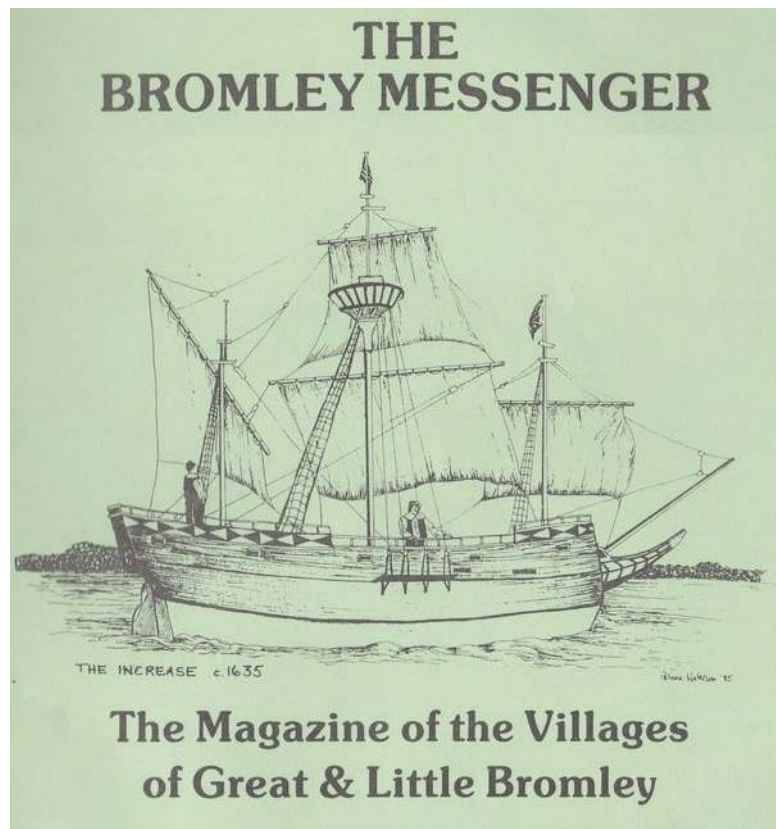


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The Bromley Messenger January 1989.

A very Happy New Year to all our readers and to our sponsors who make this publication possible. This month we are grateful to Tiptoe (Transport), Great Bromley, for their sponsorship.

1989 has been designated as Essex Heritage Year and numerous events are taking place countywide to mark this; from Charles II dockyards at Harwich to King Harold's abbey at Waltham Abbey; from the saffron fields of Walden to the smuggling haunts of the coastal marshes. The seat of Roman government, birthplace of the Peasant's Revolt, centre of the great English witch hunt; the many facets of Essex past often go unnoticed in a county which plays an important part in shaping the present and future of the country.

The past is being commemorated, but this fine legacy is, of course, vulnerable to the erosion of time, to the pressures of development, and the forces of storm and gale. Previous generations have handed us down a rich heritage; it is of vital importance that we do what we can to ensure that generations that will come after us can enjoy all heritage which has been passed to us. This is why we are having to make such efforts to help to preserve for the future our beautiful Parish Church, which has in the past, been spoken of as "The Cathedral of the Tendring Hundred". The work of restoration is now well under way and will, we hope, be completed next month. A plaque to commemorate the restoration is to be placed in the tower of the church and will be dedicated on S. George's Day, 23rd April this year. In addition a book is to be prepared containing the names of all those many people and organisations who have contributed to the cost.

If you would like to find out about the events of Essex Heritage Year or to take part in the events, please write for information to Essex Heritage Year, c/o Essex Record Office, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX. or telephone Chelmsford 0245-492211 Extension 20393.

BUS TIME TABLE - SERVICES 79, 105 and 107.

For the convenience of residents we are reproducing a leaflet issued by Essex County Council with a timetable of the bus services provided to and from the village to Colchester and Walton by Hedingham Omnibuses. It might be useful for you to cut these pages out and keep them as a guide to the transport service.

FEBRUARY MESSENGER

Can all items for inclusion in the February issue be received by the Editor at the Rectory by no later than Wednesday, 11th January, 1989 please?

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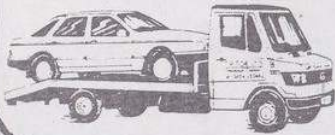
We've been here some time now - forever it seems
(Though not everyone's heard of the name)
Tip Toe by name and Tip Toe by nature
A kind neighbour was heard to exclaim!

For those of you who are not sure where we are
There's a seasonal landmark you'll know
Remember the Xmas trees over twenty feet high
With enough lights to make the boughs bow!

We've been made very welcome by one and by all
And our thanks we would like to express
If you think we can help you please come and ask
We'll be here and we'll try to say "Yes"!

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Directors and staff of Tip Toe Limited



Changes to services 79, 105 and 107

Starting Monday 31st October 1988, we're making some changes to services 105 and 107 to replace service 79, which will no longer run from this date. Most journeys will be diverted between Hare Green and Colchester to run via Great Bromley, Burnt Heath, Crockleford and Parsons Heath, with the first bus into Colchester running via Goring Road and Ipswich Road. One journey each way will continue to run via Elmstead Market.

Service 107 will be diverted to run via Weeley, following the same route as service 105. The journeys to Little Clacton on service 105 will be replaced by new service 115 operated by Eastern National.

Services 105 and 107 will be operated by Heddingham Omnibuses to a new timetable, shown overleaf - keep it handy!



WEELEY - LITTLE CLACTON - THORPE LE SOKEN

Eastern National
115

Schooldays only

WEELEY, Wayland Tea Rooms.....	0835	THORPE LE SOKEN, Tendring High School..	1520
Little Clacton, Leys Drive.....	0843	Thorpe le Soken, Memorial.....	1523
Thorpe le Soken, Memorial.....	0853	Little Clacton, Leys Drive.....	1533
THORPE LE SOKEN, Tendring High School...	0855	WEELEY, Wayland Tea Rooms.....	1540

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Heddingham
105
107

Mondays to Saturdays

Service: 105 105 105 105 107 105

COLCHESTER, Bus Station.....	0833	1023	1213	1403	1618	1805
Harwich Road, Hoofers.....	1028	1218	1408	1623	1810	
Crockleford, Cherry Tree Farm.....	1033	1223	1413	1628	1815	
Burnt Heath.....	1036	1226	1416	1631	1818	
Great Bromley, Cross Inn.....	1040	1230	1420	1635	1822	
Hythe, Station Road.....	0838					
Elmstead, Kings Arms.....	0845					
Great Bromley, Black Boy.....	0849	1043	1233	1423	1638	1825
Little Bentley, Bricklayers Arms...	0853	1047	1237	1427	1642	1829
Tendring Heath Hospital.....	0856	1050	1240	1430	1645	1832
Tendring, Cherry Tree.....	0900	1054	1244	1434	1649	1836
Weeley, Council Offices.....	0902	1056	1246	1436	1651	1838
Thorpe, Maids Head.....	0907	1101	1251	1441	1656	1843
Kirby Cross.....	0912	1106	1256	1446	1701	1848
Kirby-le-Soken.....					1703	
Walton, Ashes Corner.....					1705	
Frinton, Rail Gates.....	0915	1109	1259	1449	1707	1850
WALTON, Kino Road.....	0919	1113	1303	1453	1711	1854

Service: 107 105 105 105 105 105

WALTON, Kino Road.....	0725	0928	1118	1308	1523	1715
Frinton, Rail Gates.....	0729	0932	1122	1312	1527	1719
Walton, Ashes Corner.....	0731					
Kirby-le-Soken.....	0733					
Kirby Cross.....	0735	0935	1125	1315	1530	1722
Thorpe, Maids Head.....	0740	0940	1130	1320	1535	1727
Weeley, Council Offices.....	0745	0945	1135	1325	1540	1732
Tendring, Cherry Tree.....	0747	0947	1137	1327	1542	1734
Tendring Heath Hospital.....	0751	0951	1141	1331	1546	1738
Little Bentley, Bricklayers Arms...	0754	0954	1144	1334	1549	1741
Great Bromley, Black Boy.....	0758	0958	1148	1338	1553	1745
Elmstead, Kings Arms.....					1749	
Hythe, Station Road.....					1756	
Great Bromley, Cross Inn.....	0801	1001	1151	1341	1556	
Burnt Heath.....	0805	1005	1155	1345	1600	
Crockleford, Cherry Tree Farm.....	0808	1008	1158	1348	1603	
Harwich Road, Hoofers.....	0813	1013	1203	1353	1608	
COLCHESTER, Bus Station.....	0818	1018	1208	1358	1613	1601

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TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL.

It is with great pleasure that we report that Councillor Sam Pound who represents Great Bromley, Little Bromley and Little Bentley on Tendring District Council will, in May, assume the office of Chairman of Tendring District Council. (This office is exactly similar to that of Mayor in a town or city). Because of this Councillor Pound has asked that a Civic Service shall be held in S. George's Church on Sunday. 16th July. at which it is hoped that the Lord Lieutenant of Essex and the High Sheriff will be present. The Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, the Very Revd. Dr. John Moses has accepted an invitation to preach. As this is the first time that the District Council has held a Civic Service in the parish. it will be a real red letter day. Please make a note of it in your diaries.

PARISH CHURCH NEWS.

Because the first Sunday in January is New Year's Day, it has been decided that the Family Service will be a Family Eucharist. In February there will be the normal Family Service with as many children and members of the congregation taking part, with the musical accompaniment being provided by the small group we had in December. The March Family Service on 5th March. will be on Mothering Sunday. The January meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm in S. George's school when Miss Fiona Pratt from the Diocesan Office will speak about ways in which we can try to increase our giving and fund raising. This is a very important issue for us. as in 1988 we have a very difficult problem in meeting our financial commitments. It is worthy of note that our payment to the Diocese (the Family Purse or Quota) has been raised from £6,260 in 1988 to £6,631 for 1989. Members of the congregation who are not members of the PCC are most welcome to come to this meeting. The Parish Parties will take place on Saturday. 4th February as announced last month. The party for children will be from 3.00pm until 6.00pm. and the evening Knees-Up will be from 7.30pm - all in the Village Hall. Invitations will be given to the children and a general invitation is given to all members of the congregation. Please will all those who will be able to come please sign the list in the church. There will be live music, refreshments and a bar, while the party will be dancing and games. Although we do not intend this to be fund raising, in order to meet the expenses there will have to be a modest charge of £1 for the adults 'do'.

CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism

Sunday. 27th November Scott John Pryke

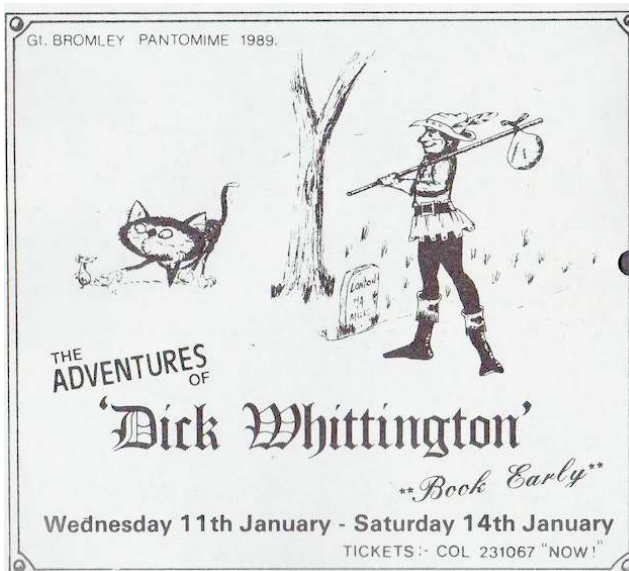
Sunday. 4th December Laura May Jepp

Burial

Monday 5th December Winifred May Cook in Lt. Bromley churchyard

PARISH YOUTH GROUP.

A meeting was held on 7th December to commence making plans for the Youth Group it is hoped to start in the Parish. It became clear that as a great deal of preparatory work must be done first, it was decided that it will not be possible to start a group as soon as we had hoped. We now plan to commence activities in April. The group is to be in two sections; one for younger boys and girls from 10 years to 13 years and the other for those who are older, from 13 to 16 years. A further meeting of those who have offered to help, and anyone else who is interested, is to be held on Tuesday, 10th January in the Rectory at 7.30pm when the Diocesan Youth Officer. the Revd. Duncan Green will be coming to advise us and tell us of the help that the Diocese can offer us. In the meantime it would be helpful to receive any ideas and suggestions from young people themselves about the activities they would like to see provided.



GREAT BROMLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB.

We have been going for just over a year now and have managed to buy our own carpet and set of bowls. The club meets weekly on alternate Mondays and Wednesdays, as the hall is available. (Of course since the new floor has been put down we have lost our best excuse for poor results!)

We have now joined the local league - a step into the unknown - and have enjoyed playing other local clubs both at home and away.

We have continued to raise funds in order to buy a second carpet, which will make it a lot easier when we have a league game as, at the moment, the visiting team has to bring one of their carpets.

Many of the local clubs meet not only in the evenings, but on afternoons too, and although not many of the present members could meet in the afternoon, Joe Canham has said that he could, and that he would be willing to show anyone interested how to bowl. It is not a strenuous sport, the only requirement being that you can bend sufficiently to reach within a bowls height of the floor! It would be nice to think that the carpet and bowls are being used more than just one night a week so that more people could enjoy the sport. If you are interested in finding out more, please ring our Secretary Gill Hubbard on Colchester 393274.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

The January meeting will be held in the Cheshire Home Chapel on 31st January at 7.30pm. It is to be a 'discussion evening' when we hope members will give us their ideas about the subjects on which they would like to have speakers, and also about any outings they would like arranged for the year. It would help the new committee to please you. R. F. Field Secretary.

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION - LONGMEAD GROUP.

The newly formed Longmead RDA group is interested in hearing from any- one who would be willing to help during a morning class if you could spare one hour each week/fortnight to assist mentally and physically handicapped young people with their horse-riding.

If you would like to know more about the type of involvement needed please contact Kathryn Sheppard, Longmead Riding School, Great Bromley. Tel: 250253. This group provides riding facilities for disabled children of Windsor School, Clacton. and Marketfields School, Elmstead.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Another year begins - our good wishes go to everyone for a happy and peaceful one. For our first meeting of 1989 on 19th January, we are to have a 'surprise' speaker: Mrs. Biddis is keeping the secret so come along and find out who it is and bring your favourite Christmas card received in 1988 for the competition.

Mildred Purkis.

THE GARDEN IN JANUARY.

Remove all untidy and diseased branches from shrubs and firm the ground around them. Examine the chrysanthemum stools for grey mould, spray with Capstan and thitiam and keep frames ventilated and frost free. Prepare sites for annuals and spring sowing, order your seeds. Examine stored dahlia tubers for mould, if they are withering soak in tepid water overnight but allow to dry before returning to store. Bring in the last pots of bulbs to flower indoors.

House plants - remove faded flowers and leaves, avoid overwatering and give them plenty of light.

Fruit - continue pruning and burn all prunings, then feed trees, bushes and strawberries with sulphate of potash. Get the ground dug over ready for spring, and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Fred Wickham.

KITCHEN CORNER.

Cold days ahead mean warming dishes on the menu! Have you tried turnip soup? Even if the family is not keen on this vegetable, they will certainly enjoy this good soup.

1 onion

1 lb turnips

1 oz butter

1 pint chicken stock or water

¼ pint cream or evaporated milk

Peel and chop vegetables and cook gently in the butter till soft but not browned. Add stock and bring to the boil. Simmer until very soft about one hour. Blend or sieve, return to the pan and reheat. Adjust seasoning, add cream and serve with a garnish of parsley or watercress leaves. This is equally good made with celeriac or Jerusalem artichokes. Thicken with a little cornflour if you like a really thick soup.

Marmalade time comes round again with Seville oranges coming into the shops this month. Homemade is both good to eat and economical, if anyone would like a recipe I shall be pleased to pass on to them the one given to me by the late Lucy Ransom. It is easy, foolproof and always gives excellent results.

Jill Frostick.

WHITE CHRISTMAS?

It may well have been. I am writing this on a cold, dark, typical November day, but last week when I opened the cat flap for Tinker at around 4.00am the garden was sparkling white under a nearly full moon. The snow lay (albeit shallow) crisp and even, persisting where the sun did not reach until noon the next day. The bird table was thronged and the last berries disappeared from cotoneasters and pyracanthas, leaving only the holly and the ivy for the new year, when snow is much more likely to come; and it may come even later. In 1975 on 2nd June, I found sad rows of runner beans and the early roses were wearing little white caps.

I. Wilkinson.

LOW INCOME - SENIOR CITIZENS INSULATION.

Tendring District Council run the Employment Training Service. One aspect of this is the heat conservation project. This project charges you a fair rate for the job and includes loft insulation and draught proofing of doors and windows. If you are interested and would like an estimate please ring Mr. Mike Todd on Clacton 474467

CHRISTOS CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD.

Across: 2 Sea A Stall 3 Ass 6 Brood 8 Christmas 10 Ova 13 mincemeat 15 Pen 16 Tee 17 how 18 Bib 20 One 21 Angel 23 Tessa.

Down: 1 Seasons Greetings 2 Star 3 Also a Bird ? Dame ? Gin 10 Oct 11 Awe 13 Ham :3 Me 14 To 18 Bone 19 Bees 21 At 22 La.

Jack Regan would like to thank all those friends who sent messages of sympathy to him. Contributions to the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit stand at nearly £400 which would have given Gladys much satisfaction to have known about. '

L. Christodoulides.

1st ARDLEIGH SCOUT GROUP.

We would like to expand the group by starting a Cub Pack in Great Bromley and this will only be possible if we can find leaders to run it. The Cub Pack which now meets in Ardleigh has thirty-six boys in it, and with more boys to come, it is essential to have a second pack. If you have a son who would like to become a Cub please contact me on Colchester 230490. If you could help by offering to become a leader I would be more than pleased to hear from you. No experience is needed as all the support and training will be given. The commitment required is 1½ hours each week for meetings, a leaders meeting once every three months and one evening and two weekends of very enjoyable training to be undertaken during the first two years. The Scout Troop will be completing their Winter Night Hike on 30th December from Wrabness Station to Dovercourt. Since the Jamboree at Great Leighs they have enjoyed an activity day with Cubs, including archery, and an Autumn camp at Wrabness. Several boys have left and it would be helpful if any uniforms or books that are no longer needed could be passed on for new Scouts to use. If you can help in this way goods can be left at any time at The Nook. Colchester Road.

1st GREAT BROMLEY GUIDES AND BROWNIES.

It is pleasing to know that the Great Bromley Guide Company has re-started its activities under the leadership of Mrs. Jacqui Terry. known by the Guides as 'Jazz'. She is being helped by Caroline Walt known as 'Treble', and Mrs. Lyn Whitman known as 'Middle C'. A variety of activities have already taken place; Christmas cards and pomanders have been made, Scottish pancakes were made on S. Andrew's Day. the Guides joined the Brownies for a Church Parade and helped with refreshments after the service.

Sadly the heater has disappeared from the Guide and Brownie hut; hopefully it will be quickly returned with a full bottle of gas! This caused problems for the Brownies, who because of the cold had to have their meeting at The Nook.

The Brownie's Christmas treat this year, to be shared with the Guides, is to go to the Colchester Institute to see a performance of 'Pinocchio' by the Colchester Youth Theatre. The sixers helped to organise a surprise Christmas party for the rest of the pack. As we have not had a party for a long time, it made a real change, especially as we had crackers and balloons. Last month Beth made her promise and we have welcomed Alison as a new 'tweeny'. Hannah Jenny and Susannah have now left to become Guides. Brownies have been working hard on their interest badges: Susannah. Sarah, Hannah. Claire, Isabel and Emma have gained their Hostess badge and Hannah her collector's badge.

FROM IND COUPE AND ALLSOPP - THE BLACK BOY.

Following the suggestion of the name change for The Black Boy, it was evident from the replies received, together with those people who called at the pub, that the village wanted the name retained. On behalf of the Licencees, Peter and Maureen Savoury, we would like to thank all those who participated by returning the questionnaire. and no doubt, you will all give the Black Boy your continued support after the completion of the redecorations. May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a prosperous New Year.

TOWER REPAIRS.

I would like to thank the customers and the licensee of the Cross Inn for donating the proceeds from their Christmas Draw to the Repair Fund for the work which is currently being done to the tower of S. George's church. It was a very happy occasion to be able to receive money during the carols by candlelight evening held at the Inn on the 18th December.

Rector.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL - CAPTAIN COOK.

The Rector and I had a most enjoyable evening when we went to see Captain Cook. The children as usual played their parts with enthusiasm and aplomb and the costumes made by the staff were excellent, as was the back-drop. Mention must be made of the band and choir who performed very professionally.

Our thanks go to the children and staff for all their hard work. and to Mrs. Pat Fitzgerald too, for all the hard work and time that she too put into this wonderful evening.

MRS. DOROTHY SKEET.

The funeral of Mrs. Skeet. who until January last, had lived for fifteen years at Burnt Heath, took place on 13th December. She had been tireless in her activities in the village: for twelve years she had worked at Hamilton Lodge, she was involved in fund raising for the Church Repair Fund, the Village Hall, the Men's Club, Hamilton Lodge and she had been treasurer of the WI and the Village Hall Committee and a committee member of the Friendship Club.

Her sudden death came as a great shock to her husband. her family and her many friends in Great Bromley. May she rest in peace.

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Seven Rivers Staff & Residents Social Committee present a

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An evening for all ages with music from the 1960's - come along to dance or just listen

Saturday 21st January 1989 Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

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SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - JANUARY 1980.

