

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

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THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

Cases of Covid-19 are on the rise again and so please, if you can, be aware of anyone that might need help with groceries or prescriptions etc. If you need help yourself but are not sure where or who to ask, please get in touch either by email on clerk@gbpc.org.uk or on the village Facebook page; there is always someone to help out if required.

My eldest daughter caught it last week and was very rough for a day or two but then the symptoms eased, and just left her tired. Others I've known have been suffering a lot longer.

Thanks to all those who have sent in pictures; lots with an autumnal feel and I couldn't choose just one so have chosen three for the cover. The colours at this time of year are so vibrant. Our garden is starting to recover from the hot, dry summer and the grass is finally starting to resemble a lawn. Some plants unfortunately didn't make it, so we are trying to think of a new planting scheme which will have more tolerance to the warmer climate.

New for this month is an article from the 1st Ardleigh Scout group who have been very busy with lots of activities.

Hopefully they will be a regular update in the magazine.

A big thank you to all who take the time to write articles for the magazine and keep us all informed. To our advertisers who we couldn't manage without, and those who deliver the magazine in all weathers, it's very much appreciated.

In other news, I've started the NHS-supported Couch to 5K running programme. If all goes to plan then I'll be running 5K in nine weeks' time. I suppose now I've put that in writing I will need to stick to it! I will do my best and update you next time, hopefully avoiding any injuries throughout the month.

Awareness days in November include:

- 2nd - Stress Awareness Day
- 3rd - Sandwich Day
- 5th - Guy Fawkes Night
- 19th - World Toilet Day
- 25th - White Ribbon Day

Have a great month - feel free to share it with us! Details below.

*Take care,
Lizzie*

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Great Bromley Village Hall



The Village Hall Management Committee met on 7th October to review how the hall was performing at the halfway point in the financial year and to discuss activities and priorities for 2023. Overall, the Committee was pleased with the level of utilisation of the building, the range of activities taking place and the facilities offered to the community. It was noted that the costs of running the hall had increased since the pandemic and following an analysis of costs the Committee felt it necessary to raise hire charges by about 15% for all hirers to ensure that the hall remained viable in 2023 and beyond. The new rates have been published on the village hall website and are also available from the village hall treasurer. This is the first time in almost 4 years that hire charges have been increased. However, despite this increase, local research shows that the hall remains highly competitive as a convenient, flexible, clean and affordable venue in the area with the additional benefits of a good selection of rooms, a well equipped kitchen, working stage, good acoustics, hearing loop and excellent WIFI coverage.

Although the village hall financial reserves are in a very healthy state, readers may be aware that the original developer of the Hamilton Lodge site went into voluntary liquidation in May and the site has since been sold on. It is thought unlikely that the original plans drawn up by the previous site developer to make voluntary improvements to the village hall car parks will now be taken forward. Thus considerable village hall funding is likely to be required to pay for

car park improvements, although grant funding will be sought from various sources and the current Hamilton Lodge site owners will be approached to ascertain whether they could also assist.

There are no fundraising events or activities currently planned for the remainder of this year. However, the centenary of the village hall falls in 2023 and it is proposed that the Village Hall Management Committee, Great Bromley and District Cricket Club and other groups with links to the hall mark the occasion with a celebration on **SATURDAY 1ST JULY**. Further details will be published in due course but it is hoped to have a range of activities on that day in the village hall and grounds, open to the community to enjoy, which will be informative and also fun. Watch this space!

Maintenance work at the hall will continue during the winter, with redecoration of the Millennium Lounge planned as well as redecoration of the storerooms, patch painting of damaged areas and replacement of the fluorescent tubes in the main hall with energy efficient LED lighting. Major maintenance activities for next year will comprise car park improvements and further external redecoration.

The Committee look forward to you participating in one of the many regular club, society and fitness activities which take place at the hall and also to providing accommodation for you whether it be for a birthday party, meeting or musical event. As the hall is fully licensed, there is scope to

undertake a wide range of activities in the building - all at competitive hire rates. If you want to know more about what the hall can offer or if you wish to make a booking please contact the bookings manager Jackie Lear on

villagehallbookings@greatbromley.org.uk or 07543974751. A tour of the facilities can be arranged on request.

Martin Frostick
villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk
or 01206 250263

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

The rescheduled September Parish Council meeting was held on Thursday 29th September - this was advertised on the village notice board, on the Little Bromley website (<https://www.littlebromley.org.uk/>) and on the village community Facebook Page as usual. We were pleased to co-opt a new Councillor, Christine Barrett, and look forward to having her help and guidance going forward. Your Parish Council members are now Christine Barrett, Iain Smith (Vice Chairman), Steve Sauka, Neil Stock, Jon Buxton (Chairman) and your Parish Clerk is Dawn Sauka, Please contact any of us with any Parish related questions you have. If you prefer to use email then the Parish Council can be contacted on littlebromleypc@gmail.com.

