

Fred Nicholls, Chairman of TDC's Rural Infrastructure Panel, said that good progress had been made and he is pleased that so many areas have been attended to. "I hope that Essex Highways will continue to look at the situation in Hall Road, Great Bromley and take whatever action is necessary to resolve the problems with the landowner," he added.

Cllr Rodney Bass, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation said: "We are pleased to have completed work on four out of five of the flooding hotspots identified by Tendring District Council. Essex County Council is working hard to keep transport moving in Essex, whatever the weather, so that residents and businesses are not disrupted by rain or snow."



Tendring District Councillor Fred Nicholls (second right) on a recent site visit to inspect flooded ditches in Hall Road, Great Bromley with TDC's Engineering Services Manager Mike Badger, TDC Leader Mick Page (far left), Cllr Rosemary Heaney and Cllr Carlo

MOVE TO BAN CHINESE SKY LANTERNS TAKES IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD

A move to ban Chinese sky lanterns from all Council-owned land in Tendring has taken an important step forward.

Tendring District Council (TDC) Leader Mick Page came up with the initiative last week in

a bid to protect farmer's crops and asked for it to be considered as a matter of urgency.

Now an emergency meeting of the Council's Rural Projects Panel has agreed with the idea - and it will go forward for a decision by TDC's Cabinet.

The panel recommended that the Council takes all necessary steps – including the making of by-laws – to ban the release of lighted lanterns on all land owned by TDC and promote the responsible use of lanterns across the District. It also wants Parish and Town Councils in Tendring to be requested to follow the example of Great Bentley and prohibit the use on land in their ownership.

The panel further recommended that the Council's Licensing Committee be asked to consider the prohibition of the use or release of lighted lanterns at events licensed under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Chairman of TDC's Corporate Management Committee is to be consulted and requested to endorse the

recommendations.

Chairman of the Rural Projects Panel, Fred Nicholls, said there was unanimous

support for the move at last night's meeting. "Living in a rural area myself I know only too well the dangers caused by these lanterns and the panel was very keen to see a ban brought in."

Great Bentley Parish Council was also praised for bringing in new measures on its land.

Cllr Page said that he is delighted with the recommendations made by the panel and they will now be considered by the Council on August 1. "This is not about stopping people enjoying themselves but it is important that farmers do not see their year's work go up in flames. Farmers have been asking for measures to be taken for some time and this issue needs to be taken seriously."



KITCHEN CORNER

Holiday time, and Picnics!

Ratatouille Flan

This makes a change from sandwiches and is easy to carry.

To serve 4 people

4 oz shortcrust pastry. Roll out and line an 8 inch flan tin or quiche dish.

2 oz grated cheese

Filling.

2 tbs oil

1 medium onion

1 green pepper

1 clove garlic

1 lb courgettes (or you can use marrow instead)

4 tomatoes

1 level teasp sugar

Salt and pepper

2 eggs.

Heat oil in a medium sized saucepan, add

peeled and sliced onion, finely shredded pepper deseeded and fry gently to soften.

Peel garlic

and crush with salt to a puree and add to pan with peeled and sliced

courgettes. Peel and deseed the tomatoes

and chop the flesh. Add to the pan with sugar and seasoning Cover and cook

gently about 30 minutes. Draw off heat and let cool a little then add the eggs and check

seasoning. Pour mixture into the pastry case, sprinkle the cheese over then bake in the oven at 180 C 40 mins or till set and

firm. Pack in foil when cold.

