

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

October 2020



THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

September is one of my favourite months as it brings renewed enthusiasm, with children pleased to be back at school, even more so this year, and we still have some warm sunny days to spend in the garden before getting ready for winter, and I usually start thinking about Christmas! I already have some plans about the festive season, and I'm wondering how things might be different this year. I hope that families will be able to celebrate together if possible.

My eldest is back at college although only one day a week, with the rest of the week being virtual lectures. My youngest has started secondary school and has settled in really well, with all her niggling worries dispelled by the excitement of the first day finally arriving.

We're about to start a redesign of our garden. I say 'we'....I've designed it, and Mr R will be digging it. (I'll do what I can!) But it's a lovely time of year to do it, with temperatures more acceptable for hard labour, and a good breeze most days. The original pond has been filled in and replaced with a summer house, and the new pond will be taking shape any day. Our pond plants have been sitting in a water butt

all summer but have done marvellously. It will be good to see them back in place. The cats are most intrigued with all the changes and have taken to inspecting our progress late afternoons when they finally wake up from their all-day slumber.

This month's cover is from the Great Bromley WI (socially distanced) picnic, and the winner of the Decorated Chair competition was Dorothy with her summer BBQ design - well done Dorothy!

Remembrance Sunday is in November and one of our residents has come up with a great idea of painting poppies on stones and placing them around the war memorial. My youngest has a thing for stones - we have dozens of them all over the place, all decorated in all kinds of patterns and pictures. Nail varnish also works well, and it's quite therapeutic too.

Special days in October include:

- 4th - World Animal Day
- 7th - Jeans for Genes Day
- 9-15th - National Curry Week

Take care, Lizzie

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Applications to be considered in November 2020 must be with the Parish Clerk by **Thursday 31st October 2020**. Only application forms received by this date will be considered by the Parish Council.

**Please email the Clerk via clerk@gbpc.org.uk
for an application form**

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If anyone needs a red, green or food recycling box
please contact:

Cllr Fred Nicholls on 01206 230688

Thank you Great Bromley Parish Council!

BIG BANGS!

Newcomers to the area ask what the big bangs are that can be heard at times when the wind is right. Being a Garrison town, Colchester has seen its share of explosions and gunfire on the ranges along the River Colne. The bigger bangs these days tend to carry all the way from the Shoeburyness ranges on the Thames estuary, which is a major MOD weapons testing site and also used to dispose of old ordnance.

My friend Ivan Arthey told me about explosions from the other direction, Bramble Island on the coast near Great Oakley. He remembers one day, the 7th November 1950, when he was a teenager at work on a building job in Thorrington. There was a huge bang and the building shook, and his boss told him he reckoned it was from Bramble Island, some 12 miles away. The papers the next day revealed that an explosion occurred in a mixing house of the explosives factory at Bramble Island, resulting in 'the death of three men, a fourth missing, and 25 others injured'.

Another friend, Beryl Tite, was in the sugar beet fields that day with her mother. Young Beryl shook the earth off and then her mother topped and tailed them into a heap for collection. The women in the fields were knocked off their feet by the explosion, but they soon jumped up and went running up the road to the factory, where many of them had their menfolk working. The factory was a very large employer in the area, and they ran a works bus from Harwich in those days.

That incident was the last big one, but Beryl says there were smaller

accidents and deaths since then, one of them being on 3rd July, 1956. The different parts of the works were separated by distance and the factory buildings were sunk into the grounds with earth banks around, so that the whole lot would not go up when there was an incident. (How tragic that they didn't think about such things in Beirut.) A web search reveals: 'Explosion of Nitro-Glycerine occurred in the Final Washing House of the Factory of the Explosives and Chemical Products Limited, at Bramble Island on the 11th March, 1913.'

'Dr. Wilson Baldwin was the assistant works manager in November 1942, when there was an explosion that killed two people. After the blast, Dr. Baldwin fought heroically to limit the damage to the premises. He climbed up to a smouldering roof above an 1,800lb vat of gelignite and doused the flames, thereby preventing more carnage. For his bravery, Baldwin was awarded the Edward Medal (EM): a decoration which was translated to the George Cross in 1971 when the EM was phased out.'

Public records also note 'Explosives and Detonators missing at transfer (1974).'

Today, Bramble Island is home to EPC-UK Ltd, and still involved with chemicals and explosives, which means this section of the very pretty area surrounding Hamford Water is closed to the public.