It was agreed at the meeting that we would look to commemorate the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II by some means in the village. Please contact us if you have any ideas on ways this can be done.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 13th November. We will be holding a short service and laying of wreaths at

the village War Memorial and will be gathering around 10.40am as usual. All are welcome to join.

There has been an application for an Agricultural Storage building at Hall Farm Little Bromley - Hall Farm is near St Mary's Church. The Parish Council feels that the proposed agricultural storage building will be a dominant feature in the landscape. As such we requested that landscaping and planting around the building is included in order to screen, enhance and soften the appearance of the development. The visual impact of the development from the neighbouring properties and St Mary's Church will then be minimised. The Parish Council otherwise supported the proposal. You can review the Application on the Tendring Planning website under the title 22/01436/FUL | Proposed erection of an agricultural storage building. | Hall Farm Church Road Little Bromley Essex CO11 2PP.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Haywain on Thursday 17th November at 1930.

Cllr Jon Buxton

Ardleigh & District Horticultural Society

"Climate Change and Biodiversity" will be the subject of the talk by John Hall MBE DL (former CEO of Essex Wildlife Trust) at Ardleigh Village Hall, Station Road, Ardleigh, CO7 7RS on Thursday 10th November at 7:45pm. Free admission to members, non-members £1.50. Everyone welcome.

Hi Everyone,

After our sadness of last month and the spectacular funeral service of The Queen, we now know that we have a Coronation to look forward to in May 2023. This will be another first for most of us, another chance to watch history unfold in front of us.

But before all that happens we have a busy time coming up, November always jumps emotionally from scary, intense and funny. We have Halloween and Bonfire night and we follow that with Remembrance services, ending the second week in November with Children in Need.

Here at Seven Rivers we celebrate them all, as I informed you all last month, we are able to open hold our **BONFIRE NIGHT ON FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER (GATES OPEN AT 6.00pm)** this year for the first time in over two years so please come and support us. Tickets will only be on sale at the gate, adults £5.00, children £3.00, fancy dress for all the children from 0–16 years with age groups winning a gift and every child receiving a glow stick. For more information please look out for our posters or if you need more information phone 01206 230345 but office hours only please.

For the Remembrance service I will be attending with a few residents and laying a wreath of behalf of them all. This will be followed by Children in Need; we will be dressing up for the day and trying our hand at some fun games while trying to raise funds for others.

Once we finish with all of that we start our crafting for Christmas; we normally

put up our Christmas decorations the first week of December.

As I said, November just seems to fly then to me it's January and the New Year, as December is a blur of Christmas, with entertainment, Father Christmas, carol services and gifts to buy for the residents. Money raised at the bonfire night always goes to help give our residents the best Christmas we can. Leonard Cheshire buy gifts, and for the last few years we have been given support from the Parish Council in helping to pay for incoming entertainment. Any funds raised at bonfire goes to pay for the extras like tins of roses chocolates and nuts and all the thing we associate with Christmas, chocolates on the tree, the type of thing we do at home and we don't feel it's Christmas unless we have them. This is just so you know what your support at our bonfire night on 4th Nov at 6.00pm means to us all here. ***Hope to see you all there!***

***Take care
Liz x***

Clacton Choral Society bring Christmas closer with their special service of music and song, at St James' Church, Tower Road, Clacton, at 4pm Saturday 3rd December.

Included in the carols programme are excerpts from Messiah Part 1, and a carol composed by Peter Kenyon Jones, and conducted by Peter, and the concert is conducted by Paul Siddall.

The ticket is priced at £10 and can be obtained online

rogerbroomfield@hotmail.com or phone 07949127216. Also at the door.



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS Our front desk reception staff are receiving lots of enquiries from patients about prescriptions. Due to their heavy workload, they are not able to assist with prescription requests or enquiries about medication. We do however have a dedicated Prescription Clerk who works between 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday, who is able to help patients with these.

If you need to order a prescription, then we will need the request to be made in writing remembering to list the names of the medication required. Requests for medication can be made as follows:-

- By placing a request in the prescription box by the front door
- By submitting a request via the Great Bentley Surgery website
- Via patient on-line access
- By sending an email to the prescription clerk on their direct email: holliesprescriptions@nhs.net

If you have an enquiry regarding your medication, then the Prescription Clerk can be contacted on their dedicated telephone number: 01206 257557 and selecting Option 2. If you go into the hold queue and you do not wish to continue holding, you can press 1 which will then allow you to leave a message. Please remember to leave your name and number if you wish the Prescription Clerk to call you back.

If you contact this number on a working day before 3 pm you will receive a call back the same day, but if you phone after 3 pm, then you will be called back on the next working day.

Please help our prescription clerks by remembering to order your medication at least 3 working days in advance of you needing this. We are happy for patients to put in their prescription requests up to 10 days before they are due to start their next lot of medication.