Jill Frostick



2014 EVENTS

AUGUST

- 2 Commemoration of start of WWI, Lt Bromley War Memorial, 3.00pm
6 WI trip to Harwich
T20 Cricket Club match, start 6.00pm
7 Phil Allam Memorial Cup match, 2.00pm Start
8 Cricket Club Chairman's Day 11.00am start
10 Folk Day, Little Bromley church, 12 noon
13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
17 August Dog Show, Great Bromley Cricket Club, 10.00am
21 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
Patient Participation Group (PPG) Gt Bentley Village Hall, 6.30pm
27 WI Watercolour Activity Day
28 Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 10.00am
30 The Gt Bentley Show, Gt Bentley Green, 1.30pm

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Autumn term starts, Little Dragons
Lunch, Gt Bromley church, 12 noon
WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Gt Bromley Village Hall Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 8.00pm
10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
13-14 Art Exhibition & Flower Festival, Gt Bentley church
18 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
24 WI Ladies that Lunch
25 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
27 Quiz Night, Village Hall,
30 Badminton Club, Village Hall (see below for details of times)

THE GREAT BENTLEY SHOW 1.30 p.m. 30th AUGUST 2014

Another great traditional event for all ages to see on our 43 acre village green.

A marquee full of competitions and exhibits.

Why not try your hand?

Vegetables - Flowers - Fruit - Plants - Arts - Baking - Children's Section - Photography + Exhibitors are reminded to complete the entry form on line or in Schedules available now at: DeliLicious Shop or Carpenters Farm or Fairfield, the Path, Great Bentley CO7 8PN and return to Fairfield by 8pm on 27th August Companion Dog Show - Catering Demo by Restaurant 43 - Hog Roast with real local ale & wine - scout & guide catering tent - quality stalls - donkey rides - raffle draw - free parking The Motley Crew singing shanties and songs of the sea will entertain us. Also the beautiful sound of harmony singers.

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IT'S SHOW TIME - SEE YOU THERE!!!

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home's

AUTUMN FAIR

Tuesday 7th October 10am-3pm

Great Bromley Village Hall

Entrance £2

Coffee, cakes and sandwiches available

Gt Bromley Village Hall Trustees

Quiz Night

27th September

St Mary's Church, Great Bentley
20th Art Exhibition and Flower Festival
to be held on

Saturday 13th September 10am to 4pm

Sunday 14th September 11am to 5pm

Theme for Flowers is 'Islands of the World'

There will be light lunches, teas etc, craft/gift stall and tombola.

Charity Event Table Top Sale

Thursday 28th August
10.00am-2.00pm

in the Millennium Room of Great Bromley
Village Hall
to raise funds for McMillan
Nurses



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FOLK DAY at Little Bromley!
Sunday August 10th 12pm-5pm
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FUN DOG SHOW



hosted by Gt. Bromley Cricket
on Sunday 17th August
10am-4pm.

This will take place at he Cricket ground
and all proceeds go towards the club.
£.1.50 per class

There will be stalls open throughout the
day which include face painting, sweet
stall, an agility course and a doggy stall.

Refreshments can be purchased from the
bar and Bar-b-que.

All entries for Classes on the day.

Other events

6th August T20 Cricket Club start 6.00pm
7th August Phil Allam Memorial Cup
2.00pm Start
8th August Chairman's Day 11.00am start
17th August Dog Show at Great Bromley
Cricket Club
18th October Casino Night
15th November Quiz night

WEA Ardleigh Branch

Autumn Term
Ardleigh Village Hall
10 weeks commencing
Thursday 18th September at 2.30 p.m.

The Art of Persuasion

Course Tutor - Colin Padgett
Advertising besieges us, even at home,
where "junk" mail lands daily on our
doormats. It may go straight into the bin,
but someone somewhere seems to think
that it is worth investing time and money
in it. Are they right? Do we all succumb
eventually? Do sales ensue? Considering
commercial, ideological and political
examples, this course is a semi-serious
examination of the language of
advertising, together with some historical
perspectives, some of which may surprise
you.

If you have any queries please feel free to
contact me,
John Terry (Chairman Ardleigh WEA)
01206 230490

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

On-line appointment booking

The facility to book GP appointments on-line was introduced at the end of January and is proving fairly popular. At the present time every GP session has one appointment that is bookable on-line. If it is not pre-booked on-line it is released by the receptionist for booking on the day. We would welcome feedback from patients if the number and times of the appointments available for on-line booking are adequate. For more information about on-line services both the booking of appointments and the ordering of repeat of prescriptions please see the practice website at www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk or contact the surgery.

