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PRIMROSE PORK OPEN DAY

David Moss showing a friend at the Primrose Pork Open Day how to make and tie sausages in a string.

See page 3 for the full report.

THE FIRST PAGE

This is just a little grumble but increasingly I am receiving copy **after** the deadline has passed for copy for the coming Messenger. I understand that this can occasionally happen and I am flexible but it does make putting the magazine together more difficult for me. I have a tight schedule to turn the magazine from how it is sent to me into The Bromley Messenger which involves editing, moving items around in order to fit, phone calls, enquiries, last minute alterations, and sometimes just plain juggling.

Each month it takes me at least a full day to put the magazine together. The draft magazine then goes to be proofread before being returned to me for ongoing transmission to the printers who print it and deliver it back to me. The process from deadline date to returning from the printers is nearly two weeks. I am always grateful to, and thank, those of you who send in copy ahead of/on time because it means I have a bit of catch up time available.

I am often told - and not just by village people - what a varied and interesting magazine we have. There is always room for improvement, probably most notably from me, but I am proud of our magazine and I hope you are too. This is only possible with your continued input, contributions and photographs.

So, pretty please, help me. The knock on effect of it not getting to the printers on time is that it is late back. And then you will all grumble.

Leonie Henderson

OPEN GARDEN 2015?

The last Open Gardens in Gt Bromley was so long ago that no-one seems sure of the exact date! So some of us have been thinking..... ! Eighteen gardens were open and it was a great success. So, 30 years on some of us thought it was time we did it again.

It would seem sensible for such an event to be the same weekend as the church Flower Festival. This will be in June 2015 although the exact date has yet to be agreed. The idea would be to have a variety of gardens for people to visit – gardens of all shapes and sizes, with different aspects of interest and run by people with a range of levels of expertise. We're not aiming to emulate Monty Don or to be part of the National Gardens Scheme!

We are suggesting that the proceeds be

divided between St Helena Hospice and the Church Repair Fund. A number of restoration projects are required including work on the mediaeval south door. St George's is a building of huge historic and architectural importance, which hopefully churchgoers and non churchgoers alike are proud to have in their village.

If you think you might be interested in taking part or would just like to know more about what is involved, please get in touch with either Kate (tel 230211 email katestrow@aol.com) or Marion (230089 email mrbrromfield@btinternet.com). We would then like to arrange a meeting sometime in November.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Kate Strowbridge and Marion Bromfield

TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

The Open Day was a great success, the sun shone after a wet week. Firstly a huge thank you to the friends and family who all helped and, secondly, to the many local organisations who supported this annual event. The Pre-school had a very popular toy and book stall and the village hall attracted new members for the Badminton evenings. There were local friends with animals to show and the children really loved the donkeys with Donna from East Mersea coming at lunchtime for horse riding. The local tree surgeons, Tending Tree Services, (complete with ferrets!) demonstrated tree climbing and advertised their trade and skills. Local farmers' market stalls were abundant and there were some lovely foods and tastes to try as well as plants and flowers to purchase. There were some really beautiful crafts, all hand made, for sale. We had a fantastic huge,



very huge, piece of machinery called a Maus, a sugar beet loader that was a monster of a beast on loan for the day by a neighbouring farmer.. The Maus was alongside a new tractor and our very old Ford tractor. The most popular attraction was the make a sausage stall, where son David patiently showed children and adults how to make and tie sausages in a string. Everyone loved it and took sausages home for their breakfast.

A big thank you for all the local village support of this now very popular free

annual event. We sponsored the Dream 100 freebie Friday the day before and we had many new faces who had travelled quite a distance and all said it was worth the travel.

The week before the open day saw many internet Ice Bucket challenges with both children rising up to the fund raising nominations with involvement of canoes and farm equipment being filled with very cold water and drenching themselves, with the charity of Motor Neurone Disease being very close to our hearts.

The autumn is now upon us and the mornings mistier and quiet giving some spectacular sunrises over Great Bromley Church. We are having our last farmers market at the farm for the year starting again next spring. They have been very popular and becoming a village attraction in the centre of the village. We are moving on the first Saturday to Alresford Village hall as will be under cover for the winter 9-12pm. We already have 12 stalls signed up for the morning so hopefully will be popular and serve the surrounding villages with a farmers market selling local farm produce and cutting down the food miles.

Karen Moss

A BIG THANK YOU

Sheena, Mal and Brenda would like to say a very big thank you to all those who supported our Macmillan coffee morning and table top sale on Aug 28th. We raised £266.10 and this was made possible by the kindness and generosity of all the lovely people who attended and/or gave time, donations, gifts and cakes - we are tremendously grateful - and look forward to seeing you again next year!





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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

We would like to give a very warm welcome to all of our new reception Children and staff that have joined us this term. We are delighted that they have all settled in so quickly! Some of our Reception children were asked what they liked about school and their responses were:

Daniel said 'I like school dinners'. Holly said 'I like the toys in school. My favourite are dinosaurs'. Toby said 'I like eating carrots and apples at snack time.

Hope said 'I like drawing'. We look forward to a long and happy association with our new children and their parents over the coming years.

We have already begun rehearsing for our Harvest Festival, which will be held in George's Church on Friday 10 October at 9.15 am. We are looking forward to, once



again, welcoming the Great Bromley Friendship Club to school later that afternoon where they will enjoy an afternoon tea and receive a harvest basket from the children.

