

The Messenger

The Magazine of the
villages of Great &
Little Bromley

July 2024



Think this won't affect you? **THINK AGAIN!!!**

The National Grid Norwich to Tilbury upgrade will have a devastating effect on many villages in our area and the Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk countryside.
SUBMIT OBJECTIONS BEFORE 26 JULY



Building more roads across farmland will destroy our wildlife and countryside



Pollution from noise of 424 HGVs per day and plant vehicles while construction takes place

Expect long diversion routes and road closures while roads are widened

Find out how you can help....

Campaign AGAINST Norwich to Tilbury Upgrade

Article on behalf of Little Bromley Parish Council and POWER

Little Bromley Parish Council recently reached out to all local Parish Councils to raise awareness and gather support for objecting to the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Upgrade. This project will have a devastating effect on many villages in our area and the Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk countryside. Representatives have been attending local PC meetings and I am pleased to say we have the support of our "locals" Great Bromley.

Little Bromley will be severely affected by this project. National Grid is planning on widening the main access road to the village (Bentley Road) from the A120, building of a temporary access haul road to transport plant and materials to a new substation to be sited on the outskirts of the village and building a new permanent access road and laydown compound in the middle of the village. All surrounding villages and towns will be affected as they propose 424 HGVs per day delivering materials and plant to the new East Anglia Connection Node substation. In addition, two offshore wind farms (Five Estuaries and North Falls) are proposing to build substations alongside the National Grid substation, followed by a Tarchon Interconnector to supply power to Germany.

The proposed trenches will significantly disrupt the countryside across the Tendring Peninsula. Ardleigh's Action Group have done considerable research and have discovered that the underground swathe is 120 metres BUT vegetation is likely to be cleared by up to another 50 metres each side = 220 metres in total! This could result in a staggering amount of agricultural land being lost or devastated. **(The equivalent size of at least 245 international football pitches!)**

You can help stop this!

You can view the proposed route on North Falls interactive map:

<https://targetedfeedbackmap.northfallsoffshore.com>

Little Bromley has set up a Village Database where we keep all our subscribers up to date on developments - we have received an excellent response and have most of the village signed-up. We extend the invitation to join the database to any residents in Great Bromley.

Just email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com and we will add you. We are also introducing a Campaign Action Group

POWER

People Opposing Widespread Electrical Ruin

which is still in early development but we hope the Facebook page will be live soon. See more at littlebromley.org.uk. If you have driven through the village recently you will have seen our banners and posters.



We are asking all Parish Councils and as many people as possible to object in the strongest terms to this project. Their current consultation was due to end on 18th June, but has now been extended to **26th July**. **There are alternatives that have not been considered to their full potential.** You can read more about this on their website - search [Norwich to Tilbury | National Grid ET](#)

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The easiest way to make your comment known to National Grid's consultation is to
email: contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com

It is crucial for as many people to voice their concerns in their objection. Additionally, we are working collaboratively with other Parish Councils and local interest groups to further strengthen our collective advocacy efforts.

We're **not** against renewable energy - but we are **against this plan** to achieve it.

There are other ways, such as under the sea, which would preserve our countryside for all.

Please could you spread the word to all your friends and family so we can all fight this to the end.

