

# The Messenger

The Magazine of the  
villages of Great &  
Little Bromley

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# THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

The snow has finally thawed, it was certainly a cold week! But now the sun is shining and I've got the washing out, although I don't hold out much hope of it completely drying. The cats are happier that the garden has reappeared, but happier still to be laid out in front of the fire after a few minutes of fresh air.

There is a glimmer of hope that the end of lockdown is within sight. The almost daily news of someone we know who has had their 1st vaccination is a welcome lift to the constant worry brought about by watching too much news. I hope you are all managing well, but please ask the countless local and national organisations for help if you are struggling.

Spring is a matter of weeks away and the snowdrops, closely followed by the daffodils, are determined to out-do the snow. Mothering Sunday is on 14th March and so the daffodils should be in abundance by then. The clocks will spring forward on 28th March and we may by then have a little more freedom to enjoy.

This month's cover relates to an interesting article in this issue about the Stone brothers who used to reside in

Great Bromley. Thank you to Graeme for the stunning picture of the ship 'The Increase' which took the Stone brothers to America.

Great Bromley's latest residents in the form of barn owls also feature this month, and thank you to Karen for her article. I'm hopeful that next month we'll have a follow-up on their progress.

This week has been half term, and we have done it with a difference this time. We've had a 'P' day, where everything we did either began with the letter P or was very closely linked; pyjamas, pampering, playing, pancakes. I'm not sure how easy other letters would be! Today is mummy/daughter role reversal - currently the mummy is having a lay-in and cannot be disturbed! I've planned to ask for food constantly and I'm not preparing any meals - could be interesting. I have been told I'm likely to get an early night...so not all bad:)

Awareness days in March include:

- 1st - National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- 4th - World Book Day
- 15th - 21st - Compost Week

*Take care,  
Lizzie*

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## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

The village hall remains closed due to the current Covid 19 restrictions and will not re-open until the current guidance from HM Government changes. The hall is being managed and cared for as usual despite the lockdown, albeit with fewer management committee meetings given the lack of usage and fewer discussion issues arising. It is hoped to hold the Annual General Meeting of the village hall as usual in May but if lockdown does not permit this the meeting will be held as soon as possible thereafter.

There are still vacancies on the management committee and if you are interested in joining the team to support our fine community venue into the future you would be most welcome. Please contact me for further details.

There have been no responses to the request in last month's magazine for someone to come forward as the village hall accounts examiner. The accounts have to be examined by a person independent of the management committee to satisfy the requirements of

the trust deed and the Charity Commission. This informal audit post is not onerous in a normal year (much less this financial year when the hall has been closed for much of the time), taking someone familiar with simple accounting/book keeping only a few hours work in April. No formal qualifications are required. The accounts are prepared for examination by our experienced treasurer utilising the summaries printed by our Quickbooks accounting package.

Should you be willing to assist the village hall committee with account examining or would like more information then please contact me by 15th March. A full briefing and as much advice as is required will be given. It would be a shame if the management committee has to pay for an auditor for the first time since the village hall trust was set up; the village hall has traditionally been a community facility run and supported by volunteers in the community.

**Martin Frostick**

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## CHURCH JOTTINGS... GREGORY AND SIMON STONE

Amongst the worshipping congregation of our village church in the mid 1600's were two brothers, Gregory and Simon Stone, and their respective families; the brothers being local farmers. In 1635, they emigrated to the New World. Sailing from Ipswich, in the ship "The Increase", the families landed in Massachusetts some three months later, they settled in Watertown where they carried on their farming activities. They prospered and multiplied and their descendants have spread

throughout the United States. In 1897 a 'Stone Association' was formed, and in 1904 the Association commissioned and installed the 'Stone Family Window' in the north side of St. George's Church.

So - when you next visit St. G's, be sure to search for the Stone Window and read all about the Stone family and their descendants who visit Great Bromley each year. (Covid permitting).

# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council continues to hold the bi-monthly meetings on Zoom and is pleased to see that members of the public are now joining in. A reminder that all are welcome to log in to the meetings.