Hugh Frostick

IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

As we contemplate October, the days shorten and evenings lengthen. Many will start to get the 'winter blues' but there is still plenty to do in the garden and we can all enjoy the deep rich autumnal colours and the low weaker sunshine which enriches our surroundings at this time of year. Each season has its wonders and we should seek them whenever we can. However small or large your garden might be, the routines of weeding, hoeing and mowing continue (yes, I know I am repeating myself), with a greater emphasis now on pruning and generally tidying up the garden.

October is the time to prepare for planting bare root fruit trees and roses in November. Bare root plants are generally cheaper than the pot grown varieties that you can purchase earlier in the year and local garden centres, such as Deans, and specialists nurseries such as Ken Muir (fruit trees) and Cants (roses) will have good stocks to choose from as well as lots of good advice to go with them. Think about what you want now. Setting the positions for the new plants and digging the bed over now means digging the planting holes will be less onerous when the plants arrive and you won't have to 'heel them in' to a temporary position.

Planting holes need to accommodate the expected spread of the roots on the plants and be deep enough to plant at the same depth as previously grown by the supplier. All good nurseries will include detailed planting instructions.

Unless you have very good soil the holes should be backfilled with a 50/50 mix of the original soil and some proprietary compost. If you have very

poor soil do not be tempted to plant in total proprietary compost. It could form a sump, waterlogging the roots and potentially drowning them. Other than pond or bog/marginal plants they need water and oxygen at the roots to thrive. Remember to break up the bottom of the planting holes to allow roots to move out of the planting holes. The incorporation of fertiliser in the planting holes should be left until the actual planting as you can then ensure it does not come into contact with the roots.

If you are planting a rose in soil that has had roses growing in it in the last 6 years the soil needs changing to a depth of 37cm or more and replacing with topsoil that has not grown roses. If it is not possible to replace the soil you can try using a 'Jeyes' fluid drench. The removed soil is good to grow any other plants but not roses. The use of a Mycorrhizal fungi product to encourage root growth is beneficial for all planting.

Whilst much of your plant debris from the autumn tidying can safely be composted there is some that should either be burnt or taken to the local waste disposal site. Generally composting material needs to be free of weed seeds, perennial weeds and anything that may start growing again that you do not want. It should also be disease and pest free. Personally, I always exclude potato and onion material and rose prunings because of the thickness of stems and the risk of harbouring blackspot fungus.

We hope you continue to enjoy your gardening, and suspect we may be in for a fair bit more sunshine to sustain us over the coming months.

Seventeen members of our WI braved the outdoors as we met in the church field on Wednesday the 2nd of September which would have been our usual monthly meeting night. Bringing our own chairs and food, adhering to social distancing and just enjoying the open air and a chance to catch up with other members we hadn't seen for sometime. With cardigans being put on and off again the weather decided to be kind and stayed dry but cool.

There was a competition of a decorated chair which Dorothy won with her summer BBQ seat. Things hanging and attached included cups, plates, spatulas and tongs all the essentials. As someone said everything except the kitchen sink !!

A very pleasant way to spend a couple of hours with friends.

It was hoped and planned that on

September 23rd we would all be able to meet for a lunch at The Courthouse for a lunch followed by our Annual Meeting which was postponed from May 2020.

Sadly this could not take place as planned following recent regulations issued by our government. However, the committee is at work planning alternative 'get togethers' in a bubble of six.

As well as our weekly phone calls we are hoping to provide opportunities for members to join small groups where they can meet to do crafts, writing, painting, coffee and cake etc, and many other groups which will be held safely in venues to be arranged

We hope all our members are keeping safe and well Love and best wishes to you all Jenny, Joyce and all the committee members.

A poem from Jill Newman member and past President of Great Bromley WI which refers to the building of the new A120 which cut the village in half in the early 1980's.

*Great Bromley is beautiful where ever you go
If you look at the verges you will see some brown snow
And when you go walking quite tanned you will be
By the lorries belting up and down spraying mud all for free.*

*As I was driving to Colchester Town
I came to some crossroads and they made me frown
I jammed my brakes suddenly at what I did see
A blooming great enormous digger passed right in front of me.*

*If you'd be a wondering what to do in July
When the sun is beating down on you out of a blue sky
Well come down to Bromley it's quite a resort
With caravans and potholes we'll all have some sport.*

*So if you'd be a wondering what we think of this road
It'll really be quite helpful as everyone knowed
'Cause a motorway like exit comes down to the Spread
No need to go to Monte Carlo crash your cars here instead.*



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

Virtual London Marathon Event

Jo Tyrrel, one of our Practice Nurses was due to run the Virgin London Marathon this year. Although the Marathon has been cancelled due to the pandemic, her training has not gone to waste as she will be running 26.2 miles locally on Sunday, 4th October 2020 in a 'virtual London Marathon Event'. Jo is raising money for three very good causes – Diabetes UK, Mind - the mental health charity and Addison's disease. If you would like to support her and help to raise money for these very worthy charities you can sponsor her by visiting her just giving page below:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=JoanneTyrrel&pageUrl=2#>

The whole Surgery Team wishes Jo all the very best for her Marathon run.

Swab Testing for Coronavirus

The Surgery is not able to offer swab testing for Coronavirus so we would ask that patients do not contact us to request this. If you do have symptoms and need to have a swab test please either visit www.gov.uk or phone 119 to book a test.

Research study for patients over 50 years of age with COVID 19 symptoms

We are a research Practice and from time to time you may be contacted to take part in studies if eligible.

Currently we are looking for any patients with COVID 19 symptoms aged over 50 to take part in the Principle Research Study. Patients can self-refer for this by either going to the website <https://sentry.phc.ox.ac.uk/prinscreen/GRB> or contacting them by phone on tel. 0800 138 0880. From there the team will be able to advise if you can participate in this Study.



I wrote about it being flu vaccination season last month. This is just a reminder that we are running Flu Clinics on every Saturday morning throughout October. If you are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination and haven't had yours yet, please contact our reception team on tel. 01206 250691 to book your appointment. Our staff can check your record to see if you are eligible if you aren't sure about this.

Patient Participation Group

At the time of writing the Newsletter there isn't a Patient Participation Group meeting planned in October. If this situation changes then PPG members will be informed by email and we will also advertise this on the Surgery website.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

Hello everyone,

I have to say firstly that I feel very refreshed from having time away. I have just come back from 12 days in Somerset camping with my family and at times it felt like we had grandchildren and dogs everywhere! Two grandchildren under 13 years and three dogs, what fun! I will add that in total there were 11 of us, so maybe not as bad as it seemed at the time.

At Seven Rivers things have stayed very much as they were, we are still only letting visitors visit in the garden under the gazebos. I'm not sure how much longer this will continue as with the weather beginning to turn other arrangements will have to be made. But this all depends on how Covid-19 acts. If we have the second wave that is expected we will be in full lockdown mode again. We, like everyone, are hoping and praying that that does not happen. In the meantime we are still wearing full PPE to do our work to protect our residents as much as we can.

As I mentioned before, I had to cancel bonfire night. This was not an easy decision. We make very little in monetary terms from bonfire night and some years we only break even. But I enjoy this event as I feel it's the one time that lots of the villagers come along and join us in some fun. And that is the one thing that seems to be missing at the moment.

I'm sure the residents just get fed up with us saying 'no' or 'if you go out, you have to wear a mask.' It's going to make Christmas shopping with the residents interesting. Only a few residents have gone out and that has been to hospital appointments.

At this time I am seeing no way we can

have a Christmas Market like in previous years. This means that our income from events held this year is zero. We rely on money from events held at the home to give our resident extras at Christmas and other special times during the year. We have been lucky that some people and organisations have given us donations, such as the one from Great Bromley Parish Council. This will go toward treats at Christmas. While we usually have a good incoming entertainment plan, again this year we have had no musical entertainment, and as yet I have not been given any guidelines on if we will be allowed any in the home for Christmas, so possibly no Christmas panto! So we will be looking at this in a new way to see what we can create ourselves! I feel a Christmas karaoke coming on!

But in saying all of that we have not had one resident with Covid-19 and I am touching wood as I say this, long may that be the case. Our job is, as it always has been, to protect those we care for. And if that means we miss out on a few things so be it. We are all safe.

As some of you know I was made redundant from my role as Volunteer Co-ordinator at the end of August. I am working at Seven Rivers as a occasional hours activities worker. But we are still actively looking for volunteers once we can allow people back into the home so please look on the Leonard Cheshire website in the volunteers section, or just call in and ask to speak to me and I will do what I can to help you.

Leonardcheshire.org will give you all the information you need about us and our organisation.

Take care and remain safe

Liz x



STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Recent Meetings

At the time of going to press, on 31 August, an Extra Ordinary meeting has been called by the Committee to discuss the future of the Club. This meeting is being held being on at 10.30am on Wednesday 19 September at the Ogilvie Hall, Lawford.

Future Meetings

Due to the lack of a suitable venue that is open for us to meet regularly, whilst following the Government's guidelines, our planned speaker programme is on hold.

Meeting Venue

We usually 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 or Secretary Graeme Forsyth 01206 399049 for the latest meeting details.

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

STOUR VALLEY U3A

News

Knocked back by Covid we are now rebuilding as quickly as is safely possible. The majority of our activity groups, including walking, ten pin bowling, fitness, canoeing and kayaking, are back up and running. Other groups, from philosophy, to book club and languages, continue to operate using Zoom. Meanwhile, our coffee mornings have started again at the Lambe School in East Bergholt on Fridays each month and our gardening group has a number of visits planned, including a week away to Harrogate.

Membership

We are always open to new members. Our fee for 2020/21 is just £8. To find out more, visit our website to see how we work and get the latest updates about our local activities:
stourvalleyu3a.org.uk.

You can also get in touch by email:

Graham Manuel (chair)
gandamanuel@gmail.com or Sue Basted (secretary)
susanbasted10@gmail.com

About us

Stour Valley U3A is one of more than 1,000 U3A groups in the UK. We have just over 400 members based in the Essex/Suffolk border encompassing areas including Manningtree, Dedham, East Bergholt and Shotley. We work with neighbouring branches in Hadleigh, Harwich and Colchester which provides a wider range of social and learning opportunities. The Third Age Trust looks after all U3As nationally bringing together people in their "third age" to develop their interests and continue learning in a friendly and informal environment. Third age is a time after you have finished working full-time and have time to pursue interests or just try something new.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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



The Parish Council has submitted its consultation regarding the 2021 Corbeau Seats Car Rally. We have highlighted several comments made by residents regarding safety concerns. We have also invited the organiser to attend a Parish Council meeting prior to the rally taking place to ensure he has accepted our views.

Motorcyclists are causing a speed problem on some Wednesday evenings on some of our roads. The Parish Council agreed to write to Inspector Lily Benbow, District Commander, requesting police attention to try to slow down the motorcyclists.

A resident has contacted the Parish Council requesting consideration be given for a pavement to be constructed along Frating Road to its junction with Harwich Road. We have agreed to support and forward the request onto

Essex County Council via our County Councillor. The Parish Council agreed the road noise from the A120 is affecting parts of the village. We agreed to contact Sir Bernard Jenkin and Cllr Carlo Guglielmi to request a noise survey be carried out.

We were informed County Broadband have reached full capacity for our area on its existing wireless system and cannot accept any further applications until its fibre broadband is operational. There have been a couple of fly tipping instances reported, TDC have been informed and requested to deal with the problem.

Covid-19 is still with us and we should all be aware of social distancing otherwise we could all be back in another lockdown. Please look out for your neighbours, especially if they are elderly.

Planning Determinations

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
20/00732/FUL Mr Ian Murch	Proposed removal of existing veranda and construction of front entrance porch.	Fern Lodge Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JW	Approval - Full 03.08.2020 Delegated Decision
19/00875/OUT Mr & Mrs Gordon Bennett	Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of three dwellings and associated garages.	Field House Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JF	Refusal - Outline 28.08.2020 Delegated Decision
20/00792/FUL Mr Paul Willey	Proposed single storey rear extension, garage roof conversion including new front elevation dormer window as well as additional internal alterations and repairs.	Chatsworth Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JW	Approval - Full 18.08.2020 Delegated Decision



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

Telephone: 01206 230305

We have started the Autumn term, a term like no other. The children have settled into life at school so well and it is lovely to see them enjoying their learning and socialising with their friends. Although there are some new arrangements and systems to get used to, life in the classrooms is as close to 'normal' as it can be and the children have been getting stuck into their learning and topics with great enthusiasm. Class Four have even been on a plane ride to Addis Ababa to kickstart their 'Around the World' topic!

Welcome to Class One!

Our new Reception children have made a fantastic start to their first term at school. They have settled so well already, arriving each morning with big smiles.

We have 22 children in our Reception class this term and they have all settled really well. We also have several new pupils and families to welcome to St George's this term:

- Luca, Finnley and Mila in Class Two
- Sienna and Aimee in Class Three
- Leah, Kaci and Leo in Class Four

We are really pleased to welcome you to our school and look forward to getting to know you and your families in the coming term.



Here they are having fun in their classroom - at the snack table and playing with shaving foam!

2020 EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 ECC Mobile Library - Church Meadow 9.45-10.15am
- 14 Great Bromley Parish Council - Venue TBC 7.30pm
- 22 ECC Mobile Library - Church Meadow 9.45-10.15am

NOVEMBER

- 7 Litter pick - 10am at The Bromley Cross
- 11 Great Bromley Parish Council - Venue TBA 7.30pm
- 12 ECC Mobile Library - Church Meadow 9.45-10.15am
- 19 Little Bromley Parish Council - venue TBC 7.30pm

Community Library at The Cross

Every Wednesday
10.00am-12 noon

Remembrance Sunday

Any group or individual who wishes to purchase a poppy wreath can do so by contacting

Mr Eugene Horgan

07939 086034

or by email at

eugene.horgan@btinternet.com

Please place your orders as soon as possible.



Essex Oil Club

If you would like to pay less for your oil, wood and coal, come and join the Essex Oil Club and get discounts for these products by buying in bulk with other local people.

For further information and to register online go to <http://www.essexoil.club/> or call Lesley on 01206 231703.

The Post Office at The Cross



Wednesday mornings
10.00am-12 noon

Message from the Chairman of Great Bromley Parish Council

I urge you all to keep up to date with and follow the latest advice issued by the Government in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak. I would also ask that we all be aware of our neighbours, and be on hand to provide support to those who might need it, particularly the elderly and those who are vulnerable.

For anyone who is struggling to find support, please call me on 01206 230688.

Cllr Fred Nicholls

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

The Mobile Library visits Church Meadow every three weeks

Day of visit: Thursday

Time of visit: 9.45am to 10.15am

Route: County Mobile 2 week 1

There is a 2 week break over the Christmas and New Year period.

Next visit dates

- 01 October 2020
- 22 October 2020
- 12 November 2020



CHURCH NEWS

Great News! The processional Cross has returned home to St Georges.

After an extensive renovation, repair and clean our wonderful Cross was returned to the church on September 13th 2020 by Martin Huggett.

The intricate design of the four apostles, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are there for all to see entwined with a wreath of thorns, Jesus Christ takes centre stage in the middle of the Cross.

The PCC and Church Wardens extend heartfelt thanks to those who found the Cross earlier this year by the Grain Silos in Hall Road. We would also like to extend grateful thanks to Martin Huggett who has restored the Cross to its former glory.

We have no history of the Cross other than it was gifted to the church by a well wisher.

Martin thinks that it is possibly one hundred years old, made of gilded metal containing copper and zinc. We hope to bless the Cross this Sunday at our Harvest Festival which begins at 6.30pm.



Donations will be gathered for the Manningtree Food Bank as we celebrate a service full of Thanksgiving and Praise led by Rev. Laura Garnham.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Spotted a suspicious email?

What is phishing and how does it work?

You wouldn't let a thief enter your home, but what if the thief was masquerading as someone familiar, such as a postman, and tricked you into opening the door? Phishing works in a similar way - criminals use legitimate looking messages and websites to trick people into opening the doors to their personal data, giving up logins, passwords or even payment details. That information can then be used to commit fraud and cyber crime.

How big is the problem?

Phishing attacks are a common security challenge that both individuals and businesses across the UK face on a regular basis. The National Cyber Security Centre's Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) received over 1.7M reports from the public between April and August 2020, with the most commonly faked brands being TV Licensing, HMRC and GOV.UK.

How can you protect yourself from phishing scams?

Many phishing scams started with a message out of the blue. Whether it's an email asking you to "verify" account information, or a text message claiming to be from your bank, the goal of a phishing attack is usually the same – to trick you into revealing personal and financial information. Criminals are experts at impersonation and they're constantly getting better at creating fake emails and texts that look like the real thing.

Here's some simple advice you can follow when it comes to dealing with phishing scams:

1. Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text.

If you need to check that it's a genuine message, call them directly. Don't use the contact details in the email, but visit the official website instead.

2. If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk.

3. Received a text message you're not quite sure about? Maybe it's asking you to "verify" personal or financial details, such as a banking password? You can report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to 7726.

4. If you've lost money or provided personal information as a result of a phishing email, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud: www.actionfraud.police.uk

5. For more simple tips on how to protect yourself online, visit: www.actionfraud.police.uk/cybercrime

GET INVOLVED ONLINE WITH GREAT & LITTLE BROMLEY

The Great Bromley and Little Bromley village websites have been refreshed in April 2020, so I thought this a good time to share a list of websites and main social media pages for our villages.

Great Bromley village website

www.greatbromley.org.uk with links to most village media pages including:

- ◆ Parish Council website www.gbpc.org.uk
- ◆ Village Hall website www.greatbromleyvillagehall.org.uk

Little Bromley village website

www.littlebromley.org.uk incorporating the Parish Council pages and with links to most village media pages.

Some other village organisations, pubs, and businesses have a website or social media; you can find links to many of them in the village websites and in The Messenger.

Social Media

You can pick up links to these via the village websites or your search engine.

Facebook

Great Bromley Community
Little Bromley Community
Great Bromley Village Hall
Great Bromley Church
Friends of Little Bromley Church

Twitter

Great Bromley Parish Council
Great Bromley Church
Friends of Little Bromley Church

Next Door

www.nextdoor.co.uk is a free neighbourhood website which allows members to sign up by postcode to share information about their local communities. Several locals use this, and Little Bromley Parish Council use it for their community messaging.

Mailing Lists

e-Mailing lists exist for *Friends of Little Bromley Church* and *Great Bromley Church*. You can refer to the websites and sign up to hear about news and events.

Hugh Frostick

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION



HARE COURSING - WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

CALL THE POLICE:

Inform them of your suspicions. Give an accurate location use **What3Words*** for describing location as the police officers attending may not be familiar with your land.

GET VEHICLE DETAILS:

Note the make, model and colour of all vehicles involved. If you can take index numbers without approaching them, do so.

DESCRIPTIONS:

How many persons in a vehicle, how many dogs - note any distinctive features of those involved. If you can safely photograph them, do so.

NOTE THEIR ACTIONS:

What are they doing that shows they are coursing? For example, are the dogs running and turning together?

DAMAGE:

Inform of any damage such as damage to access gate, damage to crops.

GIVE A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE:

Be prepared to support a prosecution by cooperating with the police investigation, and keep any notes.

*What3Words is a free smartphone app that uses a combination of three unique words to easily pinpoint your location anywhere in the world. Visit what3words.com



Photo: Lee Sawley



IN AN EMERGENCY OR IF
A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS
ALWAYS CALL

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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 1 August in the year of the application.

Universities and Colleges of Further Education

Applicants must have lived in one, or more, of the five Parishes for at least two 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
Tel: 01206 322215

Closing date for applications:- 31st October 2020

Victim Support is looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills to join their local team, providing emotional and practical support to people affected by crime.

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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The Council held the September meeting via Zoom again as the new rule of six still prevents holding the Council meeting in public.

The Village sign has been repainted and we are expecting it to be delivered in the next few days. The new post and metal shoe are ready and hopefully everything will be fitted and replaced in the near future.

The Council has had a request from a resident to explore the possibility of re-opening the redundant footpaths around the Village. The Council has decided to seek the views of residents to see if this is something they would like to pursue. Please email the Council with your comments and views on this.

A reminder that we are still looking for a new footpath warden. If this is something you would like to help us with, then again please email us.

The Council has had the quotes in for the possibility of positioning a Defibrillator in the car park in Shop Road but, with the work required, this has proved to be more expensive than anticipated. As such, we will explore other location options.

The next meeting of the Council will be on the 19th November at 7.30pm. At the moment it is a planned Zoom meeting but if the situation changes before then we will post details on the website.

LETTER - BROADBAND

We have had a couple of weeks of disruption in Meadow Close where County Broadband (CB) have been installing fibre cables for broadband. A few months ago some men started marking out the site for huge telegraph poles... which would have very much dominated the bungalows in the Close when all other services run underground. I am very glad that I immediately raised the issue with our Broadband champions, Neil Skinner & Martin Frostick, and they made suitable enquiries and pleas. In due course Neil reported, "There is a minimum height for wires crossing the road and as the properties are all bungalows, the wires have to come from a higher location which is why the poles would be so tall. After you pointed out that all existing services are underground they stopped work immediately. Subsequent investigations have revealed that the BT (Openreach) cabling was laid

underground and simply concreted over, without using the usual ducting. So CB took the decision to lay their own ducting to minimise the impact on the environment, much to their credit." So the CB contractors have been digging up our worn-out pavements. There have been a couple of issues raised by neighbours, which I believe CB have addressed to everybody's satisfaction, but I have to say in my experience the workers here have been very polite, cheerful, helpful and efficient, and doing a good job. They always seemed very happy to move or make a way when someone needed to have access. Like many in the village, I am looking forward to being connected. My only gripe is that it would have been so nice for Essex Highways to take the opportunity to resurface the other half of these crumbling pavements at the same time!

Dr. Hugh Frostick

STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY

While members of the choir have been unable to meet in person for singing rehearsals since lockdown, we have been meeting on zoom for social chats and for committee meetings.

During June and July, we were able to participate in virtual choir practices again, from the comfort of our own homes, technology permitting. We started with some familiar pieces, such as Panis Angelicus and the Skye boat song to get used to a new way of learning, and had mastered them well by the end of term.

Virtual choir practices recommence in September and we will be starting to rehearse Medleys from 'Oklahoma' and 'Les Miserables' in anticipation being able to perform again next year.

We have some planned dates for concerts in 2021. We hope that they will go ahead, but, of course, it will still depend on Government advice

regarding coronavirus nearer the time. We hope to bring you 'Stour Choral Society goes to the movies' on the evening of Saturday May 15th 2021 at Old Hall in East Bergholt, and later in the year, the postponed performance of Handel's 'Messiah' the afternoon of Saturday October 23rd 2021 at Mistley Parish Church. The performance of 'Messiah' will be in celebration of Stour Choral Society's 50th Anniversary.

Our website has recently been updated, so please keep an eye on this www.stourchoralsociety.co.uk and our facebook page for any updates, or if you are missing singing and would like to join our online rehearsals please get in touch via email- info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk or via our facebook page.

Wishing you good health and hoping we will be singing to an audience again next year.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

A resident has come up with a lovely idea to paint a poppy on a stone and place them at the War Memorial. This is a great idea for children or those who like a bit of creativity.





ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH GREAT BROMLEY



www.greatbromley.org.uk

Church re-opening

St George's lends itself well to distancing and good circulation and we have the COVID precautions in place. We welcome you back to church - or if you are not used to coming to church why not give it a try? As well as Sundays the church is open every Wednesday 9am-5pm.

Bells

We are delighted to report that the bells are ringing again. We are fortunate to have one of the most spacious ringing chambers in the district, and by careful planning with family groups the ringers were able to ring five bells on September 13th before the service.

Music in church

St George's has risen to the challenge of church without congregational singing. We have introduced new music for organ and solo voice and in September we will start adding more voices since we are now allowed to have a small choir. Recently we have had plainsong, Kyrie by Lotti, Agnus Dei by Cordans, and organ music by classical and contemporary composers; music to contemplate and to inspire.

St George's Newsletter

We now have an online newsletter which has church news, links to music, recordings of some of our services. If you would like to try it please sign up by emailing church@greatbromley.org.uk. We also have a printed version for those who don't have email, please contact Jenny 230688 if you would like a copy delivered to you.

Volunteers for autumn churchyard tidy

Would you like to help with tidying and weeding the churchyard? We are organising a friendly day for helpers in October. Please contact Jenny on 230688 if you are interested.

TMMO Make it go away

In August we were pleased to welcome TMMO, led by Gt Bromley resident Ryan Taylor, for their original recording project 'Make it go away'. You can see their recording on facebook under Taylor Made Music. TMMO say 'We've Learnt You Really Can't Beat Natural Church Acoustics!'

Thank you for your support. Don't hesitate to ask if you need any information.

Best wishes

Churchwardens

St George's Opening Times and Services for October

Please check latest info on the church page at greatbromley.org.uk Currently all our services have organ music and one or more singers.

- + **Every Wednesday:** Church open 9am-5pm
- + **October 4th** Holy Communion (BCP) 9.15am Church open to visitors 10.30am - 5pm
- + **October 11th** Parish Eucharist 10.30am Church open to visitors 11.30am - 5pm
- + **October 18th** Evensong 6.30pm Church not open today except for the service
- + **October 25th** Parish Eucharist 10.30am Church open to visitors 11.30am - 5pm