Little Bromley Parish Council

Organisation and association contacts

Essex Police	Clacton Police Station	01255 221312
	Dial 999 in an emergency or call the non-emergency number 101 or alternatively	01245 491491
Medical Practitioners	The Surgery, The Street, Ardleigh CO7 7LD	01206 230224
	The Hollies Surgery, The Green, Gt Bentley CO7 8PJ	01206 250691
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	Little Bromley - Dawn Sauka, Clerk - Dakas House, Shop Road, Little Bromley littlebromleyipc@gmail.com	01206 390083
Tendring District Councillors	Alresford & Elmstead ward	
	Cllr Gary Scott cllr.gscott@tendringdc.gov.uk	01206 820769
	Cllr Ann Wiggins cllr.awiggins@tendringdc.gov.uk	01206 825153
	Ardleigh & Lt Bromley ward	
	Cllr Zoe Fairley cllr.zfairley@tendringdc.gov.uk	07957 860820
Essex County Councillor	Tendring Rural West Division	
Local History Recorders:	Cllr Carlo Guglielmi, 71 Colchester Road, Lawford CO11 2BJ	01206 616072
	Great Bromley	
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	Little Bromley - VACANT	
Local Historian	Dr Hugh Frostick, Grove House, Frating Road, Gt Bromley CO7 7JL hugh@littlebromley.org.uk	07722 253962
Parish Church	see back inside cover for full details	
Manningtree High School	Mrs S Morris (Headteacher), Colchester Rd, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2BW	01206 392852
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St. George's P.T.A.	Chris Long, PTA Chair admin@st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk	
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Air Cadets	Flt Lt Janet Brown 1334 Manningtree RAF Air Cadets	01206 395989
Carpet Bowls Club	Mrs J Bates, Dolphins, Colchester Rd, Gt Bromley CO7 7TN	01206 230529
Cheshire Home	Homes Manager, Seven Rivers, Gt Bromley CO7 7TR	01206 230345
Cricket Club	Tom Dodd, Secretary, 4 The Street, Raydon, Ipswich IP7 5LP	07496 042651
Friendship Club	Mrs Sylvia Ward	01206 250674
Hare Green Field	Great Bromley Parish Council - Clerk@gbpc.org.uk	
Knit & Knatter	Jenny Nicholls	01206 230688
Men's Club	Maurice Gallaheer, Malting Farm, Malting Farm Lane, Ardleigh Manningtree & surrounding villages meet every Thursday at 7pm at The Crown, Manningtree	07999 002467
Rotary Club		01206 250622
Stour Valley U3A	Membership Secretary www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk	
Village Hall Secretary	Col Martin Frostick, Grove House, Frating Rd, Great Bromley CO7 7JL	01206 250263
Village Hall Treasurer and Bookings	Mrs Jackie Lear, 16 Meadow Close, Great Bromley CO7 7UG or gbromleyvillagehall@gmail.com	07543 974751
Village Hall	Parsons Hill, Gt Bromley CO7 7JA www.greatbromleyvillagehall.org.uk	
Women's Institute	Carole Newman	01206 251364

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Great Bromley and Little Bromley have Facebook Groups to share things about the village - search for Great Bromley Community or Little Bromley Community.

THE FIRST PAGE

Dear all,

We commemorated the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June, thank you to all those who came to watch the beacon being lit for the International Tribute. It was a lovely summer's evening, and the hint of rain passed before the event thankfully. In case you missed it, the post box topper was cleverly crafted as a combat helmet. Thanks to our creative resident for taking the time to make this.

You will have noticed by now that the magazine has a different format this month to usual; we are supporting Little Bromley Parish Council by highlighting their plight against the National Grid proposals.

The weather continues to provide many seasons in just one day it seems. Maybe July will bring more consistent temperatures.

Exams are coming to an end now; well done to all those who have taken them. Hopefully you will have some educational trips planned as an alternative to the stress for the last few weeks.



**Take care,
Lizzie**

*A big thank you to all our authors and contributors, our Treasurer, delivery team, and advertisers. If anyone wants to have a go at writing an article or a short story, please send it in - don't be shy. Any interesting or unusual hobbies, recipes to share or short stories, it's all welcome. As long as it follows the guidelines below, you really can't go wrong.

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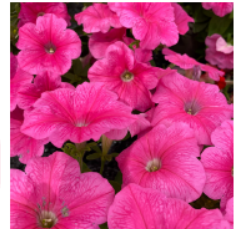


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The proposed new Norwich to Tilbury Pylons / Trenching Project would be catastrophic for Great Bromley, Little Bromley and the surrounding villages, causing devastation to the countryside it is projected to effect.

The current rural landscape will be marred by pylon after pylon with a proposed supersized electrical sub-station being constructed covering 75 acres of prime arable land currently producing food.

The impact on the wildlife and flora on this beautiful countryside will be devastating.

In addition, our country lanes will be widened by a minimum of 5 metres in order to facilitate the construction of the sub-station, with upwards of 420 HGVs a day delivering plant and materials to the site

Ironically, 80% of the electricity generated by the two new wind farms will be sent to Germany.

What can we do to prevent this from happening?

In truth, every single Rural Council and District Council on the route between Norwich and Tilbury are totally against this proposal, with an off-shore grid being the preferred alternative.

We have all made responses noting our total opposition to the current proposals to the National Grid and to the Members of Parliament in our respective areas.