The Council has been sent a notice from Essex County Council regarding an Insulation Grant that is available for residents to help insulate homes. To be eligible for this grant, which is up to £10,000, homes to be improved should be currently rated as Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) E, F or G and the household income below £30,000. To apply for the grant email Aran Insulation at:

[info@arangroup.co.uk](mailto:info@arangroup.co.uk) or call 0800 587 7795.

We have been asked by the organiser of the 10K run in Little Bromley to advise that this year's event has been postponed. A date later in the year has yet to be confirmed.

The Council is pleased to report that the precept for this year will remain the same as last year, at £1700.

A reminder that the position of Internal Auditor is still vacant - if anyone would like to help out with this then please contact the Clerk.

The next full meeting of the Council will be on the 18th March, via Zoom, at 7.30pm.

## GREAT BROMLEY ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March &  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am – 3.30pm



Great Bromley Village Hall, Great Bromley, CO7 7JA  
ENTRY - £1. ( Before 9.30am £2 ) No Concessions

**Hot food and drinks available**

Email: [nigel@garden-shows.com](mailto:nigel@garden-shows.com) Tel: 07802 282193

**Covid-19 Restrictions: Face covering must be worn, one-way system.**

Temperatures will be taken and contact details must be given

Table Bookings only in advance

## IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

Now is a good time to reflect on what happened last year in the garden. It is a good idea, especially if your memory is like ours, to jot down your successes and failures as the year goes by.

With many new 'lockdown' gardeners trying their hand for the second year, I thought raised beds or 'square foot' gardening may be of interest. Search on-line for good articles and cheap second-hand copies of books or try our local charity shops when they re-open as they really need your support.

Raised beds can be of any length to suit your space but not wider than 1m so you can cultivate and harvest from a path on both long sides. With clay soil here, we have used raised beds extensively to increase the depth and quality of soil with excellent results. The 'square foot' gardening technique is a way of growing more intensively in a raised bed, ideal for small gardens or just small vegetable areas. It advocates dividing the raised bed, for example a 1m square into 9 squares, and planting something different in every square. It is possible to use most of the bed for most of the year with surprisingly good results but do your homework on the best plant combinations and how to look after them.

Having started the chrysanthemum cuttings in January, we started warming up the dahlia tubers which have been boxed up in sieved potting compost from last year's tomato pots. We box in cat litter trays with drainage holes drilled in the bottom. Cut the old stem down to about 25mm and leave the joint between the old stem and the tubers just above soil level. Take care not to over water whilst the tubers are

still waiting to sprout but do not let them dry out so much that they desiccate. We take cuttings to form new plants every year. The earlier shoots are very often hollow and extremely difficult to root so we cut them off and wait for the next flush which will be smaller, not hollow and easier to root. If you lifted your dahlias last autumn to replant the tubers this year, this is also a reasonable way to start them off, but don't do it too early because you will have to manage them in a frost free environment, until planting out in late May or early June, as the new shoots are more tender than the tubers.

As we emerge from a very cold early February into hopefully some warmer March days, many of us will feel like doing something outside. Jobs for March might include pruning autumn fruiting raspberry canes, planting lily bulbs, feeding roses, tidying herbaceous perennials, deadheading winter bedding and pruning wisteria. A variety of seeds can be sown if you have the protection to aid germination and protect the seedlings. You can also plant out new potatoes but remember, the earlier you plant the more likely you are to need some frost protection for the haulms. Earthing up as they emerge is usually enough but I recall we had to use fleece extensively for a few days last year. Similarly, you can start to 'force' rhubarb under a bucket or similar this month to provide early tender stalks, but only do this on established plants and until other rhubarb catches up and is ready to harvest. If you take too much the plant is weakened and will take a long time to recover.

## PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
20/00859/FUL	Proposed 3no. dwellings (replacements: Plots 1, 2 and 7), internal road and turning head; shop with visitor car parking and new access from Harwich Road; associated landscaping and structures.	Little Paddocks Frating Road Great Bromley CO7 7JL	Approval – Full 03.12.2020  Delegated Decision
20/01290/FUL Mr & Mrs Brazier	Erection of replacement detached dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling with alterations to existing vehicular access. Demolition of existing agricultural/domestic buildings and erection of replacement agricultural/ domestic buildings.	Bush Farm Hall Road Great Bromley CO7 7TR	Approval – Full 23.12.2020  Delegated Decision
20/01572/FUL Mr A Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Limited	Proposed general purpose agricultural building.	Park Farm Hilliards Road Great Bromley CO7 7US	Approval - Full 05.01.2021

## STOUR VALLEY U3A

Many of our interest groups such as, art lovers, reading, chess, bridge, languages, philosophy and writers' groups meet using "Zoom", the video conferencing platform. The camera, art workshops and ukulele groups are soon to follow suit. Monthly meetings and lectures are also being held using "Zoom".

Plans for 2021 include garden visits,

the National U3A Day on 2nd June and our annual Summer social.

If you have finished working full-time or in the near future and would like to pursue new interests, please visit our website for information and contact details <https://u3asites.org.uk/stourvalley/>. New members are always welcome.

## BROMLEY 10K RUN

The continuing seriousness of the Covid-19 disease leaves me no option but to postpone the race for a little

longer. I hope to be in a position for the race to take place on May 23rd 2021.

*Roly Knott*

# LITTER ISSUES

COVID lockdown restricts many aspects of our life for very good reason but one angle that has remained 'open' is the opportunity to take daily exercise. Whether this was a continuum of the norm or a new venture brought on by COVID, I'm sure everybody has noted with disappointment and slight despair, the amount of litter occupying our roadsides, kerbs and hedge-lines. As a rural community, the sad truth is that this is not explained by an odd overflowing public bin or rubbish falling from refuse vehicles but individuals with little moral or green conscience, just throwing cans, snacks and other rubbish from their vehicles. In short, they use our Parish as their waste bin.....

It would be great, and better, if we could prick the conscience of those offenders or take confidence in their prosecution to eliminate that scourge at source but if we only do that, we run the risk of just admiring the problem rather than tackling it. To that end, GBPC wanted to flag to residents four things intended to help:

1. Raise public awareness of the problem; encourage the public to report instances of fly tipping to TDC. The link can be found on their website.

Response is normally pretty prompt

2. GBPC will be instructing the Parish maintenance team to perform litter picking in worst affected areas where pavements exist and the operation is safe for them to conduct

3. GBPC will be purchasing some litter picking kits; these will be held at distribution points and members of the public can borrow them to litter pick around their own road and property

4. GBPC will run organise group litter picks when COVID permits

On point 3, there has been a general movement in this direction with many local groups forming e.g. 'The Wivenhoe Wombles'. By equipping and promoting self-help at Parish level, it avoids any unnecessary bureaucracy, is COVID aware and seeks to mobilise a local response to a wider social problem.

As purchases of litter picking kit are made and distribution points confirmed, GBPC will release more details. Many thanks for your anticipated support in tackling a very real issue. Lots doing a little will really help.

***Cllr Rob Lord***



**Love where we live  
Help keep it clean**



## January...

Who would have thought our first Members' Meeting of 2021 would be by Zoom?! Meeting by Zoom for many of us is a first so we are learning week by week.

On Wednesday January 6th at 3pm Members were invited to join a Zoom meeting to discuss the Resolutions for 2021, led in discussion by Pat.

Each year we are asked to consider five resolutions and select one which we would most like to go forward for further discussion and voting following the Annual Meeting in April 2021. The five resolutions were decided by representatives from federations and members delegates at a short meeting in October.

The five resolutions to consider were:-

1. A call to increase awareness of the subtler signs of ovarian cancer.
2. Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease (CHD).
3. Racism and discrimination.
4. Protect your nature space to create wildlife friendly communities.
5. Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change.

So our selection had to be returned by the end of January - Which one would

you have chosen ?