Sunday 1st	NEW YEARS DAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 8th	EPIPHANY 1	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 13th	EPIPHANY 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Mattins and sermon 6.30pm Eucharist with hymns
Wednesday 18th		7.30pm PCC Meeting - Parish School
Sunday 22nd	SEPTUAGESIMA	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 25th	S. PAUL	7.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 29th	SEXUAGESIMA	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Martins and sermon 6.30am Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 1st Balls Green 11.00am Sunday 8th Burnt Heath 11.00am Sunday 23rd Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 29th Burnt Heath 11.00am

PARISH CHURCH FLOWERS. Sunday 8th Ms. B. Rowe Sunday 22nd Mrs. V. Biddis Sunday 15th Mrs. M. Hart Sunday 29th Mrs. A. Fairley

SERVERS. Sunday 1st 8.00am John Clapham Sunday 8th 10.30am Robert Harding Sunday 15th 3.00am James Heaney Sunday 22nd 10.30am John Clapham Sunday 29th 8.00am Bill Kempster

SIDESMEN. Sunday 1st Mrs. M. West Mrs. J. Harding Mr. H. Fairley
Sunday 8th Mr. G. Kent Mr. J. Brown Mr. G. Kempster
Sunday 13th Mr. J. Clapham Mr. A. Lock Mr. G. Kent
Sunday 22nd Mrs. M. West Mr. D. Simons Mr D. Sparling
Sunday 19th Mr. G. Kempster Mrs. M. Bush Cdr A. Gatesby

The Bromley Messenger February 1989.

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As February is such a short month, it would help if items for inclusion in the March issue could be received at the Rectory by Wednesday 8th February, please.

My wife asks me to thank everybody who has asked about her, have sent her cards, and have supported her by their thoughts and prayers during the time she has been in hospital. Because she has not been able to take any part in producing this issue, Keith Fletcher who prints the magazine has very kindly typed it. - **Paul Davies**

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH NEWS

I do hope that parishioners will support the 'Knees Up' which is planned for Saturday 4th. It is simple a fun evening in which we can enjoy ourselves together, Although we have massive financial commitments, this is NOT a fund raising event.

Earlier in the afternoon the annual Children's Party will take place. Mrs Sparling is sending invitations, but if you have not received one and you attend Sunday School or Church, please ask for one.

Lent commences on Wednesday February 8th. On Sunday mornings in Lent there will be a special preacher each week. I have asked a number of Lay Persons to talk about 'A Layman's Faith'. On Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday February 15th at the Rectory there will be a series of House Meetings on the subject of 'Prayer'.

Details of the Services and Meetings for Lent are in the special Lent Leaflet which I hope will be included in with the Messenger next month.

PANTOMIME

Once again the Great Bromley Pantomime Group are to be heartily congratulated on their excellent and most enjoyable production of The Adventures of Dick Whittington. It is a marvellous tradition to have an annual pantomime in the village, and every year the production seems to be better than the last year, and this year is no exception to the rule. Congratulations and well done to all who helped in the production and who brought enjoyment and laughter to me and to very many other people.



POORLAND AND JACOBS CHARITIES

According to custom, these two charities were distributed to twenty residents of Great Bromley on January 2nd, each recipient receiving £5.00. The Poorlands Charity, once known as The Guildhall Charity has a long history in the village. It was originally set up to provide housing for the very poor, the dwellings known as The Workhouse being situated where Guildhall Cottage now stands. During the war these dwellings suffered considerable damage from enemy action, and in view of the cost of repairing them, in 1945 the Trustees decided to sell the properties and invest the proceeds on 3% Defence Bonds, and the interest so received to be distributed annually to deserving residents of the village.

The Mary Jacobs Charity was provided by a lady of that name who in her Will dated 3 February 1852 bequeathed a sum of £100 to the Rector and Churchwardens of Great Bromley upon trust to invest the same and to distribute the yearly dividend in bread at their discretion amongst the most aged widows and deserving poor of the Parish on New Years Day each year.

The sum is now administered by the Charity Commissioners who pay the income to the Trustees. Up to and including 1946 loaves of bread were distributed, in 1947 and 1948 because of the bread rationing, cash was given in lieu, but in 1949 the distribution of bread was resumed. In 1949 132 loaves were distributed; in 1950 140 loaves, and in 1951, 142 loaves. In 1952 it was decided that gifts of money should be given instead of bread, and the redistribution should be joined to the Poorlands Charity.

Records show how the value of money has changed. In 1954 it was decided to reduce the sum given to each recipient from 4 shillings to three shillings. By 1970, each person received 10 shillings (50 pence), in 1971 £1.00, and in 1980 £1.50, 1982, £2.00. 1985, £3.00, 1988 £4.00, and 1989, £5.00.

S. MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY

Notice has been received from the Church Commissioners that the Redundant Churches Fund has affirmed that the church is worthy of being vested in the Fund, and at the moment it is seeking information on the costs of repair for the church. When this has been concluded, the Board of the Fund will issue a formal notice of the acceptance of the Church.

This is exceedingly good news for us. It means that the fund will repair the Church, something we could not possibly afford to do, and that the Church will be open for visitors. will be available for suitable use, and will be able to be used by us for Worship four times a year. Also, if population of Little Bromley were to increase massively, the church could be returned for parochial use.

THE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY

Continue to Spike lawns, and ii Worm Casts are a problem, on dry days, brush with a birch broom. Prune trees, cut back flowering Clematis and shrubs, also plant any rooted suckers of Philadelphius and species Lilac. Cut back badly overgrown hedges or leggy ones to ground level to encourage new growth. Annual pruning of roses can be carried out in mild and sheltered gardens. Complete routine pruning of established fruit, cut back autumn fruiting raspberry canes to ground level, cut others back to a bud above the top wire. Complete digging and manuring sites for sowing annuals and biennials, fork in a ground fertiliser. Lay up early potatoes for sprouting and sow carrots in a cold frame.

Fred Wickham

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

The school opened the term on Wednesday January 4th with 88 pupils, for a term which, owing to an early Easter will be quite short, the last day of term being Friday 17th March. Unusually too, the Half Term Holiday is not the customary week, but three days only, Thursday February 9th, Friday 10th and Monday 13th. . At the request of one of the pupils, the school is participating in a NATIONAL NON-UNIFORM DAY on Wednesday February 1st to help UNICEF raise funds for the children in Sudan. Pupils may wear what they like on that day in return for a fee of 25 pence or more, which will go to a water project on Southern Kordofan. If any friends of the school would like to be associated with this project, Mrs Fitzgerald will be pleased to receive any additional contributions.

The school Annual Easter Fayre will be held on Thursday March 16th in the School Hall, commencing at 2.00pm. There will be a wide range of stalls, Produce, Plants, Cakes, Children's Crafts, Toys and Books as well as Raffles. The children are asked to enter a competition to design an Easter Card. All the profits of the Fayre go to help providing extra funds for the running of the school.

PROPOSED YOUTH GROUP

A meeting has been held at which further plans were made for this new venture. To commence with, meetings are to be held on WEDNESDAY evenings in S. George's School opening in April. There are to be two sections to the Group, a Junior Club for those between the ages of 10 and 12 from 6.30pm - 7.30pm., and a club for older children, from 13- 16 from 7.45pm - 9.15pm.

A wide range of activities and games will be arranged for this new venture as well as a Tuck Shop. At regular intervals there will be outside activities, visits, barbeques, and sports.

Membership will be open to any young people in the two villages in the parish. A name has not yet been chosen for the Group, but until it is, it will be known as S. George's Youth Club. We plan to ask the members to choose a different name if they wish once the Club has started.

So that the Club may start on the right foot, some further meetings for those who have volunteered to help run the club have been arranged. More information next month.

CHURCH REPAIRS

We have now got over the initial shock reported last month about the extra cost we have to bear for the repairs to the Tower of S. George's Church, and we have now had time to think over the work which has been done. The total cost reported to us in December was in the region of £46,000. However we have been advised that part of this work, repairs to the base of the Tower which can be put in hand at a later date without the need for scaffolding can be delayed until the second stage of the repairs, repairs to the Clerestory and North Aisle are put in hand. This will give us an immediate saving on the amount quoted, but we have to bear in mind that it will have to be undertaken at some time in the future.

This means that the extra cost will now be in the region of £31,000, making the total cost of this part of our repair programme in the region of £105,000. I use the term 'in the region of' as these are rounded up figures, and the total could be a bit less than this. I am also guided by letters from the architect which says, 'I think it would be wrong to assume that this is a definitive cost'.

Although the financial burden has been reduced, we do have a major task to raise this sum, and, to achieve it, we will need a great deal of help from parishioners and friends far and wide. The Repair

Committee and the Parochial Church Council are considering ways and means to obtain the money which will be due to the contractors when they complete the work. Please do support all efforts and fund raising events which are planned for this purpose.

In Particular: Whatever the weather, the Rector is to sit in the Churchyard from 10.00am until 4.30pm on Saturday February 18th to receive gifts towards the restoration. Please give generously to this Gift Day so that we can have a good start to this latest challenge.

GREAT BROMLEY W.I.

Mr Derek Taylors' expertise on Ships' Heraldry was greatly enjoyed by the members and visitors at our first meeting on the New Year. This unusual and fascinating subject was brought alive by the coloured illustrations and stories explaining H.M. Ships Coats of Arms.

Congratulations to the brave men who accompanied their wives to the meeting! WI husbands give a great deal of help behind the scenes so thank you for coming and joining us at our 'Open' January meeting. The WI was started in this country in 1917, and over the years has grown into a countrywide organisation. There are now 9,200 Institutes in 71 County Federations with a total membership of 338,000. New members are always welcome; do come along and bring a friend (or two) with you. Being a WI member not only helps you to make the most of village life, but also gives you the opportunity to join in the many activities taking place all over the county.

Coming Soon:-

Wednesday February 1st. "On horseback through USA". Mrs EM. Gray

Wednesday March 1st. Commemorative China. Mrs D. Archer

Wednesday April 5th. Macmillan Nurses.

All at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 28th at 7.30pm in the Cheshire Home Chapel. Mr Russell Lovett, Warden of Stow Woods at Wrabness will be speaking to us on the work of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and, possibly, about the birds in our gardens. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at this meeting. Please bring along anyone else who may be interested - you might find that you may like to join the Garden Club.

RF. Field

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

With our delicious Christmas lunch and entertainment now a happy memory. we still have our gifts of lovely Poinsettia plants as we look forward to our year ahead. On February 16th Mr Ken Hazell will talk to us about Antiques; if you wish to bring along one of your treasures, Mr Hazell will be happy to tell you its history and value. Something different for the competition! Please bring any unwanted gifts suitable for our Spring Sale's Tombola Stall. There will be the chance of a prize!

Mildred Purkiss

DANCING

Have you ever been to a barn dance? Did you enjoy it? Would you like to try more dancing of that type? If so, my wife and I would like to start a Barn Dancing Group in Great Bromley. There are many interesting facets to English Traditional Dancing like Clog, Sword, Country and Court, and all are great fun to do. If you are interested in such a group please contact Ron Mears on Colchester 231041 or Jacqui Terry on 230490. We would like to start in March on a fortnightly or a monthly basis to suit members.

Doreen and Hon Mears

JOTTINGS

I am glad that I was a false weather prophet. A green Christmas and the continuing mild weather makes for easier conditions for work on the Tower. The extra cost of the repairs (now about £31,500) is a blow, but compare the total sum with the present prices of ordinary small houses. We are building hopefully, and atmospheric pollution permitting, another few hundred years of history for our village, and posterity will thank us.