We feel that, as the final decision will be made in Westminster, the effectiveness of a petition will be 'too removed' and will probably be classed as "one objection" irrelevant of the amount of signatures obtained.

What we are asking you all is that you register your objections to this proposal individually either by letter or email, in your own words, so that the huge groundswell of opposition to this devastating proposal and the combined wishes of the local people that this project will affect, cannot be ignored.

Many thanks

Ian Murch
Chairman

July 14th

The Deanery Choir will be singing at **St at George's Church, Great Bromley CO7 7HZ** at the 11am communion service. They will be singing the anthem 'Ave Verum Corpus' by William Byrd.

William Byrd (1540-1623) was an English Renaissance composer. Considered among the greatest composers of the Renaissance, he had a profound influence on composers both from his native country and on the Continent. He is often considered along with John Dunstaple, Thomas Tallis and Henry Purcell as one of

England's most important composers of early music.

Byrd wrote in many of the forms current in England at the time, including various types of sacred and secular polyphony, keyboard, and consort music. He produced sacred music for Anglican services, but during the 1570s became a Roman Catholic, and wrote Catholic sacred music later in his life.



Supporting Church music in the Tendring area



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Great Bromley Village Hall



The village hall AGM and Annual Meeting were held on Thursday 23rd May. Laura Barfield, Mary Fawcett, Andy Lear, Paul Newman and Chris Taylor were elected as trustees for the coming year and they, with David Beech, Marion Britton, Carole Mander, Dorothy O'Grady and Martin Frostick (who have been appointed as representative trustees by village organisations), together with Kathryn Ealdon and Natalie Smith (who were appointed as co-opted trustees) have formed the village hall management committee for 2024/25. Unfortunately no volunteers were forthcoming to fill the other co-opted trustee vacancy or some of the other representative trustee posts but it is hoped that these may be filled at subsequent routine meetings of the management committee - so if you are interested in joining the team then please get in touch; your help with running our village hall would be much appreciated.

Martin Frostick was elected Chairman of trustees and will also undertake the role of Secretary for a further year. Chris Taylor was elected Vice-Chairman and was thanked for her work during the last year in support of health and safety, fire prevention and hygiene matters at the hall. Paul Newman was thanked for his ongoing work as Building and Maintenance Manager. Barry Hearn was thanked for auditing the accounts to a high standard and Andy Terry was thanked for his ongoing maintenance work at the hall. Jackie Lear was re-appointed Treasurer and Bookings Manager and

was thanked for her efforts in both of these roles during the last year. Naina Shah and Ian King were thanked for their sterling work in keeping the hall clean and available and for being such a helpful and proactive customer-facing team.

The Chairman reported that the village hall trust had a successful year in 2023/24, with income in excess of £27,640 and a small profit made. Total financial reserves were £53,261 at year end but it was expected that a significant proportion of these reserves would be expended on car park improvements once the precise impact of the Hamilton Lodge development on the village hall grounds was known and final plans had been drawn up. The Village Hall Centenary Celebration held in July 2023 was the main social event of the year at the hall, which had been well supported by other organisations in the village as well as users of the hall. This milestone occasion achieved the aims set for it and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Ongoing building maintenance at the hall last year included the installation of further UPVC double glazed windows and both internal and external redecoration on those areas requiring it. No major maintenance work is planned for the current year but the external redecoration programme will continue during the summer months.

Use of the village hall by regular hirers has remained steady throughout the past year but in recent months it has become evident that the demand for

private and commercial events has reduced slightly, particularly at weekends. Readers are reminded that, whilst the hall is busy on most weekday evenings, it is available for daytime hire on most weekdays and for the majority of weekends at highly competitive rates. For availability and prices please contact Jackie Lear (Bookings Manager) on 07543974751 or email gbromleyvillagehall@gmail.com.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 28th September - The ever-popular Common Ground Theatre Company is giving a performance of their autumn tour production 'Ghost of the Toll Point Light'.

Saturday 12th October - The village hall is the venue for the touring Roy Orbison Show.