Dallas Powell leaving

We are sorry to inform patients that our Phlebotomist, Dallas Powell, will be leaving at the end of July as she is moving out of the area with her partner. Dallas, who has been with the practice for 17 months, has been a popular member of staff and we are sorry to see her go. We are advertising for a replacement.

Dr Parker change of name

Dr Lisa Parker has remarried and is now Dr Lisa Gladwin.

GP Trainee changes

Dr Amudha Sachitanandam and Dr Shahnima Haque will be leaving us in August and Dr Ajula Gunasekera will be joining the practice as a new GP Trainee.

Community Audiology clinic

The practice has a new NHS Community Audiology service available at the Dedham branch surgery on a Thursday afternoon at least once a month provided by Scrivens under an NHS contract with the Clinical Commissioning Group. Patients aged over 50 requiring their hearing tested and the possible provision of a NHS hearing aid can be referred by their GP or Nurse to a

choice of two community audiology providers rather than the hospital. If you are becoming hard of hearing please book into a practice nurse to have your ears checked for wax and possible syringing. If you require your hearing to be tested you will be referred to a community audiologist.

Shingles vaccination

If you are aged 70 to 79 you are entitled to receive a vaccination against shingles. Ask at the surgery for a patient information leaflet.

July 2014

Fred Merrin

Practice Manager Ardleigh Surgery

Direct: 01206 233033

Main: 01206 230224

www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk

Great Bentley Surgery

I hope you are all enjoying the summer?

We are trying to introduce our patients to a variety of new opportunities which will save you all (and us) a lot of time and effort. One of these is an online service called 'Patient Access' which you can access on the internet via computers or even smartphones. This allows patients to send messages to the surgery, view your medications, allergies and adverse reactions and also to order your repeat medications online. For patients' with internet access this means that you would not have to complete a written request or get your paper slips into the surgery every month. You would simply log in, tick the boxes next to what you want to order and your request will immediately appear on our computers to action. Being fully automated like this, there is almost no chance of human error or your request being lost and of course this speeds up the process no end! Obviously this is not for everyone, especially if you cannot access the internet, but don't worry as you can use

the same system as you do now. However, if you would like to register and try this out, just tell a member of staff who will switch this service on and give you a printout with your registration details and instructions. Why not give it a go?

Finally the Patient Participation Group (PPG) is meeting every month on the third Thursday, which this month is 21st August 2014 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. On that note I'm pleased to introduce you to Melvyn Cox who is the PPG Chairperson and this month's guest writer.

Richard P Miller – Practice Manager

Many years ago when I was a young man, I went to the doctor because I had hurt my back in a fall and could not work. I presume it was a pulled muscle but it was extremely painful. The doctor asked me to sit opposite him and then walked around my chair until he was behind me, he then quite suddenly pushed my head



forward and down. "Did that hurt?" he enquired as he returned to his seat. He looked up at me "Oh yes I see it did" he said as he saw my drained and sweating face. I was quite shocked by the pain and couldn't speak. He 'signed me off work' for a week to recover. Afterwards, I was rather cross that he had added to my pain, but it was no use complaining as he was the only

doctor at the surgery and his receptionist was 'fierce'. I don't think that this was very good doctoring, but with hindsight and a generous lashing of understanding, I suppose he had quite a few young lads that were malingerers and complaining of things like 'backache' that were difficult to diagnose/refute and this little trick distinguished between them. Today, I would like to think that such a severe method would not be resorted to by any doctor. But then today we have Patient Participation Groups (PPG) which is a source of information and support for its members as well as a friend at hand for the surgery also.

Would you like to be kept informed? Would you like a forum in which you could air your views? Why not come along and meet us, you will be most welcome. Membership is of course free and you will receive regular updates and both Minutes of meetings and future agendas by e-mail. There is no requirement to attend every meeting, just those that you either can, or want to.