The school PTA and Great Bromley Cricket Club have joined forces again to hold a ball on 18 October at the Village Hall. This is a really fun evening and we do hope that you will join us. Please contact the school office for further details.

KITCHEN CORNER

Broccoli and Cheddar soup

This is a good time to make use of broccoli at its best.

1 medium onion peeled
6oz peeled potato
1 tbs sunflower oil
1 lb broccoli
Salt and pepper
1 1/2 pts chicken stock or water
1/2 tsp sugar
6oz mature cheddar grated

Roughly chop onion and potato fry in oil gently.

Trim broccoli and cut stems in half inch slices, add to pan and fry 5 minutes. Season well. Add half of the florets to the

pan with the stock or water.

Simmer 20 minutes until vegetables are soft. Add the rest of the florets, sugar and cook one minute only. Process or liquidise.

Pour into a soup tureen and sprinkle on the grated cheese, stirring and turning till the cheese has melted. Serve with wholemeal bread or crusty rolls.

Jill Frostick





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

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BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS- PLACES AVAILABLE

Tel: 07857 503103

During the summer holidays we have been continuing to fund raise, a table at Primrose Pork open day raised over £60, a very big thank you to those involved for all your hard work. Some of the money that has been raised this year has been used to refurbish the garden play area with a new sandpit, bark for underfoot and a stage area. We also now have a storage container for our tricycles, just in time for winter. We have been able to purchase some beautiful storage furniture for indoors too; the children have been very excited and eager to explore all the changes. Visit our website to see the photos.

The children have all settled back in after the holiday and we are also welcoming our new children. We hope you all enjoy your time with us. Some of the children who have left to start school are now attending our breakfast and after school clubs too- lovingly that we continue to see them progress.

The children have been harvesting the tomatoes and cucumbers that they planted in spring; they have enjoyed picking, washing and then eating them for snacks. We are looking forward to exploring the changing season in our outdoor area - our

pumpkins seem to get bigger each day and are turning orange and our dead sunflowers are making seeds ready for the birds to eat. We shall soon be planting some daffodil and tulip bulbs too, so lots to keep us busy! We are now collecting the 'Let's Grow' vouchers from Morrisons for gardening resources, seeds etc., so please tell friends and family.

Party Table and Chair Hire

Having a party for Pre-School children?

We can offer 4 perfectly sized tables & 20 chairs.

Deposit only £10

Tables only £5.00 each

Chairs Only £1.00 each

Collection Only - Contact us: Tel: 07857 503103 Email:

littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

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

Monday October 27th Half term week

Monday November 3rd Preschool re-opens



GREAT BROMLEY POST OFFICE at The Cross Inn

Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TL

Telephone: 01206 231073

Mon/Tues: 9.30am-2.00pm Wed/Thurs/Fri: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Sat: 9.00am-midday

- Please note that there is now a wide selection of cards and wrapping paper available.
- A dry cleaning service is also available.

Please ask for details at the counter.

Art Activity Day 27th August.

Well!... what a wonderful day we had! Although a little nervous and apprehensive at first, the twelve students soon settled in assured and encouraged by the calm confident manner of our tutor, Lesley Lord, who provided us with most of the materials necessary for the day. We had brushes 1,4, 5 and 8. Lesley provided everything else for our water colour painting.

Tracing first a wonderful photograph of Navja a lioness at Colchester Zoo, then using the five colours provided we began to add colour, dark shades to lighter shades little by little with brush stroke by brush stroke and before our eyes a picture of this lioness began to emerge. At 12.30 pm we were ready for our picnic lunch – buzzing with excitement and satisfaction and eager to return to our paintings. By 2.30 all twelve paintings were complete and ready to be viewed and shared by all. Each painting different in technique and style but all with sameness of subject and colour.

We hope Lesley will come again because personally (others said the same) I would like to pursue this way of painting and everyone agreed too it was worth every penny of the £15 plus some for materials.

W.I Monthly meeting September 3rd

Although we were looking forward to a talk by Phillip Crummy, local historian and archaeologist there was a change of plan at the eleventh hour!

But we were not to be disappointed, Ian Davidson chief executive officer of Tendring District Council agreed (at very short notice) to come and talk to us and we were in for a treat – two talks, completely different subjects, in one evening.

Ian began by describing his role as chief executive in Tendring. With the help of a power point presentation he discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by the people who live and work in the Tendring

District, it is a massive coastline with 36 miles of coast line and it seems Ian has a vision to see our District grow and prosper in the years to come. The years whilst he has been Chief Executive have seen a complete reorganisation of office and staff and a reduction in spending but at the same time an increase in services and all opportunities for the communities in schools, leisure., housing, rural infrastructure, tourism and leadership.

As Everest appeared on the screen Ian eagerly launched into his talk about his visits to Nepal, Base Camp and Everest. Business jacket and tie swiftly removed, Ian proudly donned his Everest tee shirt to begin his very interesting, amusing and thought provoking talk about his passion. He talked particularly about a family trip in 2003 although he has returned several times since to help in schools and other such projects. Ian and his family flew into Lubla airport with Yeti Airlines, spending days at Namche Bazar to acclimatise to the altitude before moving to Pangboche Monastery and then Base Camp. Ian's slides of his adventures were stunning and his description of events along the way humorous. The people of the area are very poor but extremely friendly, helpful and grateful.