*Martin Frostick
01206 250263*

villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk

PLANNING DETERMINATIONS			
REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
<u>24/00294/</u> <u>LUPROP</u> Mr M Volf	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed works to create ancillary residential use to the main house that is an expansion of the use as accepted under 17/01289/ LUPROP.	Morants Hall Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Lawful Use/development Refused 30.04.2024 Delegated Decision
<u>24/00565/</u> <u>TELLIC</u> Sophia Hassett - KTL	Intention to upgrade the existing telecommunications installation - Add 3 no. antennas, remove 3 no. MHA, add 6 no. RRUs and 3 no BOBS at height, add 3 no. BOBS and 1 no. GPS at ground level and swap 1 no. cabinet.	Land at Strutts Farm Parsons Hill Great Bromley	Deemed Consent 03.05.2024 Delegated Decision

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We hope to welcome new members to our meetings at The Cross Inn on the third Thursday each month. The club meets from 2pm until 4pm during which time we have interesting talks, live music, or quizzes etc, after which we enjoy delicious refreshments made by Jane and Diana. Come along and take part if you are free.

Our competition for July is a garden flower.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

REF	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
24/00684/ HHPNOT	Prior Approval Application under Part 1, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for single storey rear and partial side infill extension to a detached house (4.85m depth, 2.70m eaves height and 3.90m maximum height). Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Bosco House Harwich Road Great Bromley
<u>24/00651/</u> <u>VOC</u>	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/01637/FUL to make amendments to the design of the dwellings. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Badley Hall Farm Badley Hall Road Great Bromley
<u>24/00647/</u> <u>DETAIL</u> Mr W Reid - Elemento Group	Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission 20/00547/OUT - considering scale/appearance/landscaping/layout for the sub station. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Site of Former Hamilton Lodge Cottage Parsons Hill Great Bromley
<u>24/00722/</u> <u>FULHH</u> Mr M Volf	Householder Planning Application - Conversion of part of barn as an extension to the existing ancillary residential use of part of the barn. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Morants Hall, Colchester Road, Great Bromley
<u>24/00725/</u> <u>VOC</u> Mr A Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Limited	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for Variation of Conditions 2 (Drawings) of application 23/01213/FUL to enable/allow minor change in height to allow for tipping trailer. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Park Farm, Hilliards Road, Great Bromley
<u>24/00508/</u> <u>FUL</u>	Planning Application - Replacement dwelling and demolition of existing dwelling following construction. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Kenley, Harwich Road, Great Bromley
<u>24/00743/</u> <u>FULHH</u>	Proposed single storey annexe to rear of Midhurst. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Midhurst Ardleigh Road Great Bromley

Hello Great Bromley,
The weather held up for our summer BBQ and it was a great afternoon which everyone said they enjoyed. It was advertised with an Elvis tribute act only, but we were lucky and managed book Tessa at the last minute as well. Someone up there likes me. Elvis always goes down well and is a firm favourite with the ladies, as for lovely Tessa, well let's just say she had plenty of admirers as well. The children enjoyed playing games in the grounds which left mum and dad free to enjoy themselves, that's a win-win for all.

It's also been a bit of a sad time for us here, our chef of twenty years has moved onto pastures new as he felt it was the right time for him to try something a little bit out of his comfort zone. So, he thought teaching inmates held at His Majesty's pleasure was a good shout. All I can say is that he's a brave chef, hehe. Anyway, we all wish him the very best. He's also promised to visit when he can, so we look forward to hearing all about his exploits when he does.

It was also the Bee Friendly flower festival at St Georges, which we were happy to participate in. I need to thank our residents here at Seven Rivers for all the help and inspiration in getting our display together. A special mention and thankyou to Linda who helped me so much with the display and gave it that feminine touch, thanks Linda. We were pleased with the response we got on the first day and meeting up with the local community was amazing, its great to be able to chat to you all in person. We still have two days of the festival to go so I'll let you all know how it went in next month's issue, so until then I wish



Gary as Elvis



Lovely Tessa vocalist

all good health, and as a bonus, lots of fun too.

Lee



GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

I am pleased to let you know that we have now had our new telephone system installed. The system has a very useful call back feature for patients to use if they do not wish to hold in the call queue. If you choose to use this option, you will be called back in turn. We hope that this will make it easier for patients to contact the Surgery by not having to wait in a call queue if they do not wish to.

HOME VISIT REQUESTS Please remember that if you or a member of your family are housebound and require a home visit, this should be requested before 12.30 pm on the day it is needed, as home visits are carried out after the doctors' morning surgeries.

INVITES FOR PATIENTS For those patients who are entitled to an NHS Health Check, a shingles vaccination, or a pneumonia vaccination, where patients have a mobile phone registered on the system, we are now sending the invite out by text. To make it easier for patients to book in for this, the text will include a link to click on to book the appointment.