Gradually over the last few months new technology has been introduced to our members. A weekly coffee chat on Zoom has proved to be very popular, and our members What's App group is growing. We are very grateful to those of our members who have the technical expertise and knowledge to be able to help and support us all through the very different ways of communication which have evolved through 2020. It has been very important to keep in touch with all our members, so weekly phone calls are still in place.

We are looking forward to future monthly Zoom meetings and we are also looking to the possibilities of inviting you to join us, our community, if you are interested in doing so. We have many talented members who are happy to show and demonstrate their craft, cooking, gardening and many more skills - through Zoom or even You Tube. Watch out for further updates in the next edition of the Messenger or the Great Bromley website and Facebook page.

Please phone me if you would like to be involved/included and we will send you the link.

Until then, please keep safe and well, and I send you all very best wishes from your local W.I for a better, happy and healthy Year.

**Jenny Nicholls**  
**01206 230688**

# Dates for your diary...

## MARCH

- 1 St David's Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 14 Mothering Sunday
- 18 Little Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 21 Great Bromley Antiques Fair - Village Hall - 9.30am-3.30pm
- 28 British Summertime begins - clocks go forward one hour

## APRIL

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 14 Great Bromley Parish Council - 7.30pm
- 23 St George's Day

## MAY

- 3 Bank Holiday
- 12 Great Bromley Parish Council - Time TBA
- 31 Bank Holiday

## 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 pandemic. 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.**



**Following the latest Government guidelines the mobile library service is suspended until further notice.**



**If anyone is in urgent need of the flood barrier or water snakes, these can be found in outside storage at The Courthouse, Harwich Road, Great Bromley.**



**Did you know?** Great Bromley has two Automated External Defibrillators. You can access these at:

- The Cross Inn, Ardleigh Road, CO7 7TL or
- The Courthouse, Harwich Road, CO7 7JG

**Don't ignore it - Report it at [www.essexhighways.org](http://www.essexhighways.org)**



Essex Highways carry out regular inspections of roads and pavements, but issues may come up between these inspections. These could be potholes or other road surface issues, damaged street lights, street signs, overgrown trees, or issues with public rights of way.

Report maintenance issues online by using the highways reporting tool. If you think there's a risk to public safety please call 0345 603 7631 or if you have hearing problems you can use the text phone service on 0345 758 5592.

# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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From various conversations with friends it appears the vaccination process is moving forward at a good pace. Hopefully it will not be too long before everybody is vaccinated and we may be able to slowly move to the new normal.

Once the Parish Council is back to 'face to face' meetings we will be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy on the council.

The main problem as I write this report seems to centre around the rainfall we are experiencing. Flooding is becoming more and more of a problem, is it the amount of rain? or is it the lack of maintenance to our infrastructure? or perhaps a bit of both. There have been "hot spots" of flooding in the village. It must be remembered the ditches are the responsibility of landowners to maintain them. I have been in contact with ECC Cllr Guglielmi, who is in turn in contact with ECC Highways, to come to Great Bromley and carry out a survey of our flooding areas. Also on some of the less used roads HGV's and farm vehicles sometimes drive over the verges which block the "grips" which will carry water from the roadway into the ditch.

One of the problems faced by landowners is the deplorable fly tipping that clogs up their ditches. The Parish Council has agreed to purchase some litter pickers and bags for litter. If any

resident would like to help keep the village tidy and would like a litter picker and bags please contact the clerk or myself. Our village handymen have been litter picking around the village. In one particular area, Parson Hill, they collected 14 BLACK BAGS of litter, from a ditch, including a carrier bag full of empty cider bottles. I can only hope that a person from outside the village is responsible.

As I mentioned previously the Parish Council is looking for sponsors to support our flower tubs to ensure the village looks its best during the summer.

County Broadband has assured me they will be connecting the village to their system this Spring. I understand they have now made contact with some residents with a view to connecting them to their system. We may all recall when they were trying to persuade us all to sign up with them we would be connected in the Spring, but that was 2020!! Let's all hope the wait is worth it and not another false dawn. We have had to endure a considerable amount of inconvenience caused by the installation of a large number of new poles, verges being dug up, and the mess caused, road diversions and closures.

**Fred Nicholls - 01206 230688**





## GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

### Covid-19 Vaccinations

The Covid-19 vaccination programme is now in full swing and we are working hard to invite our patients for their vaccinations as quickly as possible.

Can we please ask patients to help us by not contacting the Surgery to ask when you will receive your invitation for your vaccination. We are working through the Groups in strict order and can assure you that you will be contacted at the appropriate time.

If you are 65 or older and haven't received an invite to book your Covid-19 vaccination yet, you can arrange an appointment by either ringing 119 or by contacting the Surgery.

### Repeat Prescriptions

In order to help our Prescription Clerks can we please ask that patients do not ring to check if a prescription has been

issued. Please allow three working days after putting your request into the Surgery and contact your nominated Pharmacy who will be able to confirm if your medication is ready to collect.

### Appointments at the Surgery

Due to social distancing as we only have limited room in our waiting area can we please ask that patients only arrive a couple of minutes before their appointment time.

### Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 for staff training.

### Patient Participation Group Meetings

At the time of writing the Newsletter there isn't a Patient Participation Group meeting planned in March 2021.

*Sue Mitson  
Operations Manager*

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### **COVID-19 vaccine scams**

To protect yourself and your family members from fraud and criminals, remember the following points:

- ✦ The vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free to people in priority groups, and **the NHS will contact you when it is your turn**. You will not be asked to pay for the vaccine.
- ✦ The NHS will never ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text to confirm you want the vaccine, and never ask for payment or for your bank details.
- ✦ The NHS is not making house calls to deliver or discuss the vaccine.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft you should report this directly to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**. Where the victim is vulnerable, and particularly if you are worried that someone has or might come to your house, report it to the Police online or by calling 101.

**ActionFraud**  
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
**0300 123 2040**

Hello,

As I write this we are very nearly snowed in, but it does look very lovely outside. Not sure how good the roads will be when I need to go home. I hope you have been able to stay warm inside during this cold snap and soon we will have forgotten that it happened.

Last week we tried a zoom dance class for wheelchairs. As you are all aware the internet connection is not very good so it did make for an interesting time, I think we were shaking when we should have been marching. But we all had fun and lots of laughing went on.

We also had some very sad news, one of our long term volunteers died of cancer at the beginning of February. He had given his time so freely and helped at so many

events to raise money. A couple of years ago he had organised a sponsored walk and this alone raised over £500.00. Our thoughts are with his family at this time and we are all so grateful to have known such a kind and selfless man.

Gary is continuing with a monthly quiz, I am pleased to say my team won in January. I'm hoping to be able to give you the same good news in April.

March is looking like we will be busy as we will celebrate St. David's day and St. Patrick's day. So we will be baking Welsh cakes and soda bread, we are able to bake these with our residents as we have a fully working kitchen just for this purpose. We also plan to do a bit more Karaoke, so be warned.

So until next time, keep safe.

*Liz x*



## GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our February Monthly Meeting took place on Zoom (like much of life these days!) 21 members managed to participate, including guests from The Estuary Group WIs of Wivenhoe, St Osyth and Alresford.

Paul Gallifant gave a wonderful slideshow of photos he had taken through the year in the Dedham Vale entitled 'The Vale through the Seasons'. We were surprised to learn how small the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is, only 10 miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide, criss-crossed with many miles of footpaths. Paul had a beautiful selection of photos and a wealth of knowledge about local characters and forgotten or hidden treasures in the local area. Ranging from the chapel where King Edmund was crowned to tumuli artefacts and the false fronts on the fine houses of

Dedham, we were all inspired to walk more of the footpaths in the future, probably with our cameras in hand! The meeting worked well on zoom, although some of us were still looking at snowy fence posts while Paul was describing churches or admiring oak trees while others were engaging with historical chapels, as we experienced amusing variations in the speed of our broadband connections.

Merriel won the limerick competition with this entry:

'The vaccine is well on the way,  
In our homes we've been told to stay,  
In one little room,  
With each other we Zoom,  
Matt's told us we'll be out by May!'

*Dorothy O'Grady*

## GREAT BROMLEY'S LATEST ARRIVALS...

This is the fourth year that the owl box has been in place positioned with easy visibility from the farmhouse on Primrose Farm. The past three years have seen the raising of a total of seven barn owl chicks, which have been measured and weighed by the owl expert usually in June and July. We have watched the activity of the parents hunting and feeding their family. But this year, after lots of discussion, we have fitted a camera inside the box. The boys actually fitted and set up a camera in a new box and replaced the existing box, making sure the nesting materials were transferred, to try to ensure the owls were not deterred to return. The box sat empty for only a few days and in the bitter snowy weather a pair of barn owls have been sheltering. We have the camera relaying back to a screen in the kitchen and we are constantly watching their every activity.

They are slightly different in sizing and the female is the larger, rounder with a patterned broad tail. The male is smaller with a more V-shaped back and pointed tail and back. Both are golden brown with grey markings. At the moment the female, who we have called Henrietta, is more active; she hunts more and is always the first out. The male, Henry, is often asleep, especially during the day. Henrietta sometimes doesn't come home in the day, so must be asleep elsewhere. They hunt around the farm, and live on a diet of voles, shrews, and sometimes small mammals. They are known to pair and mate for life.

This week Henrietta brought back a vole to the box and they had a small domestic as she didn't share her food. They then seemed to ignore each other for the afternoon sitting both sides of

the box with their backs to each other and then she didn't come back that night!!!. It was one of the bitterly cold nights but she returned the following evening. This photo was taken April 2020 showing the box and this is last year's baby owl about 67 days of age.



Cont'd...





These were the three babies from 2019. They were two females and a male and they were between 47 and 54 days of age.

Looking at the records the babies have been born from 14<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> May, the eggs are incubated for about a month so we may have eggs as early as mid-March.

We are hoping that with the camera in place we will be able to watch and follow this.

Below is the image we receive from the camera to the screen. I will keep you updated on their progress.

***Karen Moss***







# St George's Church Great Bromley



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*Parish of The Bromleys*

## **St George's Online services**

As at the beginning of March, our church services are online and you can view them on YouTube. There are also YouTube services from Little Bentley and Lawford. For links to our YouTube please see the church page on the Great Bromley village website [church@greatbromley.org.uk](mailto:church@greatbromley.org.uk)

We will also let you know on the website about when services return to normal in church.

## **Churches open for private prayer**

St George's, Great Bromley is open on Wednesday and Sundays 9am-3pm.  
St Mary's, Little Bromley is open daily.

## **Website and contacts**

For details about all that's going on at St George's please see the website, or e-mail [church@greatbromley.org.uk](mailto:church@greatbromley.org.uk), or phone Jenny 01206 230688.

## **Lent**

All are welcome to our informal Lent group meeting on Wednesdays in March at 11am by phone (Conferoo).

## **Annual meetings and elections by Zoom 21st March**

The annual meeting to elect churchwardens will be held by Zoom at 11.30am on Sunday 21st March. All residents of Gt & Lt Bromley and members of the church electoral roll may attend and vote. Following that is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to present the 2020 Reports and Accounts. Those on the church electoral roll may vote to elect members of the Parochial Church Council. All are welcome.

## **Newsletter**

Our colourful e-mail St George's newsletter will keep you informed about everything going on at St George's; it has links to music, art, and poetry (all in colour!).

There is also a printed version for those without email. Please contact Jenny for a copy to be delivered to you or find one in the church porch.

## **Volunteers needed**

If you have time to spare and would like to help out at St. George's Church we have a few little jobs to share with you. Sweeping the paths, clearing leaves and twigs, where there are many jobs to do outside and about in the graveyard, (meeting perhaps once a month) to keep our lovely churchyards looking tidy and well maintained.

If you would like to help please give me a ring. **Jenny Nicholls 01206 230688**