Further details and an application form are available at the surgery or you can contact me now to register and receive our next agenda either by phone on 01206 250311 or email: melvyncox141@yahoo.co.uk

*Melvyn Cox – Great Bentley Surgery
Patient Participation Group Chair*



The 2014 budget delivered good news for would be

pensioners. It was met with some surprise around the industry and left recent annuitants feeling somewhat hard done by.

Many of the changes to pensions relate to the next tax year, changes that apply now include;

- The cap of the flexible drawdown £20000 limit has now been replaced by £12000 and maximum drawdown income has increased from 120% of GAD (currently 3%) to 150%. This means anyone in drawdown currently should be reviewing their income if maximum GAD is required.
- The rules of triviality, this has been increased from the current upper limit of £18000 to a higher rate of £30000. This must not be considered as tax free as only 25% of the amount is tax free the balance is taxed at the pensioner's marginal rate.

The changes for pensioners from next year are probably the most revolutionary. From the 6th April 2015 restrictions on drawdown contracts will effectively disappear. The 25% tax free cash will stand as it does

today, it is how the balance of the pension can be taken where the main changes apply. Simply put, from April 2015 the pensioner can take the balance as a lump sum subject to tax at their marginal rate. It will therefore be prudent to ensure that any lump sum taken in excess of tax free cash does not mean paying higher tax rate. Any income received determines the tax rate payable, therefore a 20% tax payer could suddenly find themselves paying 40% by taking their pension as a whole lump sum. Remember, by crystallising the whole pension changes the tax payable on death, should your beneficiary wish to take the remaining fund as a lump sum. Advice on how best to take the pension is essential to make sure that this does not happen and also that the pension supplies an income for life.

If you have any questions please email me. Jane Coster DipPFS of Emery (IFA) Ltd
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VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

In the June issue of the Messenger I wrote about the Cricket Club and the electric supply but I need to clarify a couple of points. Firstly I should have said the 'current Committee' rather than the 'Committee', secondly I should like to point out that the Cricket Club has always cut the grass around the Hall (in lieu). It was and is not my intention or desire to upset anybody. I hope this clears up the matter.

The idea of holding a Cinema Club type of event has been dropped owing to reviews of other villages' capacity and their lack of bookings - expenses also helped to knock this idea on the head. We, as a Committee, are always trying to come up with money raising ideas. Why? because the money needed to keep the Hall running comes from three sources, a third from regular users, a third from occasional users and a third from fundraising. That's why we need your support. Here are some ways you can help the Hall and have a great night out at the same time.

Quiz Night Saturday September 27th at £4.00 per person, bring your own food and drink. Barn Dance coming in November, details to be advised, Christmas Fayre Saturday December 6th. We are running this event with the WI this year and although its now only July I can tell you that we will be having a Raffle, Christmas decorations, Face painting, plants, books etc. There is a rumour, a bit early I know, that Santa may be there too. An event that has been talked about for months is now booked for 2015 and that is The Murder Mystery Night with a three course meal on March 21st for £25.00 per person. Limited numbers, with several tickets already booked.

Another idea that has been talked about for some time is the Village Hall Facebook page, it's up but at a very early stage. We will post photos of events at the Hall, reviews from customers who have hired the Hall and notices of forth coming events. If you have some photos of past events that you want to put on the page you can email me them on sailspar@me.com, or you can loan me the photo so that I can scan it onto the page.

Please find the page and 'Like Us'

On Sunday May the 18th Marion and her crew organised and ran another Big Breakfast for the Great Bentley Running Club. Not only did the Running Club attend but we also had the Cycling Club and locals too. For a small fee people were treated to a table service Full English breakfast. A good social event, great food and raising money for the Hall. £326.25 was raised. Thank you Marion and all her helpers.

Thinking about holding a special event? Thought of hiring the Village Hall? Our prices are very competitive with a Village resident being able to hire the main hall for as little as £14.00 per hour.