HOLIDAY VACCINATIONS We are now receiving an increased number of enquiries from patients about travel vaccinations. If you need to check whether your vaccinations are up-to-date for travel, a Travel Risk Assessment form can be completed and submitted via the Great Bentley Surgery website. For patients who do not have access to the internet, a paper copy can be collected from reception for completion.

Please remember to do this at least one month prior to travelling, to ensure you are able to receive any vaccinations required in time for your holiday.

SURGERY TRAINING AFTERNOON Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 30 November 2022 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then they can contact 111 for assistance.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP – MEETINGS RESTARTING The next Patient Participation Group meeting will be held at 6.30 pm at Great Bentley Village Hall on Thursday, 17 November 2022.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager

1ST ARDLEIGH SCOUT GROUP

We have been very busy at Ardleigh Scout Group. The Scouts and Evolution Explorer Scouts (based in Ardleigh) have had a great summer as they attended the Poacher Jamboree in Lincoln. A total of fifteen 7-12 year-olds travelled to Lincoln for a week to join approx. 8,000 other scouts from the UK as well as Canada, USA, France and the Netherlands to have the week of their lives. As well as making friendships that will last a lifetime, there were over 150 activities on offer which included archery, shooting, climbing, abseiling, gliding as well as many craft activities from woggle making to glass engraving so there really was something for everyone. There was a great opportunity for any budding engineers as the RAF offered a day of building Stix Karts. The numbers were very limited so we were fortunate to have two explorers take part. We also invested 4 new Explorer Scouts. They get to choose where they are invested. We invested them whilst shooting, climbing, gliding, roller skating and with the RAF.

We weren't blessed with the best weather – having had no rain at home we had a couple of wet

days and it was very windy, but thankfully the leaders knew how to strap down the tents so they didn't blow away!

We camp with all our sections and the Beavers have just returned from their first sleepover in over 3 years. We joined the

District for a pirate themed weekend at Thorrington Scout Camp. They got to make parrots, learn knots that pirates need, make slime and of course, make and light fires. It can be scary to strike a match when you are only 6 years old. I'm sure the leaders would like a sleepover renamed, as they didn't get much sleep, but that's due to the excitement and some of the children had never slept away from home without their parents before.

The cubs are getting ready for their camp in November, which will be indoors as Akela only likes camping in the warmer weather! As well as the camp, they have many exciting things planned for this term ranging from learning about the human body and going on a hike to designing sports shirts and creating some performances.

I'm sure this shows not only some of the great things we do but some of the opportunities that you have as a Scout. Would you like to join us? We have spaces in our Cub pack (8-11 yrs), Scout troop (11-14 yrs) and Explorer unit (14-17 yrs). We have a waiting list for Beavers (6-8 yrs) so if you have someone who would be interested then please email us to join the list. Our aim for is them to be able to join when they are six if not a month beforehand.

Or, perhaps you would like to volunteer to help us with any of the sections or help with admin, fundraising or join our Executive committee. We can only continue to run the only youth provision in the village from 6-18 year old with your help and support.



Volunteering can be a brilliant way to boost your mental wellbeing. It's a great feeling knowing you're helping young people get skills for life, and you might even learn a lot about yourself along the way.

Scouts can make you feel good in other ways too. We'll guide you to an opportunity where you'll:

- Make friends and meet people
- Try new things and challenge yourself
- Get outdoors and get stuck in
- Positively impact your community
- Create vital opportunities for young people
- Make memories that'll last a lifetime



If you can only occasionally help, that's OK. Whether you'd like to be an activity planner, tea-maker or craft creator, we appreciate any time you can spare.

For details email ardleighscoutgroup@outlook.com or telephone 01206 233426.



GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

INSPIRING WOMEN

Our Autumn Coffee Morning was a great success, with enticing activities, and a sumptuous array of homemade cakes, jams and other produce. With a wonderful attendance from the village and neighbouring area, we were able to have a splendid time and raised £300

for the St Helena Hospice as well as £225 for the WI. Thank you all so much for your support and contributions.

Our Open Event 'Dabble Day' was a lovely evening, full of interesting craft ideas, and plenty of time for socializing. We welcomed several newcomers and had a very enjoyable time.

Our dates for **November** include:

Wed Nov 2nd 7:30pm Village Hall – A seated exercise class. We will learn how to safely stretch and flex from our chairs! Visitors are very welcome.

Tues Nov 22nd 10:30 – 1pm Village Hall - Coffee and Crafting Social. Learn to crochet, or to make dodecahedrons, or bring your own project. Includes coffee and homemade cakes. £3 includes materials. Come along and have some fun. All welcome

December:

Wed 7th 12 noon Village Hall - WI Christmas lunch and 'Play in a Bag'. We'll create our own entertainment!

Tues 13th 10:30 – 1pm Village Hall - Coffee and Crafting Social: Making Christmas wreaths from natural materials. Come along and have a go. £3 includes materials. You don't have to be a crafter to join in!