There was time for questions which included recycling and the dreaded A120.

Ian stayed for refreshments and then quickly had to dash away, he is an extremely busy man especially at the moment with two pending by-elections. We are so grateful that he had time to come and speak to us.

Thank you Ian.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

littlebromleypc@gmail.com

We have been invited to suggest suitable sites in the parish where native trees may be planted under The Big Tree plant scheme 2014/15 – therefore any suggestions would be gratefully received. The aim of the scheme is to plant 150,000 trees, between October 2012 and March 2015, across England. There are restrictions on where the trees can be planted so please do contact me for further information if you have any ideas.

As reported in last month's Messenger, Tendring District Council Rural Projects Panel, in conjunction with Anglian Water, has invited residents to apply directly or via the Parish Council for mains sewerage connections - further information can be found on the village notice board. The Parish Councillors welcome your views and comments because this is an issue that could have a significant impact on all of us. At every Parish Council meeting there is a public forum where residents can raise any issue – please do come along to these meetings and have your say. The next Parish Council meeting is on 18th December 2014, 7.30pm, The Haywain.

Sadly I have to report an incident of theft and two incidents of criminal damage in the village – theft of chimney pots from a front garden in Shop Road; damage to a motor vehicle in Church Road and the Jubilee tree has also been subject to further criminal damage. These incidents are treated seriously and are currently being investigated. If anybody has further information, please do contact PC Judith Currie.

Some good news is that the Government is going to fund a new Rural Crime Network (NRCN) which will hopefully provide us with support to tackle crime in our community.

In partnership with Healthwatch Essex, a "555" project has been launched to enable mental health service users to have their say. More information is available on the village notice board.

If you require any further information or if there is any assistance we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me at littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Karen Tarling, Clerk to Little Bromley

THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors invite applications from residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories:

Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Colleges

Applicants must be at least 12 years old on the 1st August in the year of application.

Universities and Colleges of Further Education

Applicants must have lived in one, or more,

of the five Parishes for at least 2 years prior to the application date.

For an application form, or further details, contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Jean Flewin, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, Colchester, Essex CO7 6AT.

Closing date for applications: 30th October 2014.



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

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. The Mind, Body and Spirit with Craft Fayre is happening on Saturday 25th of October from 11am to 3pm. Adult entry is £2, children have free entry. We have over 30 stalls booked such as Handmade bags, Psychic, Robert Loomis, Crystals, Oracle cards to name just a few. Christmas Fayre Saturday December 6th. We are running this event with the WI this year and although it's 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. The raffle has a £100 first prize this year! The Murder Mystery Night, an event talked about for months, is now booked for 2015 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 is now 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'

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 face of The Bromley Messenger.

That's all for now, 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!

David Beech



ESSEX POLICE

PCSO Barnes 71909 has informed me that in future crime figures will be sent by Paul Teague 8610, Essex Watch Liaison Officer, or obtainable from the Essex Police website.

However I (the Editor) have received nothing from Paul Teague so I went on to the website and found that two crimes had occurred in Gt Bromley during August. That was the extent of the information I could find.

Gt Bromley figures can be found under www.essexpolice.uk - Tendring - Elmstead Market - Crime Information

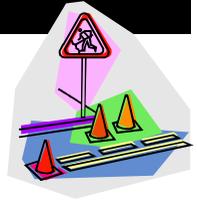
LEADER CALLS FOR HIGHWAYS AGENCY TO ACCOUNT FOR A120 SAFETY

The Highways Agency has been accused of letting residents down over its lack of action to improve safety on the A120.

Tendring District Council (TDC) Leader Mick Page has called for the agency to account for what it has failed to deliver over the past year.

Cllr Page told Members at a meeting of the Full Council last night (Sept 9) that promises had been made and broken. However, he intended to use all his influence and work with Essex County Council to press for a roundabout to be installed. The main areas of concern are the A120's junctions with Harwich Road, Little Bromley Road and Little Bentley Road. "In November 2011 a motion was unanimously carried by this Council demanding the Highways Agency takes urgent action on the A120 but accidents are still happening," he said. "It is now almost a year since the Highways Agency announced new safety measures on the road. As we all know speed cameras were supposed to be installed in March. This

then slipped to the beginning of the financial year, further slippage to July then August, then back to September and then November. The Highways Authority must be held responsible to ensure safety on the A120 for all road users. The only real answer to this is a roundabout and we need to press for that now."



TDC Vice-Chairman Fred Nicholls said he was appalled that accidents continue to occur along the stretch of the road with three in the past month that he was aware of.

Other Councillors spoke of the serious danger at the junctions and that drivers took their lives in their hands using the road.

The Highways Agency was accused of doing "less than nothing" and, if anything, it was felt they had made matters worse.

BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

Increase in Membership - No Problem

The Rotary Club of Brightlingsea & District Past President Andy Chapman receiving his Membership Development & Extension Award for the increase in membership by 5 during his Presidency Year 2013/2014. DG Stan Keller was delighted to do the honours on his visit to the Club. The Club was struggling and had spent time and money for over 4 years trying to encourage new members with no results. Eventually with a little help from District and attempting to start a satellite club, the Club managed to encourage a group to join the existing Club. This resulted in having dining and non dining members who come later in the evening. A formula that has some appeal to



those who are too busy, or on a limited budget, or commute and get home late.