NHS APP We are encouraging patients to download and use the NHS App as it has many useful features including being able to order repeat prescriptions and viewing medical records. If patients would like further information or advice about the NHS app they can either call 01255 686497 or email

digitalaccesssupport@tendingdc.gov.uk

SURGERY TRAINING AFTERNOON

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12pm on Tuesday 23 July 2024 for staff training. If you require urgent care on this afternoon, then please contact 111 for assistance.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

The next PPG Meeting will be held on Thursday 25 July 2024 at 6.30pm in the Mitchell Room at Great Bentley Village Hall.

Sue Mitson
Operations Manager

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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Dates for your diary

JULY

3	WI - 'Burlesque the WI and Me' - Lindsey Barrell, Village Hall	7:30pm
10	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
18	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm
23	WI Crafting Social, Village Hall	10am-1pm

AUGUST

7	WI Garden Party	TBA
14	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

11	Great Bromley Parish Council, Village Hall	7:00pm
19	Little Bromley Parish Council, The Haywain	7:30pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Great Bromley Parish Council meetings from July 2024 onwards will start at **7pm**



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- 18 July
- 8 August
- 29 August
- 19 September

9.45am to 10.15am



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The Cross**



**Wednesdays
10.00am - 12 noon**



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

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

Also at the Cross Inn is a Bleed Kit. The kit, provided by Great Bromley Parish Council, contains specialist equipment to help stem extreme blood loss before ambulance crews arrive.

Bleed control kits, also known as emergency trauma packs, are similar to first aid kits but include trauma dressings, gauze, chest seals and tourniquets to help stop serious bleeding. They can help victims of violent crime, those involved in road traffic accidents or workplace accidents, and could be particularly useful in rural areas where ambulance response times may be slower.

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.

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

"Rain, rain, rain please go away!!! It's hard to believe we are half way through the year and we have hardly had any sun. Let's hope it pops its head out soon.

4th July is not only Independence Day but it's time to go to the polls for the General Election. Your polling station is the Haywain public house. They will be open from 7am to 10pm and don't forget to take your ID.

I hope you all read the separate Article in this issue on the Campaign against the Norwich to Tilbury Upgrade. The

purpose of this is to raise awareness not only to residents in Little and Great Bromley but also to other local areas. If you think it's not going to affect you, THINK AGAIN. The volume of traffic and disruption National Grid, Five Estuaries, North Falls and Tarchon are proposing on the village and local roads is going to affect everyone!!!

Our next Parish Council Meeting will on Thursday 18th July at 19:30 at the Haywain.

Little Bromley Parish Council

ANTHONY CHARLES DOWNES MBE "TONY"

28 JAN 1930 - 11 AUG 2023

Tony enlisted through National Service in April 1948 at Meeanee Barracks, Colchester and went on to have a distinguished service career. Within six weeks he was promoted LCpl and trained in Germany with the Grenadier Guards. He was posted to 1st Battalion Royal Norfolk Regiment in August 1948 during the Berlin Blockade, during which time he met Sylvia. When he spent 18 months with the HQ 4 Guards Brigade in Dusseldorf he committed himself to the army, signing on as a Regular Soldier, and was promoted twice up to Sergeant.



The Battalion moved to Dover Castle before re-locating to Crowborough Camp prior to deployment to Korea. Tony formed part of the Advance Party going in by air, landing in the Philippines and then onto Korea. The Royal Norfolks went in with The Ulster Rifles – in the middle of the night, Tony took over from a young subaltern who considered it safe to sleep in 'Pup Tents', as they had never been

shelled. It was a salutary lesson for Tony, as that night the shelling did not stop and from then on, he always dug himself a 'shell scrape'.

Tony completed a 12-month tour in Korea and then moved on to Hong Kong. He was selected for Escort to the Regimental Colours for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Coronation. For this task he was sent home to Britannia Barracks to prepare, and during this interlude Tony found the time to marry Sylvia! They went on to have five children: Lawrence, Paul, Gerald, Linda and David. On completion of his Hong Kong tour, sending Sylvia and their first-born son home via troop ship, he returned to Colchester with orders to deploy to Cyprus.

Tony earned a commission in his 20th year of service and joined the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment. He was posted to Northern Ireland for two years, then posted back to Cyprus. Whilst serving as the Senior QM back at Colchester Meeanee Barracks, Tony was awarded his MBE. His last two years in the army were as Administration Officer in HQ Berlin, British Army of the Rhine.

In retirement, Tony and Sylvia took on and ran two Norfolk hotels, at Gorleston and then Beccles, but Tony decided to return to army life as a Retired Officer, taking up an administration post for the Royal Military Police in Colchester for seven years. So, as well as seeing operational service in Korea, Aden, British Guiana, Northern Ireland, Cyprus and the UN, he also served with the Territorial Army in Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds.

With a move to Little Bromley, Tony increasingly involved himself with the village, becoming Clerk to the parish council and a driving force in the community. Ken Hatch remembers moving to the village in 1995 and being warmly welcomed by Tony in person with a handshake and a card from Sylvia. They became very close friends when Ken joined the council and it became clear what passion Tony had for the parish.

Tony discovered a sum of money held in a fund for returning soldiers who might need financial help to get back to civilian life. There were no living trustees for the fund but Tony found a way to transfer the monies to a new fund named Little Bromley Amenity Fund. This was used for enjoyable village events like November fireworks displays and a fete in the grounds of the old rectory garden, where Tony manned a very successful BBQ. With new owners to the pub, renamed The Haywain, Tony encouraged more local residents to use the venue and the Amenities Group gained more members and became very active in the community. For the Village Sign Project, Tony was willing to lead as always, and his valuable input resulted in a sign the village could be proud of.

When Sylvia met ill health, Tony stepped down from the council to care for her. Her passing was, naturally, a terrible loss to Tony and family but as he often said, "I must soldier on". He gained a new focus in life with a new lady, Pippa... a rescue dog from Hiskeys Kennels! She was great company and he often said that she was his saviour.

Tony is remembered as a remarkable man: interesting company, kind and polite, generous and caring, devoted family man, decorated soldier, loyal neighbour and friend, and a man who contributed so much to little Bromley. Tony RIP.

HGF, from the eulogy by Lawrence Downes and a tribute by Ken Hatch

Other sad losses

I am sad to have to report the passing of two other one-time villagers.

Gwendoline Tickle (née Jaggard) 1923 - 2024

I have mentioned Gwen in recent articles. She had a fall at her 100th Birthday party in 2023, from which never regained full strength.

Following several telephone chats I was very pleased to be able to visit her at home near Exeter in the Autumn; she thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with happy memories of Great Bromley. A delightful lady.



Pat Reynolds (formerly Auger, née Wenden) 1930 - 2024

Pat was well loved during her time in Great Bromley where she was very involved, helping at the Cheshire Home and playing piano at numerous events. Very popular and sorely missed.

THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees 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 & Sixth Form Colleges

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

Universities & Colleges of Further Education

Applicants must have lived in one, or more, of the five Parishes for at least 2 years prior to the application date.

For an application form, or further details, please contact the Clerk to the Foundation, Mrs. Claire Arculus, at dedhamefclerk@gmail.com or 07752201441.

Closing date for applications:- **31st October 2024**

GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Well, the weather has only improved marginally but the games have finally started to become a regular occurrence.

The Saturday XI after winning 4 games in a row lost the 3 remaining fixtures in May. A trip to Long Melford saw the team only take 2 points from the game. On the upside the teas were amazing.

The following week saw the fixture against Little Barfield being reversed as it was raining heavily in Gt Bromley and the pitch was unplayable. By the time the team arrived (delayed due to an accident on the A12) it was raining there too. Finally with patience the game got under way with the game reduced to 25 overs. A close game but another loss and only 5 points gained.

The third loss came against Coggeshall, a good display and 7 points.

Finally, the team clicked again against Tuddenham on 8th June 20 points 5 wickets for Micheal Griffin and 3 players scoring over 40.

The ladies softball team played their first league matches in May. There are 4 leagues of 4 teams. Each team plays at home once and hosts the 3 other teams on the 1 evening. Great Bromley hosted first so important to set the standard. Played in a competitive but friendly spirit we hosted West Mersea, Tendring and Essex Uni. Bromley won all 3 matches. A good spread of sandwiches and homemade cakes after the games finished, ensured that the important social side of cricket was maintained, with all the teams staying for a chat and drink too. Let's hope we can do it again when we visit Essex uni on 14th June. The winner of each league after the 4

rounds will get to play in a finals match at The County Ground Chelmsford, so something we are all working hard for.



The Club had a busy bank holiday Weekend and hosted Wickford Young farmers on the Sunday for an interclub past and present members cricket competition. The weather held for the most part for them and when it was over they did what they are renown for and helped the Clubs bar profits. A great bunch and we hope to do it all again next year for them.

Bank Holiday Monday saw a T20 invitational with Bardwell and Abberton accepting the invitation. The bar and BBQ was going full time alongside the cricket and was a great success and an enjoyable format. A good number of colts played and had a real impact on the games. It was also good to see a few people stop and watch the games for an hour or so, have a drink from the bar and enjoy the village cricket. Spectators are always welcome whenever they see a game on.

The 28th June sees us host our Kwik Cricket tournament which if the weather holds will be a large affair. BBQ, Hog Roast, bouncy castles and the bar run alongside the cricket which is one of several much needed fundraisers for the club. Again, spectators are welcome, and the football will be on in the club house too.

The next home games are as follows

6.00pm games - 3rd 10th 17th 31st July

1.00pm games - 7th 20th 21st July

3rd 17th 18th 31st August

Tracey

MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of photographic experience and knowledge. The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their photographic skills through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals.

Please visit our website for full details of our varied programme together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. Our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page also features various club news and we continue to have fun with our monthly themed Facebook Challenge.

This month's featured photograph is the club's 'Image of the Year', '*Brown*

Hare' by Ian Parker. Ian's image was chosen by club members from high scoring competition entries throughout the year.

If you have an interest in photography, at whatever level, you would be most welcome at M&DPS. We meet at Mistley Village Hall, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact our Secretary Pat Ainger on 01206 231242 or email: madps@post.com

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety/>



Re: Proposed Norwich to Tilbury Pylons/Trenching

Statutory Consultation 2024

Great Bromley Parish Council is AGAINST this proposal.

While accepting the need to move power from the North Sea to London, Great Bromley Parish Council objects to the National Grid Norwich to Tilbury pylons proposal. This is on the basis of the arguments set out in consultation responses in 2022 and 2023 by this Parish Council and by the Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons Action Group, whose submissions, including to this Statutory Consultation, we endorse.

Consultation has been, and remains inadequate; valid alternatives have not been presented and the harm of National Grid's preferred solution significantly outweighs the benefits.

Alternatives that we support are:

- A fully integrated offshore grid.
- Or HVDC from Norwich to Tilbury, either underground or subsea. The subsea option includes a platform for Five Estuaries and North Falls, which we welcome.

HARM caused by the project

Landscape

This area is rural and very flat with far reaching uninterrupted views. These will be marred with pylons and construction of a super-sized substation covering 75 acres of prime arable land.

Environment

There will be a dramatic increase in vehicle movements, 424 HGVs per day, delivering materials and plant to the new substation, in addition to the two off shore wind farms and Tarchon Interconnector, which is due to send

80% of the power produced to Germany.

Country lanes will be dramatically widened, by a minimum of 5 metres, beyond recognition permanently to facilitate construction of the substation.

Prime arable land will either be lost permanently or severely, detrimentally affected to produce food.

Consultation

Holford Rules adopted by National Grid have been breached.

National Grid have presented a bias proposal for pylons, under-predicting costs for the scheme and over-predicting costs for the subsea option.

An offshore grid should be considered, as this will enable Five Estuaries and North Falls to connect directly into it, and this would alleviate all the disruption, stress and hardship of cabling across land to the substation that will be needed if the pylon scheme is allowed to proceed.

National Grid had part ownership of a subsidiary company 'T S Conductor' which produces lightweight conductors capable of carrying five times more power, so an upgrade of the existing network should be carried out first.

Great Bromley Parish Council is strongly minded that approval would be clearly against the national interest and urges you to take into consideration the points raised above.

You MUST NOT APPROVE this proposal!

On behalf of the Members of Great Bromley Parish Council

BEE FESTIVAL

Great Bromley, you are wonderful!!!!!!” What a BRILLIANT” weekend celebrating in St Georges Church. Definitely the best “BEE TEAM” in the county or even the country. I cannot thank you enough for all the time, support and effort from everyone in the village and beyond. The theme chosen “Bee Friendly” couldn’t have been more appropriate.