For further information contact gtbromleywi@gmail.com

IN THE GARDEN WITH ANDY & JUDY

At the time of writing this the amount of rain we have had is very little, but very welcome. Our underground rainwater storage tank is starting to refill but the water falling on the ground has not penetrated to any significant depth. As expected though, the grass has started to green up. The water will also be just sufficient to allow weed seeds to germinate and you will need to hoe the seedlings.

Take off netting from the top of fruit cages once all fruit is harvested. This will allow birds in to deal with overwintering insect pests and also prevent the net and /or framework from being damaged if we have heavy snow this winter. Prune autumn fruiting raspberries. Sow broad beans and peas either in situ or in pots for later planting out. Take precautions to prevent or limit damage by mice. They will eat seeds of onions, peas and broad beans. If you are really keen, you can sow sweet pea seeds for overwintering, however, we now leave this until the spring without appreciable difference in the quality of the blooms. Take hardwood cuttings of soft fruit such as gooseberries, currants and blueberries but expect it to be a year before you plant them out in their growing location.

The RHS has already started to review the effect of this year's weather on its 5 RHS gardens. Initial conclusions include that gardens on clay soil fared better and perennials are expected to bounce back providing the crowns are undamaged. The early shedding of leaves is a survival mechanism to slow down water loss from the plant when the roots are short of water. Some plants were identified as coping better than others especially those with deep tap roots rather than shallow rooted ones.

As the year moves on the possibility of night frosts increases. Frost tender plants will either need protecting in place or moved to a sheltered position. Remember to regularly check over stored produce to ensure there is no rot or other decay and also there is not pest problem including rodent damage. Take action according to your own attitude to pest controls. Moving unusable windfall apples from grass onto adjacent borders will provide food for birds and other wildlife. In the flower garden several hardy perennials such as delphiniums and day lilies should be divided and replanted or potted up.

To try and reduce the incidence of blackspot on roses pick up all fallen rose leaves. Do not compost them but apparently, they are ok to put in your green waste recycling bin. Not really sure why the council can safely compost them and we cannot but this is RHS advice. Carry out some pre-winter pruning to prevent the rose bushes becoming loose in the ground through wind rock.

Make sure that plants growing in pots and tubs are sufficiently weighted down to prevent them being blown over. Use pot feet or some other method to raise them off the ground and prevent possible water logging. Wild life can be encouraged by putting up bug hotels and nest boxes now so they are ready for use when required.

If you have the space autumn is a good time to plant some of our native trees and shrubs that produce food for wildlife. Try and resist the urge to be ultra-tidy, as dead stems and fallen leaves can protect tender plants, encourage wildlife and over time can help to improve the structure of your soil.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

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

At our recent meeting a representative of the Corbeau Rally was in attendance and answered a number of questions from councillors. He explained that he would be visiting all properties on the route. There is a new section of the route for the next rally which is due to be held in April 2023. Questions were raised regarding the speed of vehicles travelling between stages. He explained all vehicles are fitted with a form of monitoring device which tracks the speed of each vehicle in the rally. Should a vehicle exceed the speed limit when driving between sections they can be penalised by the organisers. He requested that if any resident believes a vehicle is speeding outside a rally stage the resident should take the rally vehicle's number, from the side of the vehicle and report it to the race controller.

Representatives from the new Hamilton Lodge developer were also present and informed the Council they were in the process of applying to TDC Planning Department for the final design stage of the development. Outline and design permission has already been agreed for the first stage of the development.

The design stage of the application will involve the main house being demolished as it is no longer fit for purpose. The gatehouse has already been approved for demolition. They hope to make a start on the first stage of the build shortly as approval has already been granted. They also confirmed they will be building a new pre-school on site. Further details will be made known soon.

Councillors agreed to again provide

festive teas to all elderly or vulnerable residents who request them. If you would like a Festive Tea please make contact with our clerk by email or by telephone to myself on 01206 230688.



Residents in Robinson Close are reminded parents dropping off/collecting children from the school are permitted to park in the dedicated parking area in Robinson Close.

Agreement was also reached to look into the possibility of a low level activity trail to be provided in Church Meadow for use by children in the village. Details will hopefully be provided in the next edition of this Magazine.

The latest wonderful post box topper in Brook Street which has been provided by a resident has been removed. This amounts to theft. If you are the person responsible, or you know of the person responsible, please return any/all of the toppers.

Remembrance Sunday is this year on Sunday 13th November, please support the event.

If any resident has any comments or suggestions for the Parish Council to investigate please make contact with our Clerk.