I Wilkinson

THE BLACK BOY

In the December 'Messenger', Mrs Wilkinson suggested the possibility that the Black Boy owes its name to the little black page boys so often seen in portraits of the 18th century gentry. At the time the Messenger reached me, I happened to be reading "Pearlhanger" by Johnathon Gash, another of his individual Lovejoy books, in the course of which story he refers to a Public House nicknamed "Charley's" and goes on.... "This local nickname means any pub called the Black Boy, meaning the dark-haired escaped Prince Charles, and that the pub's regulars were secret royalists".

As Mr Gash was to be at the Wivenhoe Bookshop (also learned from the Messenger) I made a point of seeing him to enquire whether his reference to the Pub name was pure fiction or not. He assured me that

it was not, and that there are several hundred houses called The Black Buoy or Boy from the Midlands down to the South Coast.

J. G. Groom, Little Bromley

Postscript from the Editor: It was very pleasing, and a great relief to learn that the brewers have decided not to change the name of this hostelry. Do readers admire, as I do, the new Pub sign of the little Chimney Sweep?

On the subject of Pubs - welcome to the new Publican of the Flute and Whistle, Frating Road, formerly the Taylors Arms.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - FEBRUARY 1989

Saturday 4th	Parish Party - Village Hall
Sunday 5th	QUINQUAGESIMA 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 8th	ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30pm Parish Eucharist
Sunday 12 th	LENT 1 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 15th	7.30pm House Meeting - Rectory
Sunday 19th	LENT 2 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Matins 6.30pm Eucharist with hymns.
Wednesday 22nd	7.30pm House Meeting
Sunday 26th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist

NOTE

Sunday March 5th - Mothering Sunday - Family Service at 10.30am.

METHODIST SERVICES Sunday 12th 11.00am Balls Green - Miss M. Holford

Sunday 19th 11,00am Burnt Heath - The Revd. J. Robinson

PARISH CHURCH FLOWERS

February 5th Mrs E. Walker No Flowers on other Sundays during Lent.

SERVERS

Sunday 5th 8.00am John Clapham Sunday 12th 10.30am Robert Harding Sunday 19th 8.00am James Heaney Sunday 26th 8.00am Bill Kempster

SIDESMEN

Sunday 5th Mrs M West Children Mr H Fairley
Sunday 12th Mr G Kent Miss F Orman Mr P Walker
Sunday 19th Mr G. Kempster Major H Varney Mr D Sparling
Sunday 26th Mrs J Harding M P Rowe Cdr T Catesby

The Bromley Messenger March 1989.

A number of comments (all very favourable) have been made about the presentation of the February issue of The Bromley Messenger. It is quite clear that printing, as opposed to copying typescript is not only better looking but also a lot easier to read. Although it will raise our costs somewhat, it has been decided that all future issues of the magazine will be printed in this way. It is appropriate and necessary to pass on our thanks to Mrs Meriel Davis who has typed all the previous past copies with such efficiency and perfection.

This month, The Messenger is sponsored by individual parishioners and by organisations within the village. Their names are listed separately. We thank them for their very kind help and interest.

Next month's issue will be number 12 of our third year of publication. That means we will be looking for sponsors for the year which will commence with the May issue. The Treasurer (Len Christodoulides, Magnolia House, Frating Road 251264) will be pleased to hear from any firms, tradesmen or organisations who might like to sponsor a whole or part of an issue. Please contact him if you can undertake this, or if you know of anyone whom we might approach.

As the covers are printed in a year's batch it is convenient to alter the lists of Organisations and Association Contacts at the beginning of our year. If any of the names on the list currently published on the inside cover need to be altered, or if there are any other organisations which ought to be included, can the necessary information be sent to the Rectory by Easter, please. Also, can contributions for April be sent in by Friday March 10th, please.

THE DATE OF EASTER

One of the puzzles of life is why each year the date of the great Christian festival of Easter changes. This year it is very early in the year, next year it is over three weeks later. Sunday April 15th.

The way in which the date is reckoned was settled after a period of confusion when different groups of Christians used different dates by a Council of the Church held at Niceae in the year 325AD. Although an Act of Parliament was passed in the 1920's to fix the date of Easter, it has never been put into operation because of the extreme difficulty of obtaining the agreement of all the different churches not only in Great Britain, but also in the World. This is one subject in which it would be difficult for our country to "go it alone" imagine the confusion if Easter in Austria, Australia, Belgium and Borneo were celebrated at differing dates, and this country had a yet different time. For a fixed Easter there would have to be a completely international agreement.

In the front of the Book of Common Prayer are tables which enable the reader to find by a very complicated system of calculation the date for Easter in any year. As a boy I whiled away many a boring sermon by trying (and failing) to get to grips with the method. However, a much simpler way of finding the date for any year is to follow the rules laid down by the Council of Nicea.

This is based on the fact that Jesus was crucified at the Jewish Feast of the Passover, and the Passover is fixed by phases of the moon. The Jewish date for the Passover is the 14th day of the month Nisan (the month of the third moon of the year). Easter day is the Sunday following this date. As we are accustomed to the Jewish months, it was necessary to simplify this so that non Jews could work it out. It is done in this way. Easter Day (always a Sunday) is the Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. As the Spring Equinox is always March 21st. This means that Easter can fall at any date between March 22nd, the earliest and April 25th, the latest. In actual fact Easter rarely occurs on these extreme dates; it falls more often during the first fourteen days of April. Although this year Easter is very early, in 1943 it was a day earlier, March 25th, and in 2008 it will be even earlier, March 23rd! We can look forward to having a very late Easter in the year 2000, when it will be April 23rd.

WHAT IS EASTER ALL ABOUT!

Easter is the culmination of a series of historical events in the last week of the life of Jesus, a week we call Holy Week. On the Sunday before Easter, Jesus entered Jerusalem to the acclamation of crowds who were looking to Him as King, shouting Hosannah and strewing Palm branches in His path - Palm Sunday. On the next day. Jesus visited the Temple and drove out those who were using it as a market place. "My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves". Three days later on the evening of Thursday, Jesus gathered his disciples together in the upper room and after having washed their feet, He shared a final meal with them, The Last Supper, at which He commanded them to repeat this meal in perpetuity. This day is Maundy Thursday, and it marks the institution of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, as the principal act of worship of the Christian Church - Jesus spent a night in prayer in a garden on the slopes of the Mount of Olives while His disciples slept. Later that night, arrested, Jesus was tried and convicted, The crucifixion followed on the following day, Good Friday. This, of course was not the end, for three days later on Sunday, first three women, and later disciples came to the tomb where His body laid to find it empty. Later on that same day, the first Easter Day, Jesus appeared to the Disciples in his resurrection body.

For Christians, The Resurrection is the basis of Faith. It is the fulfillment of all that had been prophesied about the Messiah; it is living proof of God's plan for man. It provides us with a confident and joyous faith, and gives real meaning to all that we do as Christians.

For this reason, Easter is the most important of all the Christian Festivals. and IS the one day of the year when all Christians are expected to join in the worship of praise and thanksgiving in their churches. Over the ages men and women, from the Disciples onwards have celebrated with great happiness the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. May the joy and happiness that they experienced be your own experience at this joyful Eastertide. A Happy Easter to all our readers

Rector

LITTLE BROMLEY NEWS

May I take this opportunity to bring you up to date on some of the items of interest which the Little Bromley Parish Council have been involved with in the past year.

The Parish Assembly last April, attracted 28 members of the public to discuss future development of the Village over the next decade. The conclusion was that only those sites previously recognized should be developed, and any further applications for planning should be considered with the long-term view of keeping the Village to its present size.

The future of the Playing Field was considered, and as a result four people agreed to assist into its development into a safe play area. A meeting took place later between Mr Paul Olivant, Mr Dennis Abery, Mr Gerry Lewis and myself. In May, the concrete posts from the old playing field were moved from Mr Osbourne's to the field by Mr Tom Fairley. Mr Skinner donated some cement and ballast to enable the posts to be positioned and Mr Lennox agreed that we could use his post hole base. Since that time, however, both Mr Abery and Mr Lewis have left the village, and no further work has been carried out. Mr Tabor who donated the field is very concerned about its untidy condition and unless some volunteers come forward to assist me, we will have to give it up. May I therefore again appeal to all members of the Village for their help to develop the playing field this coming summer. Please contact me at:

'Rivoy', Shop Road Little Bromley Telephone Colchester 393445

This Could Well Be Our Last Chance

The Parish Council is still in need of a Parish Clerk, I would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the post.

R.T.M. Poulter Chairman, Little Bromley Parish Council

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

You will have read in recent editions of the 'Messenger' of the plans to start a Parish Youth Group. After a number of helpful meetings with the Diocesan Youth Officer, the Revd. Duncan Green, we are able, at last, to give you a definite date: Wednesday April 12th in S. George's School!

There will be two sessions at the weekly meetings as follows;

1) Ages 10 to 13 years (Fourth year Primary upwards) - 6.15 - 7.30 pm

2) Ages 13 - 16 years - 7.45 - 9.15 pm.

At both sessions there will be a canteen where drinks and snacks will be available. All sorts of games and activities will be arranged. We have lots of little things to do but this will be YOUR club, so do come along on April 12th and bring your own ideas and suggestions. See You There.

The Club Leader will be Mr Dennis Simons. and he will be helped by a number of Assistant Leaders. If Parents would like any further information. please contact Mr Simons (231115), Mrs Su Orriss (251959) or the Rector (230344) *Su Orriss*

GUIDES

As I write this we have had eleven weeks together, and much fun and laughter. We have a new Young Leader, Karen, which is great. as she really knows what she's doing as regards trefoils, pennants and patches. We've made cards and pomanders. cooked mini pancakes on tins. been for a night hike (it was'n't too cold and there was a nearly full moon), seen a pantomime. learnt some knots. had a lovely candlelit promise ceremony blown eggs (and crushed them!) and are now practising for an Entertainment Pennant. Best of all the Guides have become a Patrol and have chosen to be called the Star Patrol; the emblem has yet to be painted. By the time you read this, we will have had a whole day hike, been to a grand Thinking Day Service, held our own Thinking Day, and, hopefully, have earnt that Pennant.

We have plans for one weeks camp from July 23rd - 29th at Sudbourn Park and two weekend camps, besides cook-outs. By that time we should have four more Guides who will have joined us by Easter. We welcome the formation of the Youth Club and hope it will be successful. but also hope that Brownies will give Guides a try before deciding whether or not to join us. *Jazz*

BROWNIES

The Brownies collect Caps and Saucers! Any odd ones; they don't need to match would be very welcome. They are used for Pack Holidays, Coffee Mornings, and Brownie and Guide Functions. If you have any to spare, please let us know and we will be very pleased to relieve you of them. Both Brownies and Guides have a table booked at the Scout Table Top on Saturday April 9th at Ardleigh Village Hall. Any Bric-a-brac items will be welcome - both units are short of money!

CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION

Mad Hatters Tea Party - 16th July 1989 Plans for this event to be held at Copley Dene (The Old Rectory) are well under way. There will be very many unusual stalls, sideshows, competitions, races and events of all kinds and many hands will be needed for this big village effort in which we hope Little Bromley will also be involved. Please, if you would like to take part in any way, now is not too soon to offer your help. Sideshows, stalls, sponsorship, teas, supplies will all need help. This month's particular request is for offers of gifts for a large tombola to be held in advance and in connection with the event. All offers for this please to Dawn and David Taylor on Colchester 250040 or Jean Harding on Colchester 230425 or to the Rectory. We will then contact you. Thank you.

KITCHEN CORNER

Easter Eggs! There are plenty to buy in the shops but it can be more fun to make your own. Chocolate ones can be made by 'blowing' hen eggs. Make a hole each end with a needle and blow out the contents. Rinse the shells out gently when dry fill with melted chocolate and leave to set firm before peeling away the shells. Orange eggs are made by pouring orange jelly into six matching egg cups, leave to set firm, then turn out half of them to balance on top of the other three. Sandwich or decorate with cream if you like.

Jill Frostick

THE GARDEN IN MARCH

Rake the lawns vigorously and mow with blades set high, Spike badly drained lawns with a hollow tined fork and brush sandy compost into the holes. Complete routine pruning of roses and feed with a rose fertiliser and mulch. Divide established perennials and fertilise and give the bed a thick mulch. Propagate Chrysanthemums from the summer flowering types, there are plenty of shoots on the stools. Start dahlias into growth from tubers at 61F. Sow seeds later in the month. Sow half-hardy annuals under glass. Sow annuals outside towards the end of the month, also plant gladioli bulbs.

Top dress rock plants and replant where needed, apply peat to heathers etc. Broad beans, lettuce, onions, shallots, early peas should all be growing nicely now so keep the hoe going. *Fred Wickham*

TOWER REPAIRS

I write this in the day that the contractors, Bakers of Danbury leave the site having completed the contract. With the removal of the scaffolding, the amount of work done is clearly visible to the eye, and the general mellow look of the Tower bereft of the shabby rendering is really delightful. It is a great relief to know that the work has been done and that the Tower is now completely safe - but we do have the problem of finding the rest of the money required to pay for it. The Parochial Church Council have made arrangements to borrow whatever amount is necessary to pay the final account when it is due, but we have to remember that this is loan money, and loan money has to be repaid to the lender. This is why our Repair Fund Appeal has to continue for as long as it takes to repay the borrowing, By next month we should have received the final account from the builder and will therefore know just how much extra money we have to raise.

On S George's Day, Sunday April 23rd, Our Patronal Festival, we will be having a Thanksgiving forth completion of the work. Before the service Ringers from Colchester will ring a celebratory Peal of Bells, and at the service the Archdeacon of Colchester. The Venerable Ernie Stroud will preach.

I have to report that having helped to set up the Repair Fund five years ago, and having worked with unflinching zeal and efficiency, all the time, the Recorder of the Fund, Dick Hayward asked if he could be relieved of the onerous duties he has so willingly undertaken. Of course we are sorry that he is relinquishing his office, but we are happy that he is to remain as member of the Fund Committee. We all offer Dick our most heartfelt thanks for the immense amount of work he has done for us, and for the enthusiasm he has injected into the workings of the committee. His replacement as Recorder is Mr Dennis Simons, Michaelmass House, Rectory (phone 231115) who will deal with all correspondence and gladly accept monies for the Fund. In welcoming him, it is right to express to him our thanks for undertaking this task. Paul Davis

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 19th

At 10.30 am. there will be the Annual Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses at the Eucharist, and in the evening at 6.30 pm. you are invited to a Service at which there will be a dramatic presentation by the Staff and Residents of Hamilton Lodge, entitled "CHEERS TO JEERS"

GREAT BROMLEY JUBILEE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

This year the CARNIVAL will take place on Saturday June 3rd starting at 2.30 pm. The proceeds will be split between the Playgroup and S. George's Church Repair Fund. In common with last years practice, we will be trying to maximise the attractions on the field. The theme will be a MARDI GRAS, and we hope to have a Ball Crawl, Bouncy Castles, Silver Band, Inflatable Colour Maze as well as children's clowns, circus animals (dressed up as clowns) and possibly a small circus arena and children's rides. There will also be a children's caged pet show. Stall holders will be asked to register their stalls so that no one type of stall is duplicated, and each stall will be asked to donate 20% (minimum £5.00) to the funds.

A 40' x 20' marquee will be provided for the dance in the evening, but it will be useful in the case of rain! The evening dance will continue the Carnival flavour with a Steel Band Information and applications for stalls can be made to Linda Pinhey, Forge Cottage (opposite Cross Inn, or to members of the committee, Graham Phelps, Betty Rowe, Nigel Rowe, Neil Thompson, Andy Terry or Jaqui Terry).

Events planned in preparation for the Carnival are:-

April 1st Car Boot and Table Top Sale in the Village Hall, Teas and Hot-Dogs

Spaces £4.00 booked, £5.00 on the day.

Contact Linda Pinhey 230126

May 1st. Crazy Sports

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME - HELP!

Help is wanted by a small group of disabled Residents. We need someone interested in painting to help for 2 hours a week with a Painting Group. Remuneration can be given to cover expenses. If you can help, or know someone who could, please enquire to Mr Duncan, the Administration Manager. (Phone 230345)

PLAYGROUP

We now have 16 children, two and a half years and above on our register which is the maximum we are allowed for each session. The Wednesday morning Mother and Toddler Group, however, could do with a boost. Anybody who wants to meet and make friends with other young mums (and dads) will find this an ideal opportunity. Please come, even if you only have a young baby, for a coffee and a chat.

Our Fund raising is going well, and we are grateful to the Carnival Association for making us one of their charities this year. We have had a very unexpected donation from the Pantomime Group, the proceeds of a raffled bottle of whisky, and this is much appreciated. We have decided to purchase a large item of play equipment with it.

We have recently purchased a small tape recorder and the children are thoroughly enjoying singing and dancing to the music. Every week something different is made, from paper dolls and cardboard puppets to paintings and collages. One wonders whatever will be made next!

We have a COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday March 15th, 10.00 - 12.00 to which everyone is invited.

There will be a raffle and Mrs Joy Golding will be there to show us wide range of homemade knitwear which will be available to purchase or order as required. Do come along, have a coffee and a chat - and at the same time watch the children enjoying themselves. *LYNDA TINGEY*

THE BROMLEY BUSKERS

Please note that tickets for our next production, Friday and Saturday April 7th and 8th will be shortly available. These are very limited, and so early booking is advised. A completely new programme has been arranged for the concert, in addition to the Buffet Supper. Bingo, Raffle etc.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are now looking forward to Spring and soon we will be enjoying our first outing of the year. Mr Sallows is bringing some of his beautiful slides to show at the meeting on March 16th. The competition is in two sections, a Ladies Pendant, or a Gentleman's Tie - you may enter whichever you prefer. *Mildred Purkis*

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB

The current year of the "100 Club" lottery has now been running for three months (as at 6th February).

Winners so far have been:

November	December	January
1st P.S.Allan	1st A.Jefferies	1st Mrs R.Foot
2nd G.C.Austin	2nd G. Miller	2nd PS. Allam
3rd P.O.Wright	3rd E. Marsh	3rd Mrs L. Oakley

Anyone can still join the draw at this stage if they wish. Payment of £8 (£1 per month) will cover membership until the end of the current year in October. Please see Bill Kempster (Col. 230378) or Peter Sauvary at the Black Boy. *Bill Kempster*

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Electoral Roll and Annual Parochial Church Meeting The Electoral Roll will be revised this year between Sunday March 12th and Tuesday March 28th, when any additional names can be added. Any person can have their name on the Roll if they are Baptized, are members of the Church of England, are over the age of 16 years, are resident in the Parish or not being in the parish habitually worship in the Parish Church, and have signed the application of enrolment. Forms of application can be obtained from the Rector or from the Church and must be returned by March 28th.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting at which audited accounts for the past year and reports of the activities of the Church will be presented; will be held on TUESDAY APRIL 18th at 7.30pm in S. George's School. At this meeting two Churchwardens and 12 members of the Parochial Church will be elected. Only those who are members of the Electoral Roll maybe nominated for office or vote in the proceedings.

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We are grateful to the following organisations and residents for sponsoring this issue of "The Bromley Messenger"

- THE CRICKET CLUB
- THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB
- THE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION
- THE LADIES CIRCLE
- THE BROMLEY BUSKERS
- THE GARDEN CLUB
- THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
- MRS L. COLE
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- MRS WALKER
- MRS I. WILKINSON
- MRS REILLY
- MRS LONDON
- MISS BIDDIS
- MR & MRS S. COOPER

In addition to this list, several sums were given anonymously.

The total amount given in this way for the year 1988 - 89 was £237. Thankyou, all who contributed. The Great Bromley Parish Council and Parochial Church Council of the Parish of the Bromleys each Sponsor one complete issue, the Parish Council in May 1988, and the PCC April 1989.

GIFT DAY

There was tremendous support and much very generous giving for the recent Gift Day held to raise money towards the cost of the Tower repairs of S. George's Church. Although it was a windy day, it was quite warm enough for me to sit outside the church for six and a half hours and to welcome the very many people who came with their gifts. The total sum given was £1,211.87p. My most grateful thanks to everyone who contributed towards this excellent result. One parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has agreed to match this sum in full with a further donation This means that as a result of the day the sum of £2,422 has been provided for the fund. Thankyou everyone. In addition to this. the Essex Association of Change Ringers have made us a grant of £1,000 and the PCC of West Bergholt Parish Church have sent a cheque for £50. *Paul Davis*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

On Tuesday March 28th. at 8.00 pm in the Cheshire Home Chapel we are having a demonstration of FLOWER ARRANGING by Mrs. Milleary, to show us how to arrange our Spring flowers, of which we should have any an abundance by then. Don't forget if you have any produce, plants or flowers for sale to bring them along to the meetings - you may have just what someone else wants. We wish you a Happy Easter and hope that the weather will be good for gardening. *R. F. Field.*

PUBLIC MEETING

Chief Planning Officer, Tendring District Council, Council Offices, Weeley, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex
14th February 1989.

Dear Sir,

Proposed hotel and Industrial Development ~ TEN/2354/88.

Further to my letter dated 6th January 1989 I would add that, as the result of a public meeting held on 9th February 1939 and attended by 167 persons, the voting was:

- For the proposal. 5
- Against the proposal. . . 148
- Abstentions 14

161

The grounds upon which these objections were based are:-

1. Against the District Council's own Rural Area Policy
2. The high level of sodium/mercury lighting essential for security and safety would be an unjustifiable intrusion into the environment.
3. Ravens Green is a protected lane which would be seriously affected by the traffic generated as a result of the proposal.
4. Many accidents have already occurred at the junction of the old Harwich Road and the dual carriageway of the A120, and the proposed development will only exacerbate the situation.
5. The increase in traffic munt be considerable if the proposal in approved, lending to much heavier density of traffic throughout local villages, maximising possible dangers and considerable inconvenience to residents.

Yours faithfully, (H. Booty) Clerk .