The full prices per hour are:- Village users, Main Hall £14, Millennium Hall £8, Committee Room £6, Small Hall £5, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £5, Main and Millennium Hall £20

Non Village resident Main Hall £16.50, Millennium Hall £9.50, Committee Room £7, Small Hall £6, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £6, Main and Millennium Hall £23.

Over the last few years it has been upgraded to one of the better halls in the area with the exterior painting, new kitchen, new toilets, interior painting, floors sealed, new cleaning regime, new heating controls and a large de-clutter. Details of the Hall are on the web site or if you have not been down to the Hall recently why not take a look and see if we can help you? Mary Fawcett is in charge of our booking and her details are on the inside cover of The Bromley Messenger.

That's all for now and, as always, thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall. Let's use it, not lose it!

Next meeting Tuesday September 9th at **8:00pm..** As always all welcome.

David Beech

TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

The barn dance for the Prostate Cancer charity Men United was a great success; a real barn dance in a real barn, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came. The barn was decorated with bunting and we all sat on straw bales. The hog roast was highly successful and tasted so lovely and moist in a large bap with lots of apple sauce. Our apprentice, Alex, was shown by an expert how to carve and present the pig, he learnt so much and was so enthusiastic. The money raised is £950 and a £750 matching by Barclays Bank is being negotiated so a huge thank you to everyone who came.

The next open day at Primrose Farm is now being planned on 30th August. Our plan is to have many activities, including make a sausage - very popular with all ages, horse riding, large agricultural machinery old and new, farmers' market stalls, and tree surgeon skills. Entry is free so please put the date in your diary.

The wild bird seed crop is now growing very well and beginning to attract different varieties of birds. The pigs are coping very

well with the hot temperatures. They lay outside sunbathing if very hot they go into the mud wallows and completely cover themselves with mud. The area that can get sunburnt is their ears and it is always laugh to rub their ears with suntan lotion. The harvest is beginning to loom but will be in full swing by beginning of August with the wheat and barley now beginning to turn a lovely golden colour. It will not be long before the combines will be working all hours night and day chasing the weather restrictions.

Shop sales are high again this time of year with sausages and our famous pork and apple burgers go well on the BBQs. The farmers' markets continue to be a success and are on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 10-1pm at the farm. The stalls vary each month but plants, jams, cakes, honey, knitting and Aloe Vera products are some of the regular stall holders.

Karen Moss



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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

Music Day

"Yes" – St George's was "alive" with the sound of Music!

On July 11th we had a wonderful day of music – Firstly thank you to all the children who were fantastic!! Such talent!! Thank you to all of you who came and supported this not to be missed special day and also enjoyed coffee and cake.

Special Thanks to Melanie Bridle, the Music Co-Ordinator, for working so hard to achieve this day of Music. Well done everyone.





Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR
Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

OUTSTANDING OFSTED INSPECTED

Little Dragons Pre-School would like to thank all those that supported our Summer Fayre on Saturday 28th June. Despite the impact of some rain, the event proved very successful and the feedback has been very positive. In total, over £900 profit was raised for the Pre-School which was a tremendous result.

It was the first of a kind for us but we now hope to stage this as an annual event. We look forward to your support next year. Spread the word!

The children have been very busy in the garden over the last month, playing, enjoying the sunshine and caring for the plants. Our runner beans and tomatoes have been doing wonderfully, alas however the carrots have been eaten by the rabbits! The children discussed how we could possibly stop the rabbits and came up with the idea of a 'scarecrow'. With much excitement they all helped to make one, stuffing and dressing him and proudly named him 'Happy'. We have yet to see if he works!

'Happy' was included in our display at the Tendring Hundred Show: the children created some lovely artwork and our display looked fabulous. We hope you got a chance to visit it.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our wonderful parents and friends for the help and support they have given us so far this year - we couldn't do it without you!

Wishing you all a very happy holiday.