Cllr Fred Nicholls

Dates for your diary



NOVEMBER

- 02 WI Seated Exercise class, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 04 Family Bonfire Night and Fancy Dress, Seven Rivers - from 6pm
- 06 Light a candle Service, St George's Church - 3pm
- 09 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 11 Armistice Day
- 12 Quiz Night in aid of Gt Bromley Cricket Club, Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
- 17 Mobile Library, Church Meadow - 9.45 - 10.15am
- 17 Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain - 7.30pm
- 20 Great Bromley Antiques & Collectors Fair - Village Hall - 9am-3pm
- 22 WI Coffee and Crafting Social, Village Hall - 10.30am - 1pm
- 30 Some local GP surgeries closed for training

DECEMBER

- 07 WI Christmas lunch and 'Play in a Bag', Village Hall 12pm
- 08 Mobile Library, Church Meadow - 9.45 - 10.15am
- 13 WI Making Christmas wreaths, Village Hall - 10.30am - 1pm
- 14 Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 29 Mobile Library, Church Meadow - 9.45 - 10.15am

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☆☆ **QUIZ NIGHT** ☆☆

☆☆ @ Great Bromley Village Hall ☆☆

☆☆ **Saturday 12th November** ☆☆

☆☆ • 7.00pm for 7.30pm start ☆☆

☆☆ • Bring your own food and drink ☆☆

☆☆ • Maximum of 6 people per team ☆☆

☆☆ • £5.00 per person ☆☆

☆☆ **Contact Tracey on** ☆☆

☆☆ **01206 251434** ☆☆

☆☆ **to reserve your table** ☆☆

☆☆ **This is a fund-raising event for** ☆☆

☆☆ **Great Bromley Cricket Club** ☆☆

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SEVEN RIVERS BONFIRE NIGHT FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022

PRICES ON THE GATE
ADULTS £5.00
CHILDREN UNDER16 £3.00

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

FANCY DRESS
ALL AGE GROUPS
0/4 YEARS
5/10 YEARS
11/16YEARS

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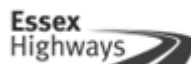
If anyone is in urgent need of the flood barrier or water snakes, these can be found in outside storage at The Courthouse, Harwich Road, Great Bromley.



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



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.

ARDLEIGH SURGERY

Hope you all had a good September. We have completed our first flu clinics and our COVID vaccination clinic in Colne medical centre in Brightlingsea.

Surgery news We will have a new telephone system installed on the 12/10/2022. Calls will be stacked up the 50 in line and then a message will tell you to call back. You will no longer get an engaged tone when you call the surgery however, we do not now long the 50th caller will have to wait before the call is answered. We have emergency on the day appointments, to access this you will have to answer yes to the question; "Is this an emergency for you?" These appointments are offered sequentially so if you call at 0910hrs you will be offered an appointment in the next hour, you cannot book one for 1700hrs because we need to leave this open for those who call at 1600hrs. You will be seen by the on-call GP so you may not be seen exactly at your appointment time.

We have achieved 5 stars on the NHS services website. Thank you all for taking time to leave a review. Unlike google review the NHS services website will check that you are a current patient at the surgery before accepting a review. Most of our negative google reviews are from people who have left the surgery or have been told to leave. On that note if you do have a complaint, please contact the surgery by telephone or email and we will endeavour to resolve it.

Appointments We now telephone and face to face appointments every day and with each clinician. To book please call the surgery. There are routine appointments that can be booked up to 4 weeks in advance and same day that need to be booked on the day and lastly

emergency appointments (described above). We also have extended access appointments every Saturday from 0900 to 1630hrs. These can be telephone or face to face. These appoints will be held at our partners surgeries in Colne, Tollgate, Rowhedge and Walton medical practices. They also provide telephone only appointments from 1830 to 2000hrs every day. All extended access appointments pre-bookable, up to two weeks in advance for the nurse's and one week for the GP's .

Compulsory Surgery Training Days:

The next compulsory north east Essex Surgery training afternoon will be on the 20th of October 2022. All surgeries will close on these afternoons for staff training from 1230hrs onwards. On these days the surgery and dispensary will close from 1200hrs. Please collect your prescriptions by 1145hrs. After 1200hrs medical services will be provided by the out of hours GP services and/or 111.

Please also note the following upcoming dates for compulsory surgery training.

- 30th November 2022
- 31st January 2023
- 23rd February 2023
- 29th March 2023

Flu vaccination dates are as followed:

- 5th November 0800 to 1130hrs Ardleigh. For patients over 50 years old.
- More flu vaccination dates will be available by the 17th of November.

COVID Vaccination and boosters: The COVID vaccination programme is a nationally administered programme, as such the COVID booster vaccination will not be offered at the surgery at

present. Patients will have to book at the COVID vaccination centres or with our COLTE partner surgeries.

Upcoming clinics are:

- Saturday 8th at Ambrose Tollgate
- Saturday 15th at Rowhedge
- Saturday 22nd at Tiptree
- Saturday 29th at Walton

These clinics will run from 0900hrs to 1630hrs and to book into these clinics please call the reception at Ardleigh surgery.

The partners kindly ask you

to: Please be polite and civil to our receptionist, dispensers, and staff in general. They are doing an extremely difficult job and are all trying their very best in difficult times for the NHS.