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - MARCH 1989

Wednesday 1st		7.30pm House Group. Green Acres Briar Road
Sunday 5th	MOTHERING SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE with Blessing of Flowers and Holy Baptism. 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Wednesday 8th		7.30pm House Group Michaelmass House, Parsons Hill
Sunday 12th	PASSION SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon
Wednesday 15th		7.30pm House Group, Elmstead Church
Sunday 19th	PALM SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Blessing of Palm and Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong and Drama - 'From Cheers to Jeers' 10.30am Holy Communion
Tuesday 21st		7.30pm Holy Communion
Wednesday 22nd		7.30pm Holy Communion
Thursday 23rd	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm Liturgy of the Last Supper
Friday 24th	GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am The Liturgy and Holy Communion 7.00pm Veneration of the Cross and Compline
Saturday 25th	HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm Easter Vigil Service
Sunday 26th	EASTER DAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist and Blessing of Eggs 6.30pm. Festal Evensong .

It is a rule of the Church that all who have been confirmed must receive Holy Communion at Eastertide. I will be pleased to know of anyone who is housebound so that I can take the Sacrament to them.

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 5th 11.00am Balls Green The Revd. W. Bailey
Sunday 12th Burnt Heath . Circuit Service. Mr D. Rhodes. .
Sunday 26th Balls Green - Easter Service, The Revd. John Robinson .

SIDESMEN

	8.00am	10.30am	6.30pm
5th	Mrs M West	Children	Mr G Kempster
12th	Mr G Kent	Mr D Rogerson	Mr H Fairley
19th	Mr G Kempster	Mr A Lock	Mr D Sparling
26th	Mrs M West	Mr J Clapham	Cdr T Catesby

SERVERS .

5th 8.00am John Clapham
12th 10.30am James Heaney
19th 8.00am James Heaney V
26th 8.00am Bill Kempster 10.30am Robert Harding

CHURCH REGISTER - Blessing of Marriage
February 3rd - Gwen Hines and Keith Hazell

The Bromley Messenger April 1989.

Sunday, 23rd April is S. George's Day, the patron Saint of our Parish Church, and of course England. For some unknown reason Englishmen are somewhat reticent about their Patron, unlike the Scots with S. Andrew, the Welsh with S. David and the Irish with S. Patric. Although little is known historically about S. George, he does represent to us the idea of Christian chivalry, courteousness and courage in adversity. In that respect he is worthy of our remembrance.

Perhaps we can give a lead to the nation in this village by acknowledging his day by wearing on S George's Day the flower which is his sign, a red rose! I look forward to the day when it is as usual for Englishmen to wear a rose on S. George's Day as it is to see a Welshman wearing a daffodil on St David's Day.

This month the Messenger is Sponsored by S. George's Church. In May we commence our fourth year - and a new list of sponsors. Please keep sending items of news and reports of activities past and future, and letters for publication. This magazine can only be as good as the amount of material sent in for publication.

It will help if items for the May edition can be sent to the Editor (The Rector) by Wednesday 12th April.

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH GROUP

Open Night Wednesday 12th April

Juniors (10, 17, 72) 6.15pm - 7.30pm

Seniors (13 - 16) 7.45pm - 9.15pm

MEETINGS AT S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL HALL

* Games * Tuck Shop * Activities * Visits

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN GREAT AND LITTLE BROMLEY ARE WELCOME

PARISH CHURCH NEWS

There are three particular occasions in April which are very important to us and which I hope will be well supported: **FIRST** - on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in S. George's School there will be the **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** when all members of the Electoral Roll are eligible to elect two Churchwardens for the coming year and twelve members of the Parochial Church Council. At this meeting the Annual Accounts will be presented, reports given on the work of the Parish in the past twelve months and opportunity for parishioners to raise any questions about the life and activities of the Church.

SECONDLY - the patronal Festival of the Parish Church, **S. GEORGE'S DAY**, 23rd April falls on a Sunday this year. We will take the opportunity to use this day as a day of thanksgiving to God for the restoration work completed on the tower. At the Parish Eucharist at 10.30am the Celebrant and Preacher will be the Venerable Ernie Stroud, Archdeacon of Colchester. We hope the congregation will join us for coffee in the school after the service.

THIRD - **ROGATION SUNDAY** this year is on Sunday 30th April. We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Stewart for inviting us to their farm, Morehams Hall Farm for the service this year. As last year the 10.30am service will be the Blessing of crops and Eucharist.

CONFIRMATION I will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to consider being prepared for Confirmation. I hope to commence classes in May and hope to have a Confirmation Service in the early Autumn. I will be talking about confirmation at the Family Service on 2nd April. If you would like to join the classes, or merely to talk to me about the meaning and importance of confirmation, please let me have your names as quickly as possible.

GIFT DAY

What a splendid result we achieved on the Gift Day. The final sum given totalled £1,415.85 pence. It was splendid encouragement to us all - thank you all who donated, and a special thanks to the kind person who has anonymously doubled this sum for us.

BELL RINGING

On 23rd April a group of ringers are coming from Colchester to ring a celebratory peal on our bells to mark the completion of the restoration of the tower. Now that the tower is back to normal we must aim to ring the bells each Sunday - but to do that we need a band of ringers. If you are a ringer who has not rung for a long time, or if you wish to learn the ancient craft of ringing, please contact the Rector so that we can begin to build up once more a band of Bromley Ringers.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome PC. Andrew Lindsay, the newly appointed Village Policeman, who has recently moved with his wife and two small children. into the Police House in Chase Road West. We hope they will be happy living amongst us.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

We had a very successful meeting in February. It was nice to see some new members and we hope more residents of the Great Bromley area will come along and join us. You will be warmly welcomed. Our meeting on 25th April will be at Rolts Nurseries, Elmstead Market, at about 7.45pm. It promises to be an interesting evening with an opportunity to purchase seedlings, plants etc. Do not forget the Friendship Club Spring Fayre on 22nd April. Please bring along your plants and produce for our stall there. *R F Field*

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Annual Spring Sale will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 22 April at 2.00pm. Do come along to this happy affair, there will be plenty of bargains! We would be most grateful for any gifts for the various stalls. Cakes, plants, handicrafts, jewellery, fancy goods, groceries, tombola, white elephant and rummage etc. We will gladly arrange collection. Please ring either one of these numbers: Colchester 251050, 230506, 230888, or bring your goods to the Hall which will be open from 8.00am on 22nd April. Thank you.
Mildred Purkis

KITCHEN CORNER

With the mild winter, vegetables have been plentiful and good quality. If you grow your own sprouting broccoli and have surplus, it freezes well. Tie in one-portion bunches with thin string, blanch for one minute in boiling water, plunge into ice-cold water for two minutes then drain. This way they keep their beautiful green colour. Open freeze then pack in bags, interleaved for easy separation. Cook from frozen they only need a few minutes in boiling salted water, and are easy to lift out by the string (and undo if you used a neat bow!) *Jill Frostick*

SINGING FOR PLEASURE.

Do you enjoy singing and are you free on Monday afternoons? The Ardleigh and Great Bromley Ladies Choir would welcome new members, especially sopranos. We meet at 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Methodist schoolrooms in Ardleigh, and during the year we go and entertain various clubs and residential homes etc. Transport arranged. If you would like to join the fun, phone 250263 or 230768.

VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION

If your organisation is looking at a venture for 1989, why not enter this competition. The competition is looking for individual ventures which will serve to enhance, protect or publicise some aspect of Local Heritage. eg. Producing a Village Guide Book, establishing a local archive, clearing a village pond. The first prize is £500 and please contact the treasurer, Mr Len Christodoulides, for details. N.B. I would think that we could get a Village Guide Book organised, using our local historians and artists photographs etc.

STREET LIGHTING

Essex County Highways Department has announced some changes in the way in which street lighting is administered in our area. From 3rd April, if any problems arise in lighting the roads in the parish that have street lights, information should be given to Essex County Council, Globe House, Chelmsford. Tel. 0245 352232, ext. 222.

GREAT BROMLEY JUBILEE CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

Programmes for Carnival Day will be available from 1st May, The start time on the 3rd June will be 12.30pm and not 2.30pm as previously reported. Caged pets entry form below to be returned to Linda Pinhey, Forge Cottage, Hall Road.

Great Bromley Carnival Caged Pet Show (excluding cats and dogs)

Name of Owner

Age

Address

Type of animal

Entry fee 50p

All animals must be caged.

Entrants will be judged on various aspects of their pets including:- Animal well being, Owner's knowledge
Cage and Animal cleanliness.

Animals to be delivered to the marquee by 12.00, judging starts 12.30pm.

Crazy Sports 1st May to be held at the S. Georges School playing field. Starts 2.30pm.

Refreshments available. Car park on Church Meadow.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The members of the W.I. cordially invite all residents of Great Bromley who are over 60 years of age to a party on Thursday 13th April at 5.00pm. Village Hall. Transport can be arranged. Please contact Mrs Vera Biddis on Colchester 230506.

BROWNIES

Several badges have been given this term which is always nice. I hope the Brownies are sewing them on themselves. Highway to Emma, Sarah, Rebecca and Lynn. Roadway to Eleanor, Isabel and Elisha. Footpath to Ellie and Ana. Jester to Elisha, Beth and Ellie. Pony Rider to Anna. Toy maker to Claire. Dancer to Elisha. House Orderly to Lynn and Sarah.

THE GARDEN IN APRIL

Sow new lawns with seed and protect with cotton, mow established lawns with blades at medium height. apply a fertiliser followed a fortnight later with a selective weedkiller. In the rose bed mulch with a good compost or rotted manure. Support all perennials with pea sticks or canes and harden off your Chrysanthemum cuttings, also take cuttings of dahlia tubers started into growth in March. Complete the sowing of annuals and half hardy annuals, move seedlings that have been pricked out to a cold frame and watch for aphids. Feed fruit trees with nitro-chalk or sulphate of ammonia- Begin Spraying as soon as needed but not during blossoming.

Get the vegetable garden in order. Broad beans, peas, summer cabbage, shallots and onions should all be getting their feet out of the ground so keep the hoe and the mower going.

Fred Wickham

ELECTIONS

This year we have two important elections: on Thursday 4th May there is an election for membership of Essex County Council and on Thursday 15th June there is the election for the European Parliament. In both cases, voting if necessary, will be in Great Bromley at the Village Hall (Not S. George's as in previous elections) and in Little Bromley at the Methodist Schoolroom. Chequers Road.

CHESHIRE HOME COOKERY BOOK

A cookery book is being completed to be sold to boost funds for Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and your favourite recipes are needed. if you have a special recipe you would like to share with others, please give it to Jill Rose, Shrublands, School Lane, Mistley C011 1HN (Tel. 392006), as soon as possible and not later than 10th April. It is hoped that the book will be available for sale at the Cheshire Home Fete on Saturday 10th June.

DOG FOULING

Parish Councils can now adopt bylaws to control canine faeces. What do you think about this? As a start dog owners should not let their dogs foul the cricket field or the recreation field, then bylaws would not be necessary.