Rtn Len Christodoulides PRO

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE IN OCTOBER

It appears that autumn has arrived - at least that's what the calendar says, but some of the days we have had recently appear to contradict that!

The plants however know better, and many of my summer flowers are looking decidedly tired. Some of them have been flowering their socks off for the last four months, so I suppose they do have an excuse, but it is sad to see them go. I will, however, keep deadheading, and hopefully they will continue for a few more weeks until we have a frost.

I find it interesting to note which plants do well each year. This year, the petunias were (and still are) magnificent, the geraniums have flowered for Britain, and my cleomes have put on a wonderful show. Poor performers this year included sunflowers, which is surprising after the hot weather.

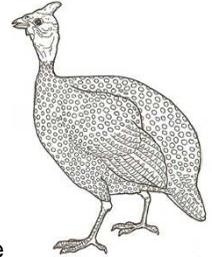
The vegetable garden has been a mixed bag, my runner beans and courgettes have not really performed this year, nor did the gooseberries, but I had an amazing crop of apples and pears. Friends who have plums seem to have laden trees, and I have had a wonderful harvest of damsons.

Last year I mentioned the lack of ladybirds, and suggested that there might be a glut of them this year, but once again there have been very few. It was also suggested that due to the mild winter, there might be a wasp problem, but strangely, I have hardly seen any. Even the flies which plagued us for the last two summers have not made an appearance this year.

Despite the lovely weather, I know autumn is coming. Seed catalogues have started to drop on the mat. It allows me to indulge in a favourite fantasy of a wonderful garden full of flowers, all grown by me from seed, obviously conveniently forgetting the toil that has to be put in to produce such a

show!

I have recently returned from Malta after a week's holiday. One thing that was very noticeable was the complete lack of birds. I saw two sparrows in the hotel who were scavenging for breakfast crumbs, and apart from an owl which I think was being used to promote their falconry centre, I did not see a single bird. It is easy to forget how lucky we are to be surrounded by lovely birds in our gardens, and according to my husband, we have recently gained a couple of Canada geese and five guinea fowl!



Jobs in the garden for October include deadheading, and when all hope is gone, replacing bedding plants with winter varieties such as pansies. Bulbs should be planted outside, and tender plants protected. Vegetables such as pumpkin, squash, carrots and parsnips can be harvested, and pumpkins and squashes should be put in a cool frost free area for their skins to cure. Greenhouses need clearing and overwintering vegetables can be sown.

Containers can be planted with forced bulbs such as hyacinth and paperwhite narcissus for Christmas flowering. Finally leaves should be cleared from lawn and composted. Happy gardening

Kate Strowbridge

LUNCH



at St George's church
Wednesday 1st October
at 12 noon.
All are most welcome.

2014 EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Lunch in St George's church, 12 noon
WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 Lt Bromley Amenities Group AGM, The Haywain, 6.45pm
- 3-4 Flower & Harvest Festival, Ardleigh church
- 7 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home's Autumn Fair, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 8 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 St George's School Harvest Festival, St George's church, 9.15am
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
- 17 St Helena Hospice Fashion Show, see p31 for details
- 18 Autumn Days Messy Church, Ardleigh Village Hall, 3.00pm
Cricket Club/St George's PTA Autumn Ball, Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 25 Lt Bromley Autumn Litter Pick, Lt Bromley Car Park, 10.00am
Mind, Body, Spirit & Craft Fayre, Village Hall, 11.00am
- 31 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Children's Hallowe'en Night, The Haywain, 6.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 5 Hallowe'en & Bonfire Night, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 6.00pm
WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Bulb Planting, meet at Village Car park, 10am
- 9 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Cricket Club Quiz night, Gt Bromley Village Hall
- 20 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
- 29 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Christmas Quiz Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm

DECEMBER

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, the Haywain, 7.30pm
- 20 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Christmas Meal, The Haywain, 7.30pm

18th October
Gt Bromley WI welcome you to a
Coffee Morning
in the Millennium Lounge
Help For Heroes Admission £1



MIND BODY SPIRIT & CRAFT FAYRE

GT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL
OVER 30 STALLS
SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
11AM-3PM

ADULTS £2 CHILDREN FREE
CLOTHES, TEDDIES, LAVENDER, BOOKS,
BESPOKE SILVER AND FASHION
JEWELLERY
BEAUTY TREATMENTS, MASSAGE, REIKI,
HOLISTIC TREATMENTS, REFLEXOLOGY
INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE, PEDIATRY

FLOWER and HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church, Ardleigh
Theme – 100 YEARS

Friday October 3 – 12noon – 5pm
Saturday October 4 – 10am – 5pm
Sunday October 5 – 12noon – 4pm
Admission £2 Children Free

SERVICES:

*Sunday – 10.30am Harvest Eucharist
6.30pm Songs of Praise*

Little Bromley Amenities Group

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on
Thursday 2nd October
at 6.45pm at the Haywain.

The evening will commence with a
talk from Wildlives Animal Rescue
and Rehabilitation Centre.

This will be followed by a glass of wine
and canapés and the AGM will follow on
afterwards.

Litter Pick

Our Autumn Litter Pick will take place on
Saturday 25th October. If you would
like to join in, we will be meeting in the
Village Car Park at 10am.

Refreshment will be provided at the
Haywain at 12 noon for all participants.

Little Bromley Amenities Group



Halloween Night

Friday 31st October at 6:30pm
at the **Haywain Pub** in Little Bromley
Fun starts at 6.30 pm with food & games.
For Children and Adults.

Prize for best costume.

Free Entry— but donations on the night
welcome.

**Seven Rivers
Cheshire Home**
Hall Road, Great Bromley

**Halloween & Bonfire
Night**

Wednesday November 5th
Come and join us!

6:00pm start

**Tickets £2 each
or £5 per family**

**Prize for
best costume!**

*Hot drinks and soup
available.*

Registered Charity No. 218186

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home's AUTUMN FAIR

Tuesday 7th October 10am-3pm
Great Bromley Village Hall
Entrance £2

Coffee, cakes and sandwiches available

Suggested Donation of
£1.00 per child
(Accompanying adults free)

Join us for

Autumn
Days
At
Messy Church

Come and have some family time,
some messy fun and a light meal
on
Saturday 18th October
3pm – 5.30pm,
At Ardleigh Village Hall.

All Welcome!

For more information please contact:
Carol Cordwell: 01206 395103
United Benefice of Ardleigh and the Bromley's

Gt Bromley Cricket Club and Gt Bromley St
George's School PTA

Autumn Ball

Saturday 18 October 2014
7pm until midnight

Complimentary drink on arrival, buffet, live
band, fun casino (including £10 worth of
chips) and raffle.

Tickets: £25.00. Strictly over 18s. Drinks
from bar only.

LITTER PICK

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

Watch this space for more details!



GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

The September meeting was preceded by the Parish Council meeting at the War Memorial to discuss various ideas as to how it can be enhanced for the benefit of the village. The Parish Council are aware that a variety of comments have been received regards this and would like to assure villagers that no decisions have yet been made and before any vote is taken villagers will be given ample notice to attend any meeting and to make comment should they so wish. However, any proposed changes are likely to be cosmetic and will not affect the location or structure of the memorial.

The Parish Council are most grateful to all villagers for responding to the recent request for input regards a possible play area at Church Meadow. The Parish Council are still welcoming comments - so if you have an opinion to give - do let us know. During this consultation many of you have commented on the state of the play equipment at Hare Green. The Parish Council wish to assure residents that regardless of whether or not play equipment is installed at Church Meadow, Hare Green remains a priority and the Hare Green Committee are actively seeking grants to assist with this. It is hoped that a further update can be provided on this very shortly. Also on the subject of Hare Green, the Parish Council have approved an approach to ECC with a view to installing a footpath

from there to the Court House. It was noted that many pedestrians have been seen walking in the road along this stretch, potentially very hazardous indeed.

On the subject of hazards, two requests to the local police to attend the village to undertake a speed watch review have not been responded to. The Parish Council have also been made aware that the local PCSO has been directed to not attend any future hearings, nor even provide us by e-mail with a list of monthly crime figures. In the round this seems to represent a shift away from rural policing, which the Parish Council are most concerned about. Consequently, the PC will be writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner very shortly in order to express their dissatisfaction.

The Highways Agency have recently been in touch with the Parish Council indicating that the next stage of the A120 works are due to commence late September/early October. Unfortunately, if the past is anything to go by it is difficult to remain confident, but by the time you read this, you can judge for yourself!

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on October 8th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Until next month.

Laura Austin, Clerk

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY!

Play equipment for Church Meadow

Great Bromley Parish Council has received a number of replies as a result of the information supplied in last month's Messenger. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far. However, the response has been small considering the number of residents in the village. Therefore we are extending our consultation until mid October and would

encourage you to have your say on whether or not you would like to see some play equipment installed in Church Meadow and any suggestions for other projects which might benefit the village.

You can e mail your reply to playground@gbpc.org.uk or by post c/o Maple Cottage, Brundells Road, Great Bromley or by using the drop box located in St George's church.

PLANNING

Decisions

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00806/FUL - approval, full	Pondfields, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley	Variations of condition 4 of planning application 05/001170/FUL to amend approved plans showing alterations to roof trusses and materials
14/00879/FUL - approval, full	Strutts Farm, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley	Constructions of 3-bay cart lodge
14/00874 - application withdrawn	Lilley's Farm, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley	Variations of condition 07 of planning permission 11/00870/FUL to remove approved garage with new design
14/00874/FUL - approval, full	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
14/00372/LUEX - lawful use certificate granted	Coppice View, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley	Erection of a boundary wall, use of utility block, and extensions as a self-contained dwelling house. Construction of a permanent structure as ancillary accommodation

Applications

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/01236/OHL	Land north of Frating Road, Ardleigh CO7 7SZ	Existing Line is supported on single pole (56) it is necessary to change this to an H pole
14/01239/FUL	Selbourne Court, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley	Alterations to existing window and door openings and new canopies
14/01188/FUL	Lilleys Farm, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley	Replacement dwelling with associated garage/carport building. Resubmission of planning application no. 11/00870/FUL
14/01197/DISCON	Land Adj. Cross P.H., Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Discharge of conditions 03 (materials) 06 (drainage ditch) 08 (construction method statement) 11 (hard and soft landscaping) 13 (screen walls and fencing) and 14 (existing and proposed levels) of planning permission 14/00270/FUL
14/01151/FUL	Furze End, Furze Lane, Great Bromley	Proposed two storey side extension
14/01095/FUL	Bosco House, Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Proposed extension to Class B1 building. Proposed change of use from agricultural to class B1 and extensions to existing building

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Ardleigh Surgery

Flu' Clinics

A reminder to those patients over 65 and in the 'at risk' groups that have not yet booked in for a flu vaccination. Clinics are being held during October and if you cannot attend one of those please book an appointment with a nurse at some other time.

All children aged 2, 3 and 4 and under 18 'at risk' are being offered an oral vaccination.

New Phlebotomist

We are pleased to have appointed Lisa Sotheron to replace Dallas Powell as our Phlebotomist. Lisa started at the surgery on the 15 September.

Replacement Care Advisor

- Karen Eastwood has replaced Sarah Gordon as the GP Care Advisor attached to the Ardleigh practice. Sarah is covering other practices in Colchester. GP Care Advisors are available to provide support to patients for non-medical issues
- Provide advice, support, information and assistance in obtaining services from other agencies and where appropriate, make initial contact on the patient's behalf.
- Advice on welfare benefits and help with the completion of the claim forms.
- Equipment and OT assessment in the home to include items such as handrails in the bathroom etc.
- Contact with the appropriate statutory and voluntary care services
- Advice on housing issues.

To be referred, contact your GP Surgery in the normal way, your details will be taken down and forwarded to the allocated Care

Advisor who will make contact with you. Your GP or Practice Nurse can also refer you.

If it is not possible for you to get into the surgery, the Care Advisor will be able to visit you at your home. This is advisable particularly if you require an assessment of aids for us in the home

Fred Merrin, Practice Manager

Great Bentley Surgery

IT'S FLU SEASON!

By the time you read this, we will be well into the swing of trying to get as many of our **3,531 patients** who are eligible for this year's flu vaccination 'jabbed' (eligible children can now have theirs via a nasal spray). It's always a mammoth task and all of our clinicians work their socks off to make sure as many patients as possible get their jabs before the spread of the flu virus takes hold. We are targeted by the Department of Health to get 75% of eligible patients vaccinated which is not easy, so we really do need everyone's help to hit this. The list of criteria for eligibility is too long and complicated to list here, so **if you think you might be eligible, call us on 01206 250691 to check and book your appointment.** We have flu clinics set up for Friday evenings and Saturday mornings this year which should be convenient to more patients than ever.

Finally, now the nights are drawing in, so come along to **our Patient Participation Group meeting on Thursday 16th Oct at 6.30pm** at the Great Bentley village hall.

Richard – Practice Manager



To improve diabetic services we have started a new process in caring for our diabetic patients across North East Essex.

Most people have busy lifestyles and it can be difficult for them to attend lots of appointments. In view of this we have consolidated the appointments making them more effective. When a diabetic check-up is needed, as usual patients will be sent an invitation to attend a morning appointment to have a blood sample, blood pressure measurement, foot examination; height and weight taken together in one go. These have to be in the morning, as blood samples are only collected once a day at around 11.30 am.

Upon receiving the blood results, patients are sent written details of all their test results. If these results are good the patient does not have to come back for any further appointments. In this instance the results will be accompanied by a letter suggesting a date for the next follow up.

If the results indicate that a consultation is advisable however, a letter will be sent with

the results suggesting a time and date for an early follow up. By having full access to all the results before the appointment it is hoped that patients can think of some ideas that might help them improve their condition. We do not want to dictate changes to a patient – but instead want to work **with** them to achieve goals that are both acceptable and achievable for them. Of course even if the results show no early follow up is necessary, if a patient still wants to see a Diabetes Nurse specialist, they still can.

This new way of working has been successfully piloted in other areas of the country. The feedback has been that the care improved dramatically and patients' have become more informed and successful in making improvements to their health.

We hope that our diabetic patients will find this new way of working helps them, but we are always pleased to hear constructive comments for improvements.

Tracy (Diabetic Nurse Specialist at Great Bentley Surgery)

CAN YOU HELP?

St. George's Church is the most important building in Great Bromley. Historically, architecturally, it is a pure gem!

Your Church Wardens and the P.C.C. are a small dedicated band of volunteers who work hard to maintain this wonderful church.

Do you have time to come and help?

There are endless practical jobs which need doing to keep the church and churchyard in pristine condition.

Can you spare time to sweep the paths?

Strim the stinging nettles? Hoover the carpets? Paint the shed? Paint the

benches? Trim the Yew trees? The list is endless!!

Although we would love to see you in church it is not a pre-requisite of "helping out".

Next year at our planned "Flower Festival" could you carry and collect tables? Can you help to fetch and carry?

We would love to hear from you - We are a small happy bunch who care about St George's but sadly we don't have the same energies as ten years ago, pick up the phone 01206230688 or email jenny@fryerning.net

ARDLEIGH HALL LEISURE HAS CLOSED!

Many of you will have become aware of the sudden closure of Ardleigh Hall. The Leaseholders; Cindy and Stuart Parsons ceased to trade on Saturday 9th August 2014 with no notice given to staff or members.

This is a very sad time for the Parish of Ardleigh, the village, the members and the surrounding area.

Ardleigh Hall provided sports and leisure facilities for many years it was a unique meeting place for all generations whether you were exercising or having a catch up with friends over a coffee.