Did you know that..... Anyone can refer anyone to Social Services? You do not have the phone the GP to do the

referral. Social Services will contact us to get the relevant information from us once they received the referral. To refer a friend, relative or stranger if you have social concerns telephone 0345 603 7630. Textphone: 0345 758 5592, Monday to Thursday, 8:45am to 5pm and Friday, 8:45am to 4:30pm. For out of hours queries contact the Emergency Duty Service. Telephone: 0345 606 1212. You can also email the Adult Social Care team, and someone will get back to you.

Email: socialcaredirect@essex.gov.uk

GPs also do not book transport for outpatient appointments; this must be booked by the department that you have the appointment with.

Dr Cole and partners.

This newsletter is available to read on the surgery website at www.ardleighsurgery.nhs.uk

LITTLE BROMLEY CHRISTMAS MEAL

As in previous years, a Christmas meal has been scheduled for Saturday 10 December 2022 in The Haywain, Little Bromley.

It has always been a very festive evening with good food and a chance for the residents of Little Bromley to meet one another.

If you would like to join in the festivities, please email me at:

clarkann84@yahoo.co.uk

Ann Elizabeth Clark, The Haven, Bentley Road

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our October meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all as we had a visit from Mr Clark who sang hits from the musicals and the hit parade. We certainly hope he will make a return visit in the not too distant future.

We were delighted to have Coral back with us and glad she is making such good progress since her fall. Pat is home and being cared for and we send him our good wishes.

The competition for November is an old tin.

Alan Ward

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
22/01569/ LBC	<p>Proposed creation of new bathroom in existing bedroom on second floor, structural alterations to rear roof space to create bedroom. Installation of 2 no. roof lights and enlargement of 1 casement window to rear gable.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Great Bromley House, Hall Road, Great Bromley
22/01414/ FUL	<p>Proposed installation of 8m level access door and installation of new gatehouse.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	The Book Service Distribution Centre, Colchester Road Frating
22/01620/ FULHH	<p>Proposed single storey rear extension to ground floor with balcony above. 3 first floor dormer windows and new glazed entrance lobby.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment as there were no documents or plans on the planning portal.</p>	Byeways, Mary Lane North, Great Bromley
22/01575/ COUNOT	<p>Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the change of use of 1no. agricultural building (reference barn 3) to a dwelling house (Class C3) and associated operational development. For information only</p>	Blue Gates Farm, Carringtons Road, Great Bromley
22/01566/ FULHH	<p>Proposed demolition of existing attached double garage, conservatory and lean-to. Single and two storey rear and side extensions to provide additional living space, single garage and one bedroom annexe.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Bromley House, Harwich Road, Great Bromley
22/01551/ FULHH	<p>Proposed extensions, alterations and improvements to the existing bungalow and erection of an associated cart lodge.</p> <p>Cllr Nicholls had declared a pecuniary interest in the application and did not take part in the discussion of the item.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: (see next</p>	Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley

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This planning application is to increase the size of, and alter a bungalow, which is in the grounds of The Cheshire Home. The Cheshire Home was the old Great Bromley Hall. The application site is also in front of the Great Bromley 14th and 15th century Grade 1 listed church.

In January 2022 there was a planning application for a bungalow in very close proximity to the bungalow which is the subject of this planning application. When this application was proposed, and subsequently refused, the Heritage Officer at Essex County Council stated that 'the late 19 century maps show openness which contributes to the setting of the church, especially the important west aspect'. The west aspect is where this application site is situated.

The Heritage Officer also said 'adding more built form here, urbanising the environment, will alter the manner in which the heritage asset is appreciated and understood.'

The Heritage Officer also stated, referring to the bungalow which is the subject of this planning application, 'some intrusive development has been constructed in the environs of the church, this does not give precedent for further inappropriate development.' Inappropriate development would certainly be the case if this bungalow is altered and enlarged.

The Essex County Council archaeologists said in January 2022 that any development on this site should be investigated by a professional team of archaeologists.

They also said, 'no development or preliminary groundworks at this site should be undertaken until a programme of archaeological investigation has been secured in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted by the applicant, and approved in writing by the local planning authority.'

The county archaeologists also stated, ' no development of preliminary groundworks of any kind shall take place until they have completed their investigation.'

This referred to an application for a bungalow in very close proximity to this bungalow, but would also apply to this application as well.

A past chairman of the parish council, who lives in the village, knows about the original application to build the bungalow which is the subject of this application. This was only reluctantly granted in the 1960's or 1970's because The Cheshire Home insisted that they needed this bungalow for their handyman, and it would remain part of The Cheshire Home in perpetuity.

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LITTLE BROMLEY IN 1917 BY JACK DIGINGS

Little Bromley was a small isolated country village, with the Post Office and Stores the centre of life. It was a cosy village, with trees and hedges surrounding it. Today it's more like a prairie. One can stand in the village and see across the flat countryside to Lawford, Horsley Cross, Little Bentley, Ardleigh, and Great Bromley. Chequer Wood, the home of many a fox, has taken the same bashing as Calves Lane which was just a narrow path between two 12 ft. high hedges. This lane was a popular place for sweethearts. The school, which is now a private dwelling, adjoined Calves Lane. This school took over from the original one-roomed brick building, which is also now a private dwelling.

The church has not changed a lot, apart from the installation of heating and electric light, taking place of the candles. The Rev. A. D. Cope, a very popular rector, took a lot of trouble and patience to teach us how to behave. It was quite a simple matter, he would say. All we had to do was to ask ourselves one question: "Would I do this if my mother were here?" If the answer was no, "Well", he would say, "don't do it."

I remember my confirmation at St. Giles church, Colchester, on November 18, 1917. This was my first ever ride in a motor car, hired from Goslings at Manningtree, as an elderly lady was being confirmed at the same time, and it was considered it would be warmer for her in the front seat of the car. It was, of course, an open car. I was highly honoured to travel that way, instead of with the others in the wagonette. After the service Mr. Cope presented us with a little red book of the communion service. Our name was inscribed in it with the words "Walk Worthy".

I was fifteen years of age when I first went to "Bromley" (the locals name) having left school at thirteen and spent two years on the land. I went to work for Mr. Grimsey at the shop. On my first morning I was cleaning the oil lamps, three of these hung from the ceiling, when he came over to me and said, "Well, John, I'll ge-yer the same as I ge-yer father, when he was your age, half-a-crown a week" We were paid once a quarter - thirteen weeks - a total of £1 12s. 6d.

The shop was a very busy place. From the ceiling hung pots, pans, pails, frails, buskins, oil cans, hob-nailed boots and dozens of other items. We supplied the village and surrounding area with all their needs. The women could buy stockings, and various other articles of clothing, unbleached calico and flannelette. Anything that was wanted and not in stock could always be obtained every Tuesday when Len went to Colchester putting up the horse and van at the Red Lion. Sometimes a passenger would travel to Colchester in the open van sitting on a plank placed across from side to side.

There was also a waggonette which was used as a taxi to and from Manningtree and Ardleigh stations. The fare was 2s. 6d. The hire for a journey to Clacton in the summer time was 10s.

The only telephone in the village was at the Post Office and used only for dispatching and receiving telegrams, the GPO paying for the delivery. The maximum distance was three miles and the payment for this was ninepence. It wasn't a very pleasant trip on a wet and windy night with just an oil lamp to "lighten our darkness", unless one, on occasion, was lucky enough to borrow a

gas lamp which provided a much brighter beam and stood up to a gust or two of wind. The gas was produced by a container of carbide, with a container of water slowly percolating on to the carbide producing the gas.

The first motor car in the village was owned by Mr. John Fenn. If he and his car met Miss Flo Pattle we could always be sure of a "mini rodeo". She was a teenager and a wonderful horsewoman riding her large hunter.

Another regular conveyance through the village was Bob Studd taking milk churns to Manningtree Station. He was as regular as clockwork, 4.30 pm every day, seven days a week, in all weathers.

There were more houses in the village in 1917 than there are today. There was a small bungalow next to the shop, then a row of three cottages. One was occupied by John Gladwin who used to cut out hair for two pence. What a mob we

looked when he lashed out and bought himself a pair of clippers running them over our heads leaving just a fringe over the forehead! But when he realised we didn't want a haircut so often, he returned to his faithful comb and scissors.

Another cottage was occupied by a Miss Southgate who would mangle a basket of clothes for two pence. The mangle was a huge box affair weighted by old iron and rocks taking up the best part of her sitting room. The clothes would be put on rollers and the box moved backwards and forwards by the turning of a large wheel fitted with a handle. Two other cottages stood opposite the "Wheatsheaf", one of which was occupied by my grandparents. All of these have disappeared and the ground is now a cornfield.

This old picture of Grimsey Stores - does it show John with his telegram bicycle perhaps?



Thanks to Mick Scurrall for giving me the copy of this article, published late 1970s, possibly in Essex Countryside magazine.

Does anyone know anything about the Digings family?

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST GEORGE'S

September and October have been extremely busy and exciting times for all the team at St. Georges Church. We thank all of you who have helped to make these such happy and memorable months.

The residents and staff of Seven Rivers are very dear to our hearts and we try to involve them in everything we plan. Now restrictions are beginning to relax we have been able to support and encourage those at Seven Rivers who would like to worship.

Activities began with a Harvest Service

Working together with our school and Cheshire Home the evening was a great success. Over 180 folk were expected from the Harwich Deanery and Wooton in Bedfordshire and we worshipped together to welcome Phillip, Louise and their family.

We were delighted to host the school Harvest Festival Service on October 13th; St. Georges was packed, standing room only! Our thanks to Mrs Keitch and her staff for all the organisation and planning this fantastic service of Praise and Thanksgiving. The readers were amazingly mature and articulate, the



in September led by Stephen, a short thoughtful time of prayer and song followed by time to chat and get to know one another. More services are planned plus communion for those who wish to take part.