THE MESSENGER

The accounts for the magazine are printed in this issue. They are projected, as the year end is April 1989. but you will see that another surplus has been made. Mrs Meriel Davis has typed the copy for the last three years and has done an excellent job. However, as we now propose to use the printers typesetting, the costs will increase by 25% per issue. I have only increased the cost of advertising by 5% for a whole page and 16% for third page so as not to frighten customers off.

Your contributions both individual and organisational, will therefore become important, so please carry on with your welcome donations. And remember everybody, that your magazine is delivered by our band of volunteers to your door every month . and is FREE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS	1987/1988	1988/1989
INCOME	£	£
Carried Forward	10.21	204.21
Donations	237.00	182.00
Advertisements	930	990
Interest	6.68	8.77
	1183.89	1348.98
EXPENDITURE		
Printing	948.00	1059.00
Postage	6.68	4.15
Expenses	25.00	36.59
Loss (Gain)	(204.21)	(284.74)
	1183.89	1384.98

BROWNIES

For our Thinking Day celebrations this year we concentrated on four disaster countries, namely Bangladesh, Philippines, Iran and Jamaica. Each six tried an activity and we had demonstrations of applique collage, seed necklaces, weaving, a rickshaw built and a teddy bear dressed in the national costume. We made doves and named them and hung them in a mobile in the centre of the room. Then we lit candles for our countries. Some Brownies came to the meeting dressed in the uniform of their country and we played 'their' games.

Since then we have designed badges for Pleasurewood Hills. If one of ours wins we all get in free on 6th May. Beth collected two Highly Commended Certificates for her work for the Handicraft Competition. We do thank all the mums who helped and encouraged. We are all going to work on the Road Safety Badge next.

We have said goodbye to four Brownies, Emma, Sarah, Lynn and Rebecca who have all joined the Guides. Sarah managed to get eleven badges during her Brownie life. We hope they all enjoy their time in Guides as much as they have in Brownies. *Doormouse*

GUIDES

We had a hike at half term. It was the one wet and windy day. We caught the train from Manningtree to Dovercourt and then walked round the shore line. We ate our sandwiches in a deserted bandstand, a very early lunch and followed the Heritage Trail in Harwich. Then knocked on the Vicarage door for the key of S. Nicholas Church, Harwich. (Santa Church!). What an extraordinary building that is. The Vicar very kindly answered all our queries and even offered to open the hall for us to eat in and to dry out a little, but we said no thank you. The rain having eased off, came down even heavier so we decided to call it a day and ran for the station just in time to catch the train back. We finished the day in Jazz's house by the fire, planning future events and drying out. For all that weather there was not one grumble or grouse - well done Guides.

We have been invited to join the Brownies for their last meeting this term for a Going-Up ceremony and a sing-song. Next term, which starts on Monday 10th April for Guides, will see many outdoor activities taking place. Who knows, we may become champion outdoor cooks - then we will challenge the Scouts. *Jazz*

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

S. George's church has been allocated one of the three charity stand spaces at the Tendring Hundred Show on 8th July. This will be an opportunity to show the work of the parish and efforts to support the Church Tower Fund. We have been given permission to run a tombola which will hopefully, bring in sufficient money to underwrite the Mad Hatters Tea Party on the following Sunday, 16th July, should it be bad weather. Offers please of gifts to Dawn and David Taylor on Col. 250040

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY ~16th JULY

WATCH OUT! We are planning for a live Mad Hatter or White Rabbit to parachute in on Sunday the 16th. Also emphasis this month on some unusual stalls. BUT we need YOUR help. This month's special requests are for offers of help from those with a little creative yet practical flair and interest who would enjoy decorating the stalls and sideshows, helping these, or indeed helping to make some of the sideshows, or 'crafty' people prepared to sew with a little direction, to help make paper hats for the Mad Hatters Teaparty.

Have you read Alice in Wonderland lately? Jean Harding (230425) has copies to lend to help you to see what will be wanted on the Alice Stall, the Red and White Stall or the Tea and Teapot Stall. Leonie Henderson (stalls) 231262 and Jacqui Terry (sideshows) 230490. If you are curious or keen - please help with any items for these Alice related stalls.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME – Country & Western Dance

George Moody and the Country Squires

Wed 12th April 1989 8pm – 11pm at Gt Bromley Village Hall

Admission £3.50 including buffet

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - APRIL 1989

Sunday 2nd	EASTER 1	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong
Monday 3rd		7.30pm PCC at Rectory
Sunday 9th	EASTER 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 12th 6.30pm Evensong
6.15pm Youth Group open - S. George's School
Sunday 16th EASTER 3 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Sunday School
10.30am Matins and Sermon
6.30pm Eucharist and hymns

Monday 17th 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting - S. George's School

Tuesday 18th 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd S. GEORGE 8.00am Holy Communion
PATRON SAINT 10.30am Parish Eucharist - The Archdeacon of Colchester
6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 30th ROGATION 8.00am Holy Communion
SUNDAY 10.30am Blessing of Crops and Eucharist Morehams Hall Farm
6.30pm Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Burnt Heath
Sunday 16th 11.00am Balls Green
Sunday 23rd 11.00am Burnt Heath

PARISH FLOWERS

Sunday 2nd Mrs M West Sunday 23rd Mrs P Stewart
Sunday 9th Mrs L Brown Sunday 30th Mrs A Twilley
Sunday 16th Miss F Orman

SIDESMEN

8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm
Sunday 2nd Mr G. Kent Mr J Brown Mr G Kempster
Sunday 9th Mrs M West Mrs L Davey Mr H Fairley
Sunday 16th Mr G Kempster Major H Varney Mr D Sparling
Sunday 23rd Mrs West Churchwardens Mr P Walker
Sunday 30th Churchwardens Cdr. A Catesby

REGISTERS

Holy Baptism. Sunday March 5th Zoe Elizabeth Cole
Funerals Thursday 2nd March William John Rowe
Tuesday 7th March Margery Ross

SERVERS

Sunday 2nd 8.00am John Clapham
Sunday 9th 8.00am Robert Harding
Sunday 16th 8.00am James Heaney
Sunday 23rd 8.00am Bill Kempster 10.30am James Heaney

The Bromley Messenger May 1989.

We commence the fourth year of the production of 'The Bromley Messenger'. We depend wholly on the generosity of the sponsors, who by their help, make the free distribution to all the homes in the two villages possible. Unfortunately at the time of preparation of this issue, it has not been possible to complete a full list of sponsors for the year, but this will be available for the June edition. This month the magazine has been sponsored by the Parish Councils of Great and Little Bromley - we thank them for their ready and kind support.

As there have been problems in our attempts at having the magazine type set, we have decided to go back to our former system, but using a larger type. This means that we can publish less than previously, but it will be clearer and therefore, easier to read. We hope this will be acceptable to our readers.

It will help in preparing the June issue if articles and contributions can reach the Rectory by Monday, 12th May.

FESTIVALS FOR MAY.

Thursday, 4th May is ASCENSION DAY, the last day of the Easter season when we recall the final meeting of Jesus with His disciples. There will be a Parish Eucharist at 7.30pm. Whitsunday is on Sunday, 14th May, the day often called the birthday of the Church. This is the day when the scared disciples gathered in an upper room, when suddenly their lives were changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. From being frightened, they found courage to go into the world to preach the news of the Crucified and Risen Christ. It is only because of this event that the Christian Faith spread all over the world - and to The Bromleys. Sadly, this year Whitmonday is not a Bank Holiday. We have to wait until Monday, 29th May, for that!

PARISH CHURCH NEWS.

For many years a harmonium has stood in the Lady Chapel: sadly over the years it was affected by the ravages of time, and mice, and so was unplayable. Very generously a parishioner arranged for the instrument to be taken to be restored, and now it is in a condition as good as new. In order that we may appreciate the excellence of this instrument, at Evensong on Whitsunday, 14th May, Paul Simons is to accompany the service and give a short recital on the harmonium. Many people will be surprised to discover that a great deal of music has been written for such instruments as this.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th-20th MAY.

Each Year we are invited to share in the work of Christian Aid, a charity which supplies help and support to people in countries lacking the comfort and stability which we enjoy in this country. This year the week is based on the theme 'It's time to right these wrongs'. Millions of people in the world struggle for land in which to grow food, for access to good clean water, a basic health care, a permanent home and the most basic education, the acquiring of the ability to read, write and to count, all of which we ourselves take so much for granted. We are invited to support the work of Christian Aid in trying to begin to provide these simple needs, to help to right some of these wrongs. Enclosed in this issue of 'The Messenger' is a Christian Aid Week Gift envelope and during the week, someone will call at your home to collect it. I hope that many will feel able to put a gift into the envelope for this important work and that there will be a good response to this appeal. It is an opportunity for us in the parish who have had to raise very large sums for our own needs to raise our sights and help people in other lands who have needs far greater and more basic than our own.

S. GEORGE'S REPAIR FUND.

The repairs to the Tower are almost completed, all that remains to be done is the fitting of new louvres to the windows of the bell chamber. I am sure that everyone is delighted with the finished appearance. It was a great help that the memorial stones at the base of the tower were able to be removed. I am pleased to say that they have now been replaced in their original positions.

Just over \$590,000 has now been paid towards the cost and we expect a final account for about £20,000 to complete payment. Two further grants have been made to us for which we are most grateful: £1,000 from the Essex Association of Change Ringers and £2,500 from the Friends of Essex Churches. We await a grant of £2,000 and a loan of \$2,000 from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Due to the generosity of two parishioners who have made interest free loans amounting to £15,000 to the Fund, it looks as if we will have enough money to be able to meet the final account when it comes. However, this is not the end of the story as, of the £110,000 we will have paid, £20,000 of it consists of loans which have to be repaid as soon as possible. This means that our fund raising must go on apace in order to clear these loans. Several Functions have been arranged which we hope will be well supported. At the Tendring Show on Saturday, 8th July, we have been given permission to have a Tombola Stall and exhibition. A week later on Sunday, 16th July, the Mad Hatters Tea Party will be held at Copley Dene and the Village Hall. On Saturday, 9th September, there is to be a walk around the Parish boundaries for which we hope participants will be able to obtain sponsorship. As it will be a walk of approximately twenty miles it will be split into sections so that walkers can choose either to walk the whole distance or merely to undertake

one, or some of the sections. The Christmass Sale on Saturday, 2nd December, will be to provide further funds.

I very much appreciate all the magnificent efforts of the village in the past and ask you all to join in this last effort to complete this project. Rector.

THE BROMLEY FOLK DANCERS.