The twenty-six flower arrangements were stunning, such innovative titles and ideas, using material from our gardens and local nurseries to produce such artistic designs. You are to be applauded.

Music and creative work from our very own primary school was emotionally amazing. Their performances, both singing and speaking were outstanding, Thank you to Mrs Keitch and her hardworking teachers and staff.

Hearing music everyday in the church was an absolute delight – such a varied and beautiful selection of music, “The Black Cactus Choir”, “The Deanery Choir”, The St Georges Choir”, “The Primary School Choir”, “The Fiddlers Elbow Duo” - WOW!!! It was very very special. Thank you to all performers, you were outstanding. Such a varied and delightful selection of music and song. Thank you to all who came and supported this special three-day event and apologies if parking was a little difficult – we were obviously such a popular event!! How fortunate that we were able to offer such super refreshments throughout the day; the “Bee Café” was an outstanding success. The Busy Bees worked hard all day to provide excellent coffee, cake, sausage rolls, cream teas and baguettes,

delicious, WELL DONE!!

Outside there was the BBQ and Ninja Oven which were fired up each day. The burgers, sausages and pizzas were amazing, Thank you “Worker Bees”. FANTASTIC!!

Throughout each day there was much to see, stalls to tempt but especially people to meet who had come from all over Tendring and beyond, folk who used to call Great Bromley their home and had come back having read the adverts in the Look Magazine, Gazette, Standard and social media.

Thank you everyone who helped, who came, and enjoyed themselves. We all had such a lovely time in a special venue, at the same time raising money for our urgent repairs in the North Aisle, in our “Cathedral of The Tendring Hundred.”



RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Well by the time this reaches you we should be on the verge of an important political event on 4 July (and to clarify for our American friends I don't mean Independence Day!). It is, of course, the long-anticipated General Election. Who will be the winners? Who will be the losers? Where will the biggest surprises come? All will be revealed!

Politicians, and the governments they represent, come and go. Christians believe that God "establishe[s]" the authorities we have (Romans 13:1). That's not to say necessarily that He is 'for one party' and not 'for another' in any given election cycle, but more that He realises that for humanity and society to flourish we need leadership – and ideally the best leadership on offer. We can't always have great governments, but at least in our society we have a voice and an ability, however small or large, to make our concerns heard and views known at the ballot box.

One thing I have noticed at politically significant times in our national life is that our general wellbeing can be greatly enhanced by occasionally 'switching off' or 'zoning out'. Whether it's social media, the newspapers or a programme on the telly, it can contribute to a feeling of being overwhelmed. King David, the famous King over God's people in the time before Jesus whose life was one punctuated by significant events that threatened to overwhelm him, was able to escape that fate by 'switching off' from the daily stresses of life and turning his attention to

something else. Here's what he writes about this: "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: ... to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him" (Psalm 27:4). King David knew how to refocus in the midst of events and people that clamoured for his attention: he turned to the Lord. And what he found was beautiful, what he found was something that was much more worthy of his attention. The challenges he experienced were real and significant, but he knew there was something much more important: his relationship with his Maker and his Saviour.

This election season – whether you're reading this before or after the big day – why not take some time to 'switch off' and refocus? You could do this personally, by reading one of the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life (the Gospels), or you could do this with others, by joining us at one of our services (details of service times and places in this publication). It might just help us escape the stress of it all!

***Best wishes,
Phillip***

Little Bentley Coffee & Cake

1st Wednesday in month,
Church Hall, Little Bentley
10 - 12 Noon



Great and Little Bromley villagers
are very welcome



St George's Church Great Bromley



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Parish of The Bromleys

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July 7 th	Trinity 6	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
July 14 th	Trinity 7	Parish Eucharist	11am
July 21 st	Trinity 8	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
July 28 th	Trinity 9	Parish Eucharist	11am
August 4 th	Trinity 10	Parish Eucharist BCP	11am
August 11 th	Trinity 11	Parish Eucharist	11am
August 18 th	Trinity 12	Evensong BCP	6.30pm
August 25 th	Trinity 13	Parish Eucharist	11am

St Mary's, Little Bentley

July 7th Morning Prayer 11am

July 21st Holy Communion 11am

August 4th Morning Prayer 11am

August 18th Holy Communion 11am

Services details for Dedham/Ardleigh, Moze benefice,
and Manningtree CrossReach parishes
can be found on their websites.