The licensing of Rev. Phillip Young, one of our new Rural Missioners, took place on Tuesday evening, October 4th. An absolutely super service led by Bishop Guli from Chelmsford, much planning and organisation took place to ensure the success of this evening.



singing and songs tuneful, energetic and fun. Well done everyone! Thank you to all our flower arrangers too, who worked hard to decorate the church not only for the Harvest Celebrations but also for a very special friend who died in 2020 – Ann Fairley. Friends and family gathered together in a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration on



Saturday 15th October for the life of Ann, who was at the centre of our village and community. Always involved, Meals on Wheels, Girl Guides, Caledonian, Little Bromley and Great Bromley Churches, WI and much, much more. A loyal and fun-loving friend. The St. Georges Choir lead the singing for this wonderful service with Ann's favourite hymns. Thank you Ann.

Our Harvest Festival Service was led on Sunday Evening October 16th at 6.30 by Phillip and Laura – Beautiful music, singing and prayers to celebrate the safe gathering of the Harvest in our village. The service was followed by tasty Harvest nibbles and wine. Thank you to all who helped to make our service such a success.

Another moment in time this month was

the recommencement of a very popular weekly event called J.A.M. Gradually mums, dads and children are returning to join us in the church from 3 to 4pm for J.A.M. A drop in with coffee and craft time, a fun time a meeting place for parents and carers to knatter and children to play. You are very welcome to pop in and join us.

There is lots to look forward to in the weeks to come, we are always looking for new ideas and new helpers are always very welcome. If you have any thoughts or questions on what you would like to see happening in your village church please phone or email at any time.

Much love, Jenny

Light a candle - Remembering the Departed

The Service of Commemoration for families and friends will be on Sunday November 6th at 3pm. This is the Sunday following All Souls Day when we remember the people we love who have died.

Please come to light a candle for the people you wish to remember. Revd Laura Garnham will be leading the service with Revd Canon Stephen Carter. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

There will be a list in church from 16th October onwards for you to add the names of those to be remembered. Or if you would like us to add the names please let us know by emailing church@greatbromley.org.uk or ring Jenny 01206 230688.

RECTOR'S LETTER

Greetings from The Vicarage in Dedham!

My wife Louise and I moved here with our three young boys at the start of September. Needless to say, life has been busy since we arrived!

I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as I begin my new role as a Harwich Rural Missioner. I grew up on the other side of the world in Melbourne, Australia. Although I had been raised in a church-going home, I turned my back on Christian things when I was ten and chose to live like my friends around me for the next few years. I went through a rough patch in my mid-teens and, amidst the darkness and depression that I felt at that time, I began to reconsider the Jesus whom I had given up on. What I discovered was someone who loved me *unconditionally*; someone who loved me so much that He had given up *His* life to save *mine* – and I have never been the same since.

After graduating from Melbourne University with a degree in Commerce, I moved to London to begin a career in finance and to explore the world. I spent the next twelve years in various finance roles (including a year in New York City). As well as making the most of all that London life had to offer (from sports, to learning languages, even trying my hand at some Scottish dancing!), I got

involved in my church in London, where Louise and I met (and later married).

We spent two happy years in Cambridge training for ministry followed by three more years as a curate (or trainee minister) in Wootton, Bedfordshire. We now have three active boys, the eldest of whom has just started at the local primary school here in Dedham. On days off, we love to go on family walks in the countryside and enjoy a nice pub lunch. Louise loves photography, so is often to be seen snapping away with her camera. I still play the sport of my youth in Australia (basketball) and was thrilled



to find a local club to join here.

We are excited about what lies ahead in each of the parishes we have been called to serve and we are looking forward to welcoming a colleague in the near future.

We hope to meet many of you in due course and wish you every blessing.

**Phillip Young,
Rural Missioner to the
Harwich Deanery**



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Parish of The Bromleys

St George's Church, Great Bromley

Nov 6th	Trinity 21	Parish Eucharist (BCP)	10.30am
	All Souls	All Souls Thanksgiving	3pm
Nov 13th	Remembrance	Great Bromley War Memorial (followed by church service)	10.45am
		Little Bromley War Memorial	10.50am
Nov 20th	Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King	Evensong (BCP)	6.30pm
Nov 27th	Advent Sunday	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
		Darkness to Light	4pm

Services at St Mary's, Little Bentley

November 6th Morning Prayer 10.30am

November 20th Holy Communion 10.30am

Services details for Lawford/Mistley, Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze
can be found on their websites.

Would you like to receive our email newsletter?

All our news and events are in the full-colour, monthly newsletter. You can subscribe on the 'Welcome Page' of the church website: www.greatbromley.org.uk

New to church or new to Great or Little Bromley?

Do get in touch for more information; we'd like to welcome you.