At a recent meeting of the newly launched folk dance group, the members came up with some names for the Group. After some debate it was decided to adopt the name 'The Bromley Folk Dancers' and the meeting suggested two meetings a month. The Group had fourteen dancers at the meeting on 29th March and as well as dancing, dances usually encountered at a Barn Dance were successfully attempted and a court dance from 1690 working from a photocopy of a manuscript held in the Vaughan Williams library. If any reader would like to join us, please ring Ron and Doreen Mears on (0206)231041 or Jacqui Terry on (0206) 230490.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

At our meeting on 18th May the S. Osyth Singers will be entertaining us. The competition - a jam or souvenir spoon. The outing to Sudbury Market with tea at Sue Riders at Cavendish on 11th May, will leave Elmstead at 1.00pm. *Mildred Purkis.*

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

A Coffee Morning in aid of this very worthy fund is being held at 5 Springhill Close, Great Bromley, on Tuesday, 16th May, from 10.00am to 12.30pm. There will be a Bring-and-Buy Stall and coffee/tea with scones will be served for 25 pence. *R. F. Field.*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

We had no excuse for not gardening, weatherwise, at Easter time did we? What a lovely weekend. It was very pleasant to welcome new members and a number of guests at our last meeting. The next meeting on Tuesday, 30th May at 8.00pm will be in the Cheshire Home Chapel. Mr. J. Lane of Camilla Nurseries, Ardleigh, is coming along to tell us about his work growing pinks etc., a favourite flower with many folks. Have a good spring bank holiday. *R. F. Field (Sec)*

MR. BILL ROWE.

Pat Rowe, Julie, Karen and Steve would like to say a very big thank-you to everyone who gave support and comfort in our recent sad loss. Inside the church my eyes would not focus on faces, it was not until beside the grave that I was able to look around and see so many friendly faces that I felt a surge of love and affection. Our special thanks go to the Rector, Paul Davis, who gave me such support and made the service so lovely. My thanks to Di and Eve for collecting £80 towards a headstone. It is times like this that I am grateful that I live in a village, especially Great Bromley. My sincere thanks. *Mrs. P. Rowe.*

ARC - THE BROMLEYS BRANCH.

A Summer Garden Evening will be held on Tuesday, 6th June from 7.00pm to 9.30pm at the Old Rectory, Little Bromley by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Eugster. All are welcome at this cheese and wine party and there will be a variety of stalls including bring-and-buy, cakes, plants, ARC goods and tombola. Please come and visit this lovely garden and help us raise money for arthritis research. *Mrs. J. Landon.*

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

The Great Bromley Pantomime Group is presenting 'Lucky for Some', a farce by John Doyle at Great Bromley Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th June. There will be a raffle in aid of the Church Tower Fund and a bar. Tickets at £2.50 from Betty Rowe (231067).

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY - SUNDAY 16th JULY.

Plans for this event are going ahead. All sorts of attractions - sideshows, crazy croquet, a balloon race, Alice related stalls and hopefully, the arrival of the Mad Hatter by parachute. There will be competitions suitable for all ages - a 'look-alike Alice' for children up to the age of 95!, any other character from the Alice books and of course, a competition for the maddest mad hat! A special competition has been devised for children, entry forms for which are being circulated among the schools. This is a simple verse writing competition. Entry forms for this must be returned to Mrs. D. Simons at Michaelmass. House before Friday, 30th June. On the day of the party Fred Wickham will be running a plant stall and he is in urgent need of plant pots. If anyone can help supply any he will be most grateful. There are two other 'wants'. Old Alice hair-bands, short lengths of ribbon and odd pieces of flowery cotton material are needed to make hair-bands - and small plastic yellow ducks are needed for a Competition. If you can help in any of these ways please contact Mrs. Leonie Henderson at Badley Hall or Mrs. Jacqui Terry, The Nook, Colchester Road.

HELP!

Can anyone help please? At the Tendring Show we have been allocated a Charity space but we have to set up our own stall. We urgently need a caravan with awning to be the focal point of the stall. Can anyone offer us the loan of a caravan? We would of course, undertake any insurance that would be necessary. The Show takes place on Saturday, 8th July and it would be helpful if we could take the caravan to the Showground on Friday, 7th July. It could be returned either late on Saturday evening or on Sunday, 9th July. If you can offer help can you please contact the Rector as soon as possible. Thank You.

PARISH MAP PROJECT.

Mrs. Wilkinson has received information about a nationwide project for villages to create informative maps of their areas. Although we can consult Ordnance Survey Maps, the idea is that a community can produce a map, based on the OS map, but which will show what the local inhabitants value. It could contain rights of way, lanes with traditional names, old barns, buildings, archaeological sites, fields and their names, brooks, streams and woods - anything that local inhabitants know to be of interest. It may be that individual people or organisations might be interested in mounting such a project in these two villages. If you are interested in this, please get in touch with Mrs. Wilkinson at her home, 11 Meadow Close (250287). If enough people are interested it might be useful to arrange a meeting to discuss this and decide how to proceed.

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB (SGYC).

The first meeting of the Youth Club, the unpronounceable Sgyg for short, was held on 12th April. After a great deal of planning the leaders were biting their nails to see how many youngsters would want to come. The preparation and planning were well rewarded - twenty-seven young people came to the Junior Section and twenty to the Senior. Activities already planned include a Bar-B-Que at Michaelmass House on 3rd May (weather permitting).

It is hoped to arrange some visits and possibly, a week-end away at the Diocesan Youth Centre at Asheldham. All in all this can become a really exciting and worthwhile venture for the young people of the Parish. At the end of the first meeting one young member was 'heard to say 'it was brill' , The Group would like to thank the members of the Men's Club for their kindness in lending the group their Table Tennis table. I. would like to thank Mrs. Fitzgerald . for her encouragement and for putting the resources of the school at the group's disposal - and to Mr. Denis Simons for undertaking the responsibility of Club Leader.

KITCHEN CORNER.

'Waste not, want not' is the old adage, but environmental issues are much in the news these days and 'waste' has an important part to play. How 'green' is your kitchen? Do you compost all your waste? Even the tiniest garden can find room for a compost bin (or even a dustbin liner) in which to put all the vegetable peelings and tea leaves, egg shells etc., plus-weeds and lawn mowings. Almost anything except metal, glass or plastics can be recycled to enrich your garden soil. We can all help our world by recycling as much as possible. Bottles and glass to the bottle bank (nearest is Elmstead Market), newspapers to the Terrys at the Nook, Colchester Road, where they will be welcomed to help the scout funds. *Jill Frostick.*

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION. ' May we suggest that every household tries to collect at least one bag full of litter! We cleaned about ½ mile of roadside verges near our house on Easter Monday and collected six bags full of rubbish. If everyone helps we could make the village look really nice this year! *Charles, Jill and Martin Frostick.*

THE GARDEN IN MAY.

Keep mowing the lawns at least once a week and apply weed killer if necessary. Spray roses against pests and diseases and apply a general . fertiliser. Need and support tall perennials but be careful of canes and sticks which can cause an accident when you suddenly bend down in the borders. Plant out dahlias after the risk of frost has gone, also all half-hardy annuals, sow all biennials, wallflowers, foxgloves, sweet williams etc. Sow and plant dwarf beans, peas and runner beans. I grow my runner beans in Gro-tubes and plant the whole thing. Hoping for some warm weather with the hoe going flat out to keep down weeds, and the mower getting red hot. *Fred Wickham.*

GREAT BROMLEY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

There will be Crazy Sports on let May at 2.30pm in the school grounds. Hot dogs, ice cream, tombola and lots of crazy things to do. The Carnival Day is 3rd June at 12.30pm. There will be a bar all afternoon, side shows, bouncey castle, ball crawl, caged pet competition, stalls, lots to do and raffles etc. Raffle tickets and programmes are available from all the committee members. A. Terry, J. Terry, B. Rowe, N. Rowe, N. Thompson, L. Pinhey, G. Phelps. The Carribean Dance Tickets are £5 a head, including a steel band, pig roast, bar, limbo competition and raffle. The Carribean Dance is from 8.00pm until 1.00am. Book your tickets now. *Linda Pinhey.*

GREAT BROMLEY GIRL GUIDES.

A Guide account of our latest ramble on Monday, 3rd April. The weather was cold, windy but sunny and it did not rain. We left at 11.10 on a ramble. We managed to walk five miles of local footpaths with aching feet, twisted knees, wet trousers and socks because we splashed in the puddles. We got stuck and it is a good job some boots were a tight fit. Then we had to cook our dinner on gaz, no open fires. We chopped and peeled vegetables and made a camp . stew and surprised ourselves by having at least two helpings. Other than the ramble we have welcomed another guide, Samantha plus Rebecca, Sarah, Emma and Lynn from Brownies. We have enough Guides for two patrols which are as yet unnamed. The Guides tried their hand at fire lighting but matches do not seem as strong as they were. However, we toasted marshmallows over them. We have boosted our funds with a table top at the Scout Sale when the Brownies and Guides combined raised £100.80 The Guides take the larger part as they had made cakes to sell. Thank you all involved. The Guides also served behind the counter which was quite an experience, adding prices and working out the change. Now to other things. The hut has been rewired for electric fires, cost £140 so far. We also need two fan heaters (3kw) for heating, preferably lent each week. Also could a Dad volunteer to look at the roof? It only leaks in one place and we have the roofing felt. *Jazz.*

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE SIGN.

Parishioners will have noticed that the grass surrounding the village sign is under cultivation. A flower-bed encircles the sign and another bed is at the rear of the grass which itself is being mowed and turned into a lawn. The residents of Hamilton Lodge have undertaken to do this work and care for the area. We are most grateful to them for helping to beautify the village.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS.

These two meetings were held on Tuesday, 18th April, at S. George's School. As well as receiving reports of the activities of the parish, and considering the audited accounts, important elections took place. At the first meeting, the meeting of parishioners, Mr. R. Harding and Mr. D. Rogerson were elected as the two church wardens. They will be admitted to office by the Archdeacon of Colchester at a special service at S. Osyth on 10th May.

At the second meeting, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, twelve members of the Parochial Church Council were also elected. The new Council consists of:

Mrs. M. Davis Cdr. A. Catesby Mrs. A. Fairley Major J. Heaney Mrs. E. Lennox Mrs. P. Simons Mrs. J. Fairley Mrs. J. Terry Mrs. B. Rowe Mr. P. Rowe.

The two Churchwardens are ex-officio members of the Council, as are Mr. J. Appleby, the Parochial Reader, Mrs. O. Sparling, Mr. G. Kent and Mr. J. Groom, Deanery Synod representatives, and the Rector.

After these short meetings there was a short meeting of the Parochial Church Council at which Mrs. Meriel Davis was elected as Secretary to the Council, Mr. D. Rogerson was elected as Treasurer and Mr. R. Harding was elected as Vice-Chairman. The Rector is ex-officio Chairman of the Council.

A new appointment was also made: Mrs. P. Simons was elected as Free Will Offering Secretary to assist the Treasurer in administering the Free Will Offering Scheme.

Two persons were added to the list of Sidesmen, Mrs. E. Lennox and Mr. F. Griffiths. Cdr. A. Catesby was elected as Electoral Roll Officer. There are two vacancies on the Parochial Church Council.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - MAY.

Wednesday 3rd		Youth Group Meetings at Michaelmass House
Thursday 4th	ASCENSION DAY	7.30pm Parish Eucharist
Sunday 7th	ASCENSION 1	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 10th		6.15pm Youth Group-School
Sunday 14th	WHITSUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong Rec ital.
Monday 15th	Christian Aid Week	
Wednesday 17th		6.15pm Youth Group School
Saturday 20th		3.00pm Wedding
Sunday 21st	TRINITY SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Matins and Sermon 6.30pm Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 24th		6.15pm Youth Group School
Sunday 28th	TRINITY I	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Saturday 4th	Great Bromley Carnival	
Sