

The Messenger

The Magazine of
the villages of
Great & Little
Bromley

March 2020



Spring is on the way!

Photos: Rebecca Robinson

THE FIRST PAGE

I hope you are all warm and dry and have not suffered any/too much damage following the storms of Ciara and Dennis. Since the advent of Ciara, through Dennis to time of writing we have, according to my weather records, had 38mm of rain. Lashing rain at times and the winds have registered about 7-8 on the Beaufort Scale. Today it is gorgeously sunny though still blustery. They have certainly been two 'weather' weekends but looking at the pictures on the news, gosh, we have been lucky. I cannot imagine how awful it would be to lose your house, your car, whatever to flooding with all the subsequent months of clearing up etc.

Lots, in and around the villages, going on which do join in and enjoy. You will meet new faces and might even become friends with some! Putting on an event is always hard work and it makes it all worthwhile when YOU turn up and share in the fun and perhaps raise some money for a good cause if it is for a charity. I shall look forward to seeing you at some of them.

As you all know I have been Editor for The Messenger for some time now. I am therefore putting my computer into mothballs and have great pleasure in introducing you to my successor, Lizzie Ridout, who will be taking over as your new Editor after this month. Some of you may already know her as the Clerk of Great

Bromley Parish Council. She is very friendly and also very efficient and I know the magazine is in good hands. I am sure you will all give her the unfailing loyal support that you have given me and that you will all send her your copy on time!



While on the subject of leaving I would like to personally thank you all for reading the magazine, for all the regular contributions without which of course there is no magazine, to Len, as past treasurer, and Richard, as present treasurer, to Henry and Ann who looked after the distributors and distributing for a very long time and to Susan Scott, who alongside Richard, now looks after the distributors/distributing and also to Natalie who has proofread and corrected all my typos for, I reckon, getting on for 16 or so years.

I shall miss your chatty emails and the occasional phone call but I shall continue to receive and read The Messenger and keep up with you all through it. It's been fun. I have enjoyed it.

Leonie

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ANSWERS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

Clerk: Lizzie Ridout Email: clerk@gbpc.org.uk



Following the departure of Kate Strowbridge from the Council, members elected Cllr Fred Nicholls to carry out the role of Chairman for the rest of this municipal year until the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

We have two casual vacancies on the Council which means we are free to co-opt, and not have an election. If you are interested in this role, which gives you the opportunity to have your say, influence local matters and contribute to the village in many different ways, please contact the Clerk for further information.

The flooding issue in Hall Road continues to be an issue. It has been reported numerous times to Essex Highways and Essex County Council. We have also contacted Anglian Water, and we hope that

the issue is resolved soon – please take extra care when driving through this water.

Sales of the Bromleys Calendar resulted in donations for the sum of £390 each for Seven Rivers Leonard Cheshire Home and the Essex Wildlife Trust.

The Parish Council is intending to hold events to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8th and Sunday 10th May – further details will be circulated in the next Messenger.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm and takes place at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Lizzie Ridout, Parish Clerk

Planning Determinations

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | DECISION |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 19/01497/FUL Mrs Janet Scarlett | Proposed lean-to style extension to existing agricultural barn. | Carringtons Farm, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UZ | Approval - Full 06.01.2020 Delegated Decision |
| 19/01844/FUL Mr Michael Cotton | Garage conversion with external alterations. | Meron Ash Colchester Road Great Bromley CO7 7TN | Approval - Full 29.01.2020 Delegated Decision |

Planning Application

| REFERENCE | PROPOSAL | LOCATION |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 19/01912/ DETAIL K W Robinson | Approval of reserved matters for outline application 19/01050/OUT. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application. | Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UU |

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Lt Bromley Village Sign is in need of attention and repair as there is movement in the setting, some rot at ground level in the oak post, and general 'ageing' of the sign itself. The Council are in the process of getting quotes for the repair and/or refurbishment of the sign and these will be reported on hopefully at the next Council meeting in March and a decision made as to the best way forward.

Mr Hatch has advised the Council that he would like to retire from maintaining the Village War Memorial and garden. The Council would like to thank Mr Hatch for all his support and hard work. Going forward, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to weed and tend the memorial once a month. We already have 2 volunteers who would be willing to do the April weeding - so if anyone else would like to volunteer then

please email the Clerk at littlebromleypc@gmail.com and a system can be set up. If we can't get enough volunteers then we may need to look towards getting a gardening company to assist, but it would be great if the Village would be willing to help with this.

Hopefully there haven't been any issues in and around the Village due to the recent storms but if there is anything that you would like the Council's help with then please email us.

The next meeting of the Council is at The Haywain on the 19th March at 7.30 pm

Little Bromley Parish Council

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB



100 Club Winners

December

- 1st - J. Herring
- 2nd - Ken Ellsmore
- 3rd - Sophie Allam

January

- 1st - Jack Allam
- 2nd - Barbara Hart
- 3rd - Paul Wareing

LITTLE BROMLEY VILLAGE FUND

We are looking for a replacement 'Trustee' to help manage the Lt Bromley Village Fund. Mr K Hatch has resigned from the post and we would like to thank him for his help and support over the last couple of years. If anyone would like to join us then please contact either Carol Cordwell (juliancordwell@hotmail.com) or Anita Spall (anita.spall@gmail.com) and we can send you over some information and explain what would be involved. We are hoping to have this vacancy filled by the beginning of April. We are ideally looking for someone who is independent from any other groups in the Village.

Anita Spall

MORE THAN JUST A FARM

We are into month three of 2020 and we have been very busy on the farm doing jobs including ditching, hedge cutting, drainage and, now it's starting to dry out, fertilising.



We haven't had a really cold winter this year but it certainly was very wet and windy with storm Ciara battling its way through the countryside last month.



With so much rain a lot of land the sheep usually graze on was waterlogged so we have been supplementing their diet with nuts and hay. Now that spring is on its way the grass will start to grow back before we put our livestock out again in a few months. With game season now finished we were lucky enough to have birds sourced from

the fields surrounding us. This year we made delicious game pies. Have you tried these yet?



The butchery celebrated its third anniversary at the end of January and is now stocking new products including our own pork pies, jams and chutneys. Over the next few months we will be busy in the butchery, general maintenance around the farm and fertilising our crops and lambing! We keep a close eye on our girls in the last stage of their pregnancy including night checks. We hope our ewes have two lambs each. We will, as always, have an open Saturday; we will post on our Facebook with the dates.

Until next time, Thank you
Becky
www.beckysbutchers.co.uk





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Telephone: 01206 230305

Key Stage Two congratulations letter

Please find attached a copy of a letter I received this week from Nick Gibb, Minister for School Standards. I shared the news of our positive Key Stage Two results with you back in the Summer term but it is lovely to have these recognised at Government level too. Our Year 6 pupils worked very hard, with the support of school staff and parents, and did themselves proud.

PTA Recycling

The PTA are recycling empty crisp packets including biscuit and sweet wrappers (for example Penguins individual and multi packet and pringle tubs). There are some wheelie bins inside the school gates to collect these. Do you have any old mobile phones stuck in a drawer? The PTA would like to recycle those also! Please place in the box in the school reception area.

The Naughty Bus!

The children in Classes One and Two have been doing some lovely work linked to the book 'The Naughty Bus' as part of their topic on transport.

Class One have their own class naughty bus called 'Buddy the Bus'. They have enjoyed recreating scenes from the story using Buddy, for example driving him through a tray of baked beans! They have also been building bright red buses using junk-modelling materials and dipping toy vehicles into paint then running their tracks along paper to see the marks they have created. The Class 2 children have been talking about their own experiences of bus journeys, using their imaginations to think of journeys they'd like to go on and building towns for their buses to drive through.



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT
tel: 0370 000 2288 www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus

Mrs Rebecca Keitch
St George's Church of England Primary School
Brook Street
Colchester
CO7 7HX

27 January 2020

Dear Mrs Keitch,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in writing and mathematics, St George's Church of England Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards



Class Three trip to Sadlers Wells

Class Three went on an exciting trip to Sadlers Wells to watch a Dance Showcase. They experienced a diverse range of contemporary styles, giving them an inspiring taster of the world of dance. Later this term, the class will be taking part in a set-design project in conjunction with the Royal Opera House called 'Design and Make' so it is great that they have had a chance to experience a live dance performance in preparation for this. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day,

as you can see from this photo!



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Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

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We currently have spaces available and would be pleased to offer a free taster session for your 2-5 year old, please give us a call and we will happily book a convenient date and time.

Why not check out our new facebook page for all the latest news and events. Follow the link below <https://www.facebook.com/littledragonspreschoolgreatbromley/>

In January we were very lucky to have a Fire engine and firemen visit us. The children were able to sit in the fire engine and were shown all the equipment they have on board. We saw the blue flashing lights and when they drove away they put the sirens on. Many thanks to Paul and his team, the children really enjoyed seeing you.

Last half term the children also celebrated

the Chinese New Year with lots of fun activities – making lanterns, money envelopes and dragons. The children enjoyed 'stir fry's' for snack and had the opportunity to try some new foods and flavours.

For Valentine's Day – we made lots of heart decorations for our room and cards to take home.

14th – 21st February was National Nest Box week (supporting RSPB). The children helped to decorate two new bird boxes for us to put up in the garden and also hung up nesting material to encourage the birds to use the boxes. We continue to make 'bird cakes' and keep our bird table stocked with food. The children enjoy watching the birds visit our feeders and are even able to recognise some.

FUNDRAISING:

Upcoming Events:-

Saturday 7th March – Race Night **Gt. Bromley Village Hall 8pm - midnight**

A fun - filled fundraising night – Adults only Little Dragons Preschool in association with St Georges School PTA

Tickets available from Little Dragons or school office - £10 each which includes a pizza supper.

8 Co-op COMMUNIITY TOKEN SCHEME
Help us to fundraise while you shop –

please tell friends and family too. Thank you.

Co-op 'Green tokens' - Please help us to fund new equipment for our SEN children as well as our everyday attendees, look out for the Little Dragons Preschool box in the foyer of **Co-op, Manningtree** branch and pop in your green token. Thank you for supporting our project.

Please help us to collect:

We accept **CRISP PACKETS** – reduce landfill waste and help us raise money too! Any brand of crisp packets accepted including multi-pack outer packaging. We are still collecting biscuit wrappers (sweet and savoury). We accept plastic air fresheners and plastic cartridges/ refills and flexible wipe packaging, *but no longer accept trigger heads, lids and tops.*

Posters are displayed at preschool with full details of what waste is accepted.

OUR RECYCLING STATION now makes it easier to drop off items

We have set up an area – across the car park to the right of gate, with boxes for you to drop off collected items. Thank you.

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.

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503103 Email:

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Dates for diary:

Saturday 7th March – Race night

Friday 3rd April - Last day of term

Monday 20th April – Re-open after Easter Holiday

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

Over the past 50 years many people from within the Manningtree District have enjoyed opportunities to link with Frankenberg (Eder) in Germany as part of the Partnership between the two districts. This year we will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of our Association when we visit Frankenberg at the beginning of October. At the beginning of June 2021 we will invite the people of Frankenberg to the celebrations to be held here in the Manningtree District.

A generous interpretation is made of 'Manningtree and District' and we are pleased to welcome folk from the general area of the Tendring Peninsular and the bordering towns and villages of Suffolk. Here is a great chance to join the celebrations, make new friends and further strengthen our Partnership for the next 50 years.

We are planning travel arrangements by ferry and coach via Harwich, leaving on the night ferry on 30th September and returning overnight from Hook of Holland on Sunday evening, 4th

October arriving in Harwich on Monday morning. More details of costs and accommodation arrangements will be presented at the AGM.



The Annual General Meeting of the Manningtree District Frankenberg Partnership Association will be held at 7pm on Friday 13th March 2020 in the Oak Room at Acorn Village, Mistley, CO11 2NJ.

The evening will include a talk by Peter Fraser-Hopewell entitled 'Corps to Corporation'. Peter will reflect on his experiences in Germany with the First British Corps (Army) and through regular business links. We will conclude with Cheese and Wine.

I will be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to find out more about the Partnership and you will be warmly welcomed if you decide to attend the AGM.

Denis Baldry, Chairman MDFPA

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Email: denis@baldrys.org



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Dementia: Not a Natural Part of Ageing

Be Aware – Get Help, Get Support

We all forget a name or face sometimes as we get older, but dementia is something different. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing and it does not just affect older people. Over 40,000 people under 65 in the UK have dementia.

The word 'dementia' describes a set of symptoms that may include **memory loss** and **difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language**. These changes are often small to start with, but for someone with dementia they have become severe enough to affect daily life.

Dementia is caused when the brain is damaged by conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease or a series of strokes. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, but not the only one. The specific symptoms that someone with dementia experiences will depend on the parts of the brain that are damaged and the exact disease that is causing the dementia.

Dementia is not just about losing your memory

Although dementia often starts by affecting the short-term memory, other common symptoms include: difficulties in concentrating, problems planning and thinking things through, struggling with familiar daily tasks like following a recipe or using a bank card, issues with language and communication such as trouble remembering the right word or keeping up with a conversation and mood changes.

Although there is no cure for dementia, scientists and researchers are working hard to find one. Until that day comes, support and treatments are available that can help with symptoms and managing daily life. These can allow people with dementia to lead active, purposeful lives and carry on doing the things that matter to them most. There are drugs available that may help

with some types of dementia and stop symptoms progressing for a while

There are many other conditions such as depression, urinary infections or thyroid problems that cause a lot of the same symptoms as dementia so it is important to seek medical advice to investigate and exclude these.

If you are worried about your memory or something else, please contact the Surgery.

Alzheimer's UK can support anyone affected by dementia, including carers. For more information, support or advice about dementia, contact the National Dementia Helpline: 0300 222 1122.

The next meeting of the Patient Participation Group will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 19th March 2020 at the Great Bentley Village Hall.

Dr George Pontikis – GP Partner

DO YOU HAVE MEMORIES OF VE DAY

**St. George's Church needs you!!
May 8th, 9th & 10th.**

There will be an exhibition of memories, memorabilia, paintings and artefacts in the Church all weekend.

If so please phone Jenny



2020 EVENTS

MARCH

- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Lent course begins, Little Bentley *see page 31 for full details*
- 6 World Day of Prayer, 10.30am, Dedham
Church Lunch, St George's, 12 noon
- 7 Lt Dragons Race Night, Village Hall, 8.00pm
- 8 St George's church APCM, 12 noon followed by drinks & farewell presentation to Simon Heron
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society meeting, Ardleigh Methodist Hall, 7.45pm
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
Patient Participation Group, Gt Bentley Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 22 Mothering Sunday

APRIL

- 1 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Church Lunch, St George's, 12 noon
- 4 Student Cross en route to Walsingham arrives Great Bromley, St George's, 10.00am
- 8 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society meeting, Ardleigh Methodist Hall, 7.45pm
- 10-13 Easter weekend
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm
- 19 Running into the Graveyard
- 23 St George's Day
- 25 2020 Tending & Corbeau Rally

MAY

- 1 Church Lunch, St George's, 12 noon
- 6 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Gt Bromley Parish Council event. Details tba
- 9 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Dog Show
- 10 Gt Bromley Parish Council VE event. Details tba
- 13 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society meeting, Ardleigh Methodist Hall, 7.45pm
- 16 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale, Ardleigh Village Hall, 9.30am
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

JUNE

- 3 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

JULY

- 1 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 2020 Tending Hundred Show
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

AUGUST

- 5 WI Garden Party
- 15 Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society Annual Show, Ardleigh Village Hall,
- 20 Friendship Club meeting, Cross Inn, 2.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

Dog Show

this year is being held on
Saturday 9th May



More details to follow

Little Dragons Preschool in association with St Georges School PTA



Charity No. 1134318
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Saturday 7th March

Race Night

Gt. Bromley Village Hall
8pm - midnight

A fun - filled fundraising night – Adults only
Tickets available from Little Dragons or school office - £10 each which includes a

Stour Valley Arts & Music

Sunday 10 November 2019
at 4.00 pm

Trio con Brio Copenhagen
St Mary's Church, East Bergholt
CO7 6TG

Sunday 08 March 2020 at 4.00 pm

Carducci String Quartet
St Mary's Church, East Bergholt CO7 6TG

Sunday 29 March 2020 at 4.00 pm

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Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society

Evening meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Ardleigh Methodist Church Hall, Colchester Road, Ardleigh and start at 19:45. Admission is free for members and just £1.50 for visitors, who are always welcome. Refreshments are available after the talk.

Membership is only £5 for each season and you can join at any meeting or at the show

Wednesday March 11th 2020

Jane Bastow- Creating my garden from a field

IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

To be positive the January/February rains would have been even more disruptive if it had fallen as snow. Possibly the heavy rain will prevent later water supply restrictions.

This is a good time to enjoy the garden as the new cycle of life starts.

We have already found a number of slugs suggesting there may be a large over wintered population and your control methods will need to be undertaken early this year.

Although no colonies of over wintered aphids have been seen it is probable that after a mild winter several will have survived and will need to be controlled (or tolerated) as soon as spring finally arrives.

It appears that the snowdrops are early this year and it will be worth selecting the earlier advertised garden openings to see them at their best.

Whilst progress in the garden is slow it is not the case in the greenhouse. The strong sunshine has required day time ventilation and the absence of night time frosts has been helpful.

In March you can sow tender fruit & vegetable seeds in a propagator but only if you can provide later protection.

Subject to suitable soil & weather conditions you can start outside sowing, but be careful as a few weeks' delay is often not crucial and it saves having to re-sow when the first sowing fails.

First Early Potatoes are usually planted in March, but will require to be earthed up as soon as the shoots show above ground.

Rose & Wisteria pruning should be completed, Asparagus & other perennial vegetable crops should be mulched. Most lawns will need cutting providing no damage is caused.

As exhibitors we lift Dahlia tubers and Chrysanthemum stools every autumn and propagate new plants in the greenhouse.

In February we rooted Chrysanthemum cuttings for varieties that will be disbudded to single blooms on each stem. Chrysanthemum spray variety cuttings will be taken in March. If rooted too early they flower too early and they are a better Autumn flower.



The Dahlia tubers, having been dried off in a frost-free greenhouse were boxed up in January and placed on a heating mat to sprout. We always start them early as often the first cuttings are large and hollow and unsuitable for rooting. The tubers would be suitable for splitting & replanting if you only want a few plants.

More next month.
Andy & Judy

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our February meeting began with the Treasurer's report prepared by Barbara, copies of which were available to members. We have a healthy credit balance for future expenses.

A sum of £50 has been sent to the East Anglian Children's Hospice from our Christmas card jar.

It was decided the Bring and Buy stall to raise funds for our Club should once again be started, so please bring along any items

you have available to future meetings.

The competition for the Rose Bowl was won jointly by Jean and Mary who will share safe keeping of the bowl.

Our March meeting will be entertainment by Kathy and friends and the competition a childhood photograph of yourself up to primary school age.

Sylvia Ward



GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Welcome to 2020.

Our first meeting this year 2020 began with thoughts and memories of our dear friend, Jill, who died peacefully at the end of 2019. Poems were read and members shared their memories of this wonderful lady, a past President who worked so hard for Great Bromley Women's Institute.

Following a hearty rendition of Jerusalem our speaker, Eileen Brown, one of our members, gave the most amusing talk, entitled "From Ships to Chips".

Eileen with the help of a very efficient power point presentation took us through the story of her career, which began as an apprentice engineer on an oil tanker and other such large vessels taking her all over the world to her present employment working in computers.

An absolutely fascinating humorous talk, we are fortunate indeed to have such talent in our group. Thank you Eileen.

After a short break where members could grab a coffee, pay their subs and read the information boards Pat Ainger, another member of our group, took us through the Five Resolutions from which Head Office want us to select one to put forward at the

A.G.M. at the Albert Hall this year. It was interesting to discuss and reflect through "Quiz Like questions" each resolution. Another good presentation, - Thank you Pat.

Certainly a full and busy meeting this month. Dates for your diary, whizzed through, just time to remind folk about Knit and Knatter, Pins and Needles and our forthcoming lunch at the Haywain.

Results of our competition this evening were very, very interesting. The title "Whatever Floats Your Boat?" caused much merriment.

What would you have chosen?

Jenny



JILL FROSTICK



Jillian Mary Frostick was born in 1932. Her parents, Major Athelstan and Dorothy Gunter moved to Great Bromley in 1925, after Athel retired from the army. He bought some land from his cousin at Morehams Hall, built Grove House, and planted a small commercial orchard. The garden included a grass tennis court and from this came Jill's life-long love of tennis.

She was seven when the war came, and remembered the constant noise of aircraft in the sky over Great Bromley. One night her pony narrowly survived a parachute bomb which fell just the other side of the wood. Her father was air raid warden, and she toured the village with him to show other young children how to fit their 'Mickey Mouse' gas masks.

After school at Bath, Jill helped her father run the orchard and household. She and her sister Ann enjoyed some local notoriety in their bright red MG; Jill thought they probably held a record for the last minute dash to Colchester station.

Jill met Charles Frostick at the Great Bromley badminton club. They married in 1955 and moved to Hiskeys, Charles's poultry farm in Little Bromley. After her father suffered a stroke, the family moved to Grove House where she and Charles made a warm and welcoming home for their children Martin, Gregory, Dorothy, Hugh, and Peter.

With five children going through St George's Primary School, she took a keen interest in village life, helping with Brownie camp, the PTA, and meals on wheels volunteering. She loved festive events and the challenge of designing a tableau for a carnival float or a fancy-dress costume. Membership of Great Bromley WI led to many lifelong friendships, and she was one of the movers behind a long running series of village pantos. Her superb energy meant that as well as family and garden and village activities, she found time for courses at Greyfriars in Colchester, becoming accomplished in dressmaking, calligraphy, gold embroidery, and many other crafts.

Jill's artistic nature was expressed in a love of music and poetry, and she knew much by heart. She loved to sing, and directed the ladies of the Leigh Singers in Ardleigh, sang for the St Botolph's Music Society, and the evensong choir at St George's Church.

She was a long-time and active member of local societies including Handicrafts, History, Education, Art, Music, and Conservation. Her love of harmony and colour also found expression in flower arranging. She studied this alongside Beth Chatto, and with her unerring eye for balance and beauty, she graced house and church with flowers.

Gardening was Jill's natural mode of life; flowers, fruit and vegetables. She saw the point of organic gardening way back in the 1950s and when she ordered some heritage seed recently from Gardening Organic the person said, 'That's an amazing membership number - you must be one of the very first members!'

Even in the last few weeks of her life she would dress for gardening each morning, as if to say that gardening was really the point of getting up, and if she could garden she would! She and her children were delighted that her long-held dream to create a butterfly and herb garden was realized last year.

Jill was a wonderful cook, and her cakes and puddings were often sublime. Her children remember waking to the sound of cheerful singing in the kitchen and she was always looking to try something new. Readers of the Messenger will have seen her homely and enterprising recipes in

'Kitchen Corner' over many years.

She enjoyed good health and fitness for most of her life. She was an intrepid traveller, with trips as far afield as Iran, India, and North Africa, and visits to grandchildren in the USA, Brazil, and New Zealand. Always active she was still playing tennis in her seventies and in her eighties went snorkelling, gliding, flew in a helicopter and drove a horse carriage.

Jill had her share of sadness. She was thirteen years old when her mother died; she nursed Charles in his later years, and Peter, her youngest child, died in a car accident. She found a way to come to terms

with those losses, guided by her strong faith, turning her thoughts toward the people she could care for.

She died surrounded by her family in the house at Great Bromley that was home for 85 of her 87 years. Her funeral was at St George's Church where she was christened and married, and she was buried at Little Bromley Church where Charles sang treble in the choir a century ago.

Jill's family would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and support, and for the generous donations in her memory for St George's Repair Fund.

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STOUR VALLEY U3A

Past Meetings

A speaker meeting took place on **Wednesday 12th February 2020 - The Life and Times of an Essex Bad Girl** From prison to a successful Brand by Tracy from the Giggly Pig Co and just how did she manage to change the direction of her life into being a pig farmer and successful sausage producer.

Future Meetings & Diary Dates

11 March - Bees and Flowers

Master Beekeeper, Jeremy Quinlan, will talk on the contest between bees and flowers to gain benefit from the relationship.

8th April - Colchester Roman Circus and The Fenwick Treasure

Philip Crummy, Director and Principal Archaeologist, Colchester Archaeological Trust, speaks about the two most interesting archaeological discoveries in the Colchester area in recent years.

13th May - The Insights of a Provincial Auctioneer

Steve Lister has been an auctioneer for 15 years selling everything from Faberge to cream eggs and classic to Corgi cars for commercial, charity and fund raising events in Essex and London areas.

Coffee Grinders meet on the last Friday of each month from 10 - 12 noon at the Lambe School Gaston Street East Bergholt and especially welcomes new members but gives all members the opportunity of meeting activity group leaders and

committee members whilst enjoying a cup of coffee. Please see our website for update www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk

Membership

Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment and emphasis is always placed on making learning active and fun as well as helping in developing friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, country walking, computer studies and gardens, churches and historic buildings visits. In the main, membership is drawn from communities in the lower Stour Valley and adjacent areas including Brantham, Capel St Mary, Dedham, East Bergholt, Holbrook, Lawford, Manningtree, Raydon, & Stratford St Mary. We are affiliated to the Third Age Trust, have over 400 members and 40 active groups. For further information please visit www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk where our membership secretary Val Pretty may be contacted.

Meeting Venue

The Constable Hall Gandish Road East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 and this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except December. Whilst Visitors are welcome to join us on a limited number of occasions, paying a donation each time, Members are given priority, for safety reasons, due the halls limited capacity. Remember it's never too late to learn! Join over 400,000 members across over 1,000 U3As throughout the UK today!



SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Hi Everyone,

It's just a lovely crisp winter's morning, the sun is shining and the birds think it's spring already and the snowdrops are in bloom. I hope by the time you are reading this we will have the daffodils nodding their sunny little heads after a mild February.

But if I could see into the future I could make my fortune, but, would we really want to see what was coming? How would we cope if we knew that on 2 February 2020 that we would have a fall and break a leg, or diagnosed with having something like Parkinson's. It could drive us to do some very silly things indeed. But I know that, by the law of averages this is what happened to some. The birds did not stop singing and the flowers continue to bloom, but for those few people the loss they feel must outweigh the beauty of the coming of spring. With a broken leg you know that in about 8 weeks you will be up and about again, but with something like Parkinson's you know this is going to affect you and your family for a long time. How would you cope with a progressive disease? Who would be there to help you? These type of illnesses affect the whole family, each member of that family have to come to terms with the condition and grieve for what could have been. Sad to say we all have to grieve so we can move forward, grieving is an important part of living. Grief is not something we do just when someone close to us dies. When big changes happen in our lives sometime we need to grieve for that old life so we can move forward and look to the future.

With the help of people who volunteer in the Parkinson's society, people with Parkinson's get help and advice, and when and if the time comes that more help is needed we are here to help with care. I like to think we look forward, Leonard Cheshire was a very forward thinking man, we all strive to continue to move forward, as a company Leonard Cheshire campaigns on disabled peoples rights, leading the campaign for wheelchair friendly train

and underground stations. Nobody would want to go back to the days when disabled people were shut away in high walled houses and never seen on our street. We go out and about as much as we can trying to make sure everyone knows that disability does not mean inability.

Before closing I would like to remind all of us of the old saying, yesterday is the past, today is the present, and tomorrow is yet to come. No one can change yesterday and today is a gift and don't worry about tomorrow as for all we know it might not arrive, so with that in mind I'm going to make myself a cup of coffee and have a look outside at this wonderful morning, but don't tell the boss!

Till next time take care

Liz x

CHURCH NEWS

Lent Course

'When someone does you a favour don't pay it back. Pay it forward.'

Starting 5th March at Filde Hall, Rectory Road, Little Bentley.

Do come and join us every Thursday at 11am for a free 5-week course, based on the film 'Pay it Back' starring Helen Hunt and Kevin Spacey.

The course also runs at St Mary's Lawford, starting Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm.

Vicar's Farewell

The Reverend Canon Simon Heron, Vicar of Lawford, The Bromleys, and Little Bentley has been appointed Vicar of Christchurch, Cheltenham. His last services in the benefice will be on Easter Day April 12th. We can look forward to reading his farewell message in 'From the Rectory' next month.

We will be making a presentation to thank Simon for his ministry here in The Bromleys. If you would like to contribute please send it to Marion Bromfield, 4 St George's Close.

The annual church meeting at St George's, Great Bromley will take place at noon on Sunday 8th March at the church and will be followed at 12.30pm with drinks and a farewell presentation for Simon. All are welcome to join this celebration.

The joint benefice service at St Mary's Lawford on 29th March will be followed by lunch at noon and a benefice farewell presentation for Simon. If you would like to attend the lunch please contact Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden.

All welcome to the Annual Church Meetings, Sunday 8th March at 12 noon.

The first meeting at noon is to elect the two churchwardens. All residents of Gt and Lt Bromley, and all members of the church electoral roll are entitled to vote. Churchwardens are responsible for keeping the church building in good order, and working with the Vicar and Parochial Church Council (PCC) to maintain the life of the church in the parish.

The second meeting at 12.05pm (25 minutes) is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to elect the PCC, and Deanery Synod Representative. The annual financial accounts are presented as well as a report of the year's activities including repairs and improvements to St George's Church. There is a chance to ask questions. All are welcome to attend, and those on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote.



more than a pub

Events March

***Every Friday Pub Food 6:00pm to 8:30pm**

Tue 3rd Home Darts match v Kings Head 6:30pm onwards

Thu 5th New Open Music Night hosted by Chris Daniels featuring local talent from 8:00pm

Sat 7th Rugby on the Big Screen 4:30pm Takeaway Night

Thu 12th Quiz night in Aid of Mencap hosted by Catherine 8pm start sandwiches at half time.

Sat 14th Rugby on the Big Screen from 4:30pm East Coast Pizza from 6:00pm

Sat 21st Bingo 7:30pm start Please Book a table in advance

22nd Mothering Sunday/Afternoon Tea 3:30pm Book in advance (£15 per head)

Thu 26th Open Floor Music Night come and sing play or listen all welcome.

Sat 28th Takeaway night come and order takeaway at the pub

Sew and So's every Friday 2:00pm until 4:00pm, Craft, Hobbies and Chat. Cribbage Every Wednesday from 7:00pm

Opening Times

Wednesday 6pm – 9pm • Thursday – Friday 5pm – 11pm • Saturday 6pm – 11pm • Sunday 12 Noon – 3pm • Café/Post Office Wednesday 10am – Noon

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STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Recent Meetings

Following on from last month's talk on Prisoner Of War Camps in WW2 on 5 February Carole Wheatley enlightened us on "Internment in Guernsey during the Second World War" and two weeks later on 19 February Colin Hopper presented "The Story of London Bridge". Both meetings were much enjoyed by all members.

Future Meetings

On Wednesday 4 March Maureen Clarke will talk to us about "The plight of street orphans in India" and we will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 March.

Francis Sparrow will speak about "The Black Death" on 1st April and on 15th April Mike Rines will tell us why "The English Language Is Under Attack".

At our first meeting in May on 6th David Lilley will introduce "The Mitford Sisters" and Chris Parfitt will take us on "A Circuit Of Cenral India" on Wednesday 20th May.

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members are welcomed

Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members to a minimal cost. New Members are always very welcome at all meetings of the Stour Valley Men's Probus Club, just join us at 10am on a meeting date. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am. Please contact President Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

FROM THE RECTORY

A while back I was digging through some old documents concerning the work that was done in our sister church in Lawford a few years ago, and came across a folder that contained two pieces of A4 that reported on the discussion about the removal of the pews.

When it was decided that the ageing heating system was going to be replaced, and new underfloor heating installed, the pews had to be taken out to lay the tiled floor. That having been decided, the ongoing discussion was on what kind of seating would be put back in again. Some favoured returning the original pews. Others some kind of chairs. A third suggestion was to put the old pews back, but put them on wheels to make them movable.

I suspect that would have been completely unrealistic, but it does sound like fun. I imagined some fairground ride type affair where parishioners would be pushing themselves around the church building during a service screaming wildly hands in the air as they whizzed from one side of the building to the other.

A change too far maybe, but the history of the church is one of change. From gathering in synagogues, to meeting in homes, to the construction of purpose built church buildings, successive generations have added on or taken away to make their situation suit their context. Pews, or indeed seats of any sort, are a relatively modern innovation. Only in the last 200 years have they featured in any parish church. Go back further and the services would have been in Latin and everyone would have stood. Which all makes the work being done at St George's in Gt Bromley so good to see. We are making the building work better for our current context.

Change in church, as in life, doesn't have to be a bad thing. The church's mission to speak afresh the gospel of Christ to each

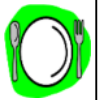
successive generation. The message doesn't change, but the medium might. As we look for better ways to serve this mission, we need to recognise what is good to hold on to, and what might need to change so that we can do what God has called us to do.

Simon

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Church Lunch

at 12 noon



- **6th March**
- **3rd April**
- **1st May**

All are very welcome to enjoy together home made tasty soup. Donations only

J.A.M. DROP-IN

Every Friday in St George's church
After school club for families. All welcome
Drop in for fun, games and laughter
3.00pm to 3.45pm
Refreshments, activities

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



March 2020

Welcome to our services

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| March 1st | <i>Lent 1</i> 9.15am Holy Communion with hymns |
| March 8th | <i>Lent 2</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist |
| March 15th | <i>Lent 3</i> 9.15am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong (BCP) with choir |
| March 22nd | <i>Mothering Sunday</i> 10.30am Parish Eucharist |
| March 29th | <i>Lent 5</i> 10.30am Benefice Eucharist at St Mary's, Lawford |

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| Vicar: | Revd Canon Simon Heron | 01206 392659 |
| Churchwardens: | Mrs Jenny Nicholls | 01206 230688 |
| | Mrs Yvonne Cobbold | 01206 230360 |

***The church is open daily and you are welcome to visit.
More details and information at www.greatbromley.org.uk
Facebook or Twitter @StGeorgesGtBrom***

St Mary's Church, Lawford

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| Every Sunday | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 1st Sunday | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| 2nd Sunday | 10.30am | Family Service |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong |
| 3rd Sunday | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 6.30pm | Café Church |
| 4th Sunday | 10.30am | Morning Worship |
| Wednesdays | 9.30am | Holy Communion |

St Mary's Church, Little Bentley

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| 1st Sunday | 10.30am | Morning Prayer |
| 3rd Sunday | 10.30am | Holy Communion |

St Mary's Church, Ardleigh

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| 1st Sunday | 10.3am | Parish Eucharist |
| 2nd Sunday | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 3rd Sunday | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist |
| 4th Sunday | 8.00am | Holy Communion |