Party Table and Chair Hire **Having a party for Pre-School children?**

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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 Diary

Wednesday 3rd September Preschool re-opens after summer break

CRICKET CLUB

The future's bright. That is certainly how it feels at Great Bromley Cricket Club this season. The young rising stars are certainly playing their part in promoting cricket the way it should be played. The U11s and U12s have romped home this season by winning all their games to finish top of their respective leagues. The U14s

still have games to play but have only lost 1 of the 6 games played to date and are looking strong. The U15s have played 5 and won 3 with 3 games left to play and the U16s have played 3 won 3 and still have a number of games to play. We have a great squad of young players but like all Clubs welcome new players at anytime with training taking place on a Sunday morning from 9.30 till 11.00 am and run by a level 2 coach. The Kwik cricket is well attended on

a Friday night starting at 6.00pm and welcomes children from 5 to 11 year olds. The bar is open with drinks and snacks being sold throughout the evening and makes for a good social gathering. The Club held its own Kwik Cricket tournament in June, inviting many of the local clubs, it was bustling with young up and coming talent and smiles on all the children's faces, so a winning combination for sport.

The Club have two Saturday teams which are both looking for a mid table finish this season. The Club are still looking for players for both these teams and anybody is welcome to turn up for the training sessions that take place on a Wednesday from 6 till 8 pm. We also have a level 2 coach taking these sessions.

Excellent news was received at the end of June when the Club received news that it has been awarded Clubmark status. What is Clubmark?

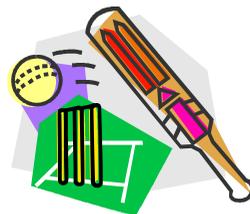
"Clubmark is the universally acknowledged cross sport accreditation scheme for community sports clubs. It is based on criteria which must be supported by specific evidence. Based on four key areas of club development it centres around:

- Activity/playing programmes - this includes, for example, coaching qualifications required, insurance and coach to participant ratios
- Duty of care and welfare - appropriate risk assessments, health and safety policies, training, compliance and child protection policies
- Knowing your club and its community - this ensures that your club is committed to fairness and equity in respect of the way in seeks to attract and retain members from your local community
- Club management - which covers issues to do with club and committee structures and the general running of the organisation"

A lot of hard work has been put into achieving this award and the club would like to thank Dave Hardy for all his hard work

and for collating the information and ensuring that everything was in order.

The Club are also pleased to say that all our teams have been sponsored on a 3 year deal and our thanks go to Simply Cricket for sponsoring the youth teams, Leadership Works for sponsoring the 2nd XI and Hemisphere freight for sponsoring the 1st XI. We would also like to thank all the local companies that have taken up advertising boards on the picket fence, there is still room for more so please contact the club if you would like further information. Also a mention must go to the Co-op who has very kindly sponsored the cricket teas for the season.



Finally the Club holds its Chairman's week in August and we welcome all who would like to spectate. The bar will be open of course and a BBQ will be available after all the games. On Wednesday 6th August we hold a T20 game against Ardleigh Cricket Club starting at 6.00pm, on the 7th we play for the Phil Allam Memorial Trophy starting at 2.00pm. On Friday 8th its Chairman's day which is an all-day game against Springfield CC starting at 11.00am and finishing at approximately 7.00pm. After the game there will be a live band (The Remnants) and a bbq and we would welcome all to come along, bringing your children, family and friends. The cricket pitch takes on a new look after the game with kids, playing football and cricket and generally enjoying a pleasant summers evening outdoors and the opportunity for adults to enjoy a well-stocked bar, good music and a friendly sociable atmosphere. We hope that you will join us and help support your local cricket club.

Tracey Wareing

REMEMBERING THE GREAT WAR

Britain declared war in Germany on 4th August 1914, a week after the start of hostilities which led to over 4 years of conflict in Europe and beyond.

The Secretary of State for War, Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener, issued a call for volunteers to join the army. The public was deluged with propaganda posters (see cover!) and countless young men rushed to answer this call to arms - as did many men who were too old to serve but wanted to show their patriotism. Enthusiasm and a war spirit drove some to volunteer, while unemployment prompted enlistment for others. Some employers forced their men to join up, whilst Poor Law Guardians might refuse to pay support for fit, military-aged men. Great Bromley Parish Council at the time undertook a census of all able bodied men of the village who might volunteer. It was possible to enlist into the regular army on standard terms, usually twelve years, but Lord Kitchener introduced a new form of short service where a man could serve for "three years or the duration of the war, whichever the longer". The wartime volunteers generally had a choice over the regiment they joined and had to meet the same criteria as the regulars: pass physical tests, taller than 5 feet 3 inches and aged between 18-38 (although not to be sent overseas until aged 19). There are many recorded instances of underage and overage men being accepted as it was not necessary to produce evidence of age or even of one's name in order to enlist.

Since the Armistice (cease fire) on 11th November 1918, the millions who were killed in the war have been remembered annually on that day, and the names of many who died have been commemorated on War Memorials around the country. A hundred years on from the start of the conflict there is a strong feeling nationwide of wishing to do "a bit more" this year, commemorating not only the dead, but those of our ancestors who fought and then returned to carry on

with their lives and play a part in the start of modern Britain.

As previously notified, we will be producing a short article remembering each man on our Memorials. In addition, Gillian Thomas is researching the Bromley folk who served in the war and returned. This is not an easy task! Approximately two thirds of the British Army service records were destroyed during the Blitz, meaning it is impossible to establish exactly how many men served in the armed forces from the two villages or who they all were; considerable detective work is needed!

On a personal note, both of my grandfathers fought in the war and returned. I have no information about the war service of John Frostick of Little Bromley, just a picture of him in uniform. Athelstane Gunter (who moved to Great Bromley in 1925) was a Captain in the Royal Artillery when war broke out. During the war he was mentioned twice in despatches, promoted to Major and awarded the DSO but he told my mother he *never* wished to discuss his experiences. A lot of men and women must have seen horrors that we can't fully imagine, despite the best attempts of film makers. We would be so glad to hear from anyone who had relatives in our villages who served in either World War (or in the WWII home guards around the area which I am also researching).

Gill Thomas & Hugh Frostick

Did you know? "Coffin Nails" was a term used by British soldiers to describe cigarettes!

Little Bromley Parish Council
would like to remind people there will be
a **Commemoration of the start of the**
First World War at our newly
refurbished
War Memorial on the 2nd August
at 3 pm



PUBLIC INTEREST

Are Wasps on the Rise and Why?

If you hear the sound of buzzing and see a striped insect flying in the direction of you and your lunch, this can really get the adrenalin pumping and, in some cases, can have you running very fast in the opposite direction. For those that fear wasps, the bad news is that the warmer weather we have experienced over the last few months may mean another rise in the number of these pests this year.

Nick Collinson, managing director of Essex and Suffolk Pest Solutions, said: "The number of callouts to tackle wasps varies wildly each year, and is weather related." If it is a wet and windy spring, for example, this can affect the number of wasps and delay the development of colonies through to autumn. "It is too early to tell at the moment whether there will be a rise in the number of wasps this year but if it is an early spring, as it has been, the queens come out of hibernation earlier. So, depending on the weather, we can expect a large number of wasp related callouts."

Wasps hit the headlines in late August last year as pest control experts nationwide noticed a sharp rise in the number of these

pests. After coming out of hibernation over the long winter, the late summer provided plenty of food. With the right habitat, and abundant food, it is estimated that there can be as many as 1,000 wasp nests per square mile.

Wasps also present a risk in urban areas where they build nests in gardens and porch ways and also at height – close to windows and in the roof voids of properties. This is not only a nuisance, it can also be very frightening for the occupants.

Mr Collinson said: "If wasps nest under tiles they can eat through the plasterboard ceilings and fly into the bedroom, which can be quite harrowing, especially as you can get thousands of wasps in a nest." The average is 2,000 to 5,000 wasps per colony, but it is possible to get up to 20,000 in a nest.

There is more information about wasps on our website www.eandspestsolutions.co.uk or if you prefer to speak to a human, please feel free to contact us for further advice or assistance on 01473 328092 or 07979 301334.

Amanda Collinson - Essex & Suffolk Pest Solutions Ltd



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St Helena Hospice Cycle Ride

St Helena Hospice

is pleased to announce that Early Bird registration is now open for the annual St Helena Hospice Cycle Ride, which starts and finishes in Dedham, and is taking place on Sunday 28th September 2014.

This year, cyclists will have a choice of two routes, either a 24 or 56 mile route, which will wind its way through some of the beautiful landscapes of Constable Country. Early Bird registration is £15 per adult and £10 per child and closes on 22nd

September at 5pm. Anyone who wishes to register after this date will need to sign up

on the actual day of the event at a cost of £25 per adult and £15 per child. The registration fee covers administration, the event pack, refreshments and medals.

The Hospice is also asking that all participants over the age of 16 raise a minimum sponsorship of £15 per person, which can be paid by participants or raised through sponsorship.

Those who want to participate can register at www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/cycle14 or request a registration form from the events team at events@sthelenahospice.org.uk or on 01206 791740.

CHURCH JOTTINGS

Two years ago Noel Tatt came to speak at the W.I, Noel is an artist with considerable talents, one of them being a water colourist. Noel very kindly gave me a pen and ink sketch (with a water colour wash) of St George's church. He said I could reproduce it and use it to raise funds for our beautiful church.

This year we have been able to do this thanks to the talents and kindness of Stephen Cheek. Stephen is captain of the Bells at Ardleigh, he often plays the organ for us and is a whizz at I.T actually teaching the subject at Kirby School.

So... Stephen has developed postcards, notelets and a revised edition of the History of St George's. All using the image of the water colour given to me two years ago.

The History of St. George's is a super booklet originally written, edited and printed

by John Appleby. Stephen has retyped John's text, added some beautiful photographs and designed a proper cover bearing the beautiful water colour by Noel Tatt. He has also stored the information electronically so that we can reproduce the booklet easily

Thank you Stephen for your help and kindness it is so appreciated.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the new booklet they are £1.50 each and are available in the church

Next Church lunch 12 noon Wednesday 3rd September. Come and join us.

Jennifer Nicholls, Churchwarden

THE FRIENDS OF LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH

Midsummer Tea Party

On the afternoon of Saturday 21st June – Midsummer day – we very aptly held our “Midsummer Tea Party”

The church was resplendent in the sunshine and inside so pretty with all the beautiful flower arrangements.

We were blessed with glorious weather, so many sat and enjoyed the sun in the churchyard, whilst inside, Gregory Frostick kindly played some beautiful organ music to accompany the teas.

sandwiches, savouries, scones, cakes, teas and coffees were in abundance and a wonderful afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. The additional option of a glass of Pimms was most welcome.

Approximately 50 visitors turned out to support this event – helping to raise around £143 for the Churches Conservation Trust.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event possible, the wonderful flower arrangements, scones, cakes and savouries so kindly donated, all who helped with refreshments and of course to all who came to enjoy the afternoon with us.

Wendy Buxton

Don't forget our **FOLK MUSIC DAY** on **Sunday 10th August** between 12noon and 5pm. There will be lunches and refreshments to enjoy as well as lots of music.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



Church of England Services - August

Sunday 3rd	7th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 10th	8th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
4.00pm	Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 17th	9th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	The Blessed Virgin Mary - St Mary's Patronal Festival	
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 24th	St Bartholomew	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 31st	11th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

Holy Communion every Friday at **11.30am** at Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Great Bromley.

LUNCH

at St George's church
Wednesday 3rd September
at 12 noon.
All welcome.

Change your library
book and lunch
afterwards.