A number of small businesses also operated from the gym (Hairdressers, Sports Massage, Beauty Treatments, Dance classes and Pilates) These facilities are now lost and the people they drew into Ardleigh will go elsewhere and this will no doubt affect the shops, pubs, post office, newsagent and garage.

The Ardleigh Parish Council and a group of 'Ardleigh Hall Falls Outs' are interested in hearing from members and interested parties, anyone wishing to find out further information should contact the Parish Council at ardleighpc@gmail.com

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, GREAT BROMLEY HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GRANT AWARD 2014-15

Good news for Great Bromley heritage and history !

The HLF awards grants to outstanding historic churches for urgent repairs. We applied for a grant for the church porch and were successful.

The beautiful stone and flint work of the porch was created around 1500 AD and is now at risk. The flints are dropping out and cracks in the stone are getting worse when the frost gets to them. The English Heritage architect has put it in the Very Bad category and St George's is now on the 'Heritage at Risk' register.

Our architect has issued detailed drawings of the repairs, and tenders for the work will be issued in November. This is expensive work due to the intricate nature of the flint decoration. Very few craftsmen are able to do this type of work so we will use a highly skilled specialist firm. We hope that the work will be done in late spring 2015.

The Project is about more than repairs. The HLF supports communities and connecting people to their heritage. Our ancient churches belong to the whole community because they contain and express many

centuries of our history. So there will be events for schools and adults to encourage education and appreciation of the church building and its part in the history of our parish. The HLF also encourages access and use for visitors and events. Part of the grant is for lighting and access improvements to the porch and entrance area.

There are more details on the village website.

Harvest Lunch September 14th Vote of Thanks

Thank you to all who came, supported and enjoyed a friendly community lunch. A sizeable amount was raised to support Canon Andrew White's Church (St. George's) in Bagdad.

If you baked a cottage pie or apple pie, donated a raffle prize, arranged flowers in the church, or helped in anyway, thank you so very much.

Special thanks to William who washed up.

Jenny Nicholls

PUBLIC INTEREST

Empire Extra - October

Empire Cinemas is proud to announce its October line up of live theatre screenings through its Empire Extra programme. From musical theatre to opera, comedy and ballet, Empire Extra allows enthusiasts to enjoy screenings of their favourite productions, from the comfort of their local cinema at a fraction of the theatre ticket price. Some showings will be screened live simultaneously with the action taking place on stage.

As part of the Autumn Opera season at Royal Opera House, **Manon** - the emotionally intense ballet set in 18th Century Paris - can be viewed in Empire Cinemas around the country on **October 16th**. Choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan (*Romeo and Juliet - Ballet*) and conducted by Barry Wordworth (*BBC Concert Orchestra*); the ballet brings Manon's story vividly to life, evoking the brutality and decadence described in Abbé Prévost's infamous novel.

Coming to the big screen on **27th October** is three act opera **I Due Foscari** (Royal Opera House – Live). Written by Giuseppe

Verdi (*Macbeth - Opera*), conducted by Antonio Pappano (*Israel Philharmonic Orchestra*) and starring Plácido Domingo (*The Three Tenors*); I Due Foscari is based on a play by Byron set in 15th-century Venice. This taut, sombre drama provides the basis for one of Verdi's most arresting early scores, not heard at the Royal Opera House since 1995.

As part of the National Theatre's 50th anniversary celebrations NT Live's 2011 broadcast of **Frankenstein (Encore)**, directed by Oscar-winner Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting, Slumdog Millionaire*), will be screened on **30th October** at Empire Cinemas. This recent classic stars 2012 Olivier Award 'Best Actor' winner Benedict Cumberbatch (*Star Trek: Into Darkness, BBC's Sherlock*) and Jonny Lee Miller (*Trainspotting, CBS's Elementary*).

For further information and to book tickets to one of the upcoming Empire Extra screenings at your nearest Empire Cinemas, visit www.EmpireCinemas.co.uk or call 08714 714 714.



ST HELENA HOSPICE

Fashion Show

St Helena Hospice is delighted to announce that they will be holding a Fashion Show on Friday 17th October at the St Helena Hospice Tending Centre, Jackson Road, Clacton-on-Sea, with doors opening at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

This exciting event will showcase designer and fabulous top brand fashion, with the sale of clothes and accessories following

the fashion show helping to support people in the local community.

Tickets cost £7, which will include cheese and wine, and can be purchased online at sthelenahospice.org.uk/fashion14 Tickets will also be available on the door, space permitting.

Follow us online at: facebook.com/sthelenahospice and twitter.com/sthelenahospice

ALBERT BLOYCE AND LEWIS GARROD

By a tragic coincidence, one hundred years ago this month – on the same day – the villages of Great Bromley and Little Bromley each suffered their first loss of the Great War.

Albert Edward Bloyce was born during the latter part of 1884, in Great Bromley, the second child of George and Mary Bloyce. George Bloyce, also from Great Bromley, was an agricultural labourer who later became a Groom, and eventually a Market Gardener. George had married Mary Thornton, from Danbury, in 1878 and their marriage would produce 7 children. In 1891 the Bloyce family were living in Brightlingsea, whilst ten years later they had moved back to Hare Green.

Lewis Harold Garrod – or Garrad, as it sometimes appears in official documents - was born during the first half of 1889 in Little Bromley. Lewis was the third of seven children, from the marriage of John and Mary Garrod (née Jennings), who were both born and bred in Little Bromley. John Garrod was an agricultural worker and later also a shepherd. The Garrod family appear to have lived near Little Bromley Hall for many years, before later moving to Grove Farm.

Both men volunteered to join the Essex Regiment: Albert in November 1906, and Lewis, several weeks later. The exact details of their pre-war Army service are not known, but Albert was serving with the Regiment's 1st Battalion in India in April 1911. Certainly in early August 1914, following the British Army mobilisation upon the outbreak of War, both were serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Essex Regiment.

The 2nd Essex landed in France on 23 August 1914, and were in action within two days, at the Battle of Le Cateau. Over the next two months, they were involved in The Great Retreat, the battles of the Marne and the Aisne, and what has since been referred to as "the Race to the Sea".

On 21 October 1914, the 2nd Essex were involved in heavy fighting which successfully halted part of the German advance around the crossroads village of Le Gheer, south of Ypres, in Belgium. The Battalion suffered 69 casualties in the fighting on that day, including Albert and Lewis, who were both killed in action.

Neither Albert nor Lewis have a known grave, and both are now commemorated on Panel 7 of the Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing, in Belgium.

© 2014 *With grateful thanks to Mark Ashmore for this article. By chance, this very week I have had contact from a relative of Albert's, Trevor Sparrow, who now lives in St Osyth. I always welcome contact from anyone with connection to our villages. Hugh Frostick*
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GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners August

- 1st. Mr. D Fuller
- 2nd. Mr. Simon Baines
- 3rd. Mrs. Judith Peeling

May I remind all 100 club members that the last draw takes place in September therefore subscriptions are due from 1st October.

I thank you all for your continued support.

Lynda Allam

CHURCH JOTTINGS

In 2015 the three parishes of Ardleigh, The Bromley's and Elmstead will be combined under the leadership of an "Interim Minister". Advertisements have been posted and interview days arranged. Although apprehensive of the change The Bromley's P.C.C. are looking forward to the new challenges that this type of leadership will bring.

The three P.C.C.'s have already met several times this year and there is a feeling of great positivity looking towards the future from all members of the three churches. I will keep you informed of developments.

In the meantime there is more good news to report. We have been very fortunate that an Associate, Non Stipendiary Part Time Priest has chosen to come and work within our three Parishes. We have met Richard and his wife, he is a friendly enthusiastic priest who feels he has something to offer to us. I enclose his "potted history" which he wrote to us when the post was being considered.

"The Rev'd Richard Allen – a "potted history"

I was born in Harrogate in 1955, my parents moved to Bedford in 1963, where I was educated. I went to City University in London in 1973 to study Ophthalmic Optics, and on graduation I moved to Colchester to work at Owen Aves in Crouch Street, the optometry practice where I am now senior partner.

I married Wendy in 1980 – she is now a community midwife, and we have two adult sons who are married with sons of their own.

I was ordained in 2007, and under took my "Title Post" (curate training) at the parish church of St. Leonard's, Lexden. Since then I have continued as the "Assistant Curate" there apart from a 9 month spell in 2012 when I was seconded to the Colchester Town Centre parishes of St. Peter's & St. Botolph's to assist during their vacancy. I have also had the privilege of acting as Chaplain to the Mayor of Colchester in 2010-

2011, and Chaplain to the Master of the Worshipful Company of Spectaclemakers of London 2012-2014. As a Non-stipendiary priest I offer Sundays plus one weekday (currently Wednesday).

In my spare time I enjoy classical music, good food and wine, fly-fishing and vegetable gardening.

I am delighted at the opportunity to serve the 3 parishes of Ardleigh, Bromley and Elmstead, and look forward to getting to know you in the coming months. I am sure God has great plans for these parishes, and it is exciting to be involved in discerning and working for God's Kingdom in this place.

Assuring you of my enthusiasm, support and prayers.

Richard"

Richard will work alongside the Interim Minister – he can offer help on Sundays and one day during the week, as he remains working in Colchester.

Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts at this time giving us the integrity, courage, and strength to make the right decisions for all who live and worship in this community
Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden



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ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



Church of England Services - October

Sunday 5th		16th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	St Mary's Harvest Thanksgiving/Flower Festival	
	10.30am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	Harvest Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
		<i>Ven Annette Cooper, Archdeacon of Colchester will preside</i>	
		Songs of Praise	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
		<i>Mrs Laura Garnham will lead this service</i>	
Sunday 12th		17th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
		No Evensong at St Mary's	
Sunday 19th		18th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 26th		Last Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 2nd November		All Saints' Sunday	
	8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong for the Commemoration of All Souls	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

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

St George's Church, Gt Bromley

Sunday 2nd November 6.30pm

Memorial and Commemoration Service for All Souls

All are welcome to this simple service where we give thanks for, and remember before God, those who have been part of our lives but have died.

Whether you are recently bereaved, or lost someone many years ago, you are welcome.

There will be refreshments after the service.

9th November

Remembrance Sunday

There will be services at Gt Bromley and Lt Bromley. Please be at the respective War Memorials at 10.45am

As last year at Great Bromley the ceremony at the War Memorial will be followed by a non-Eucharistic service in church.

Please come and join us, all are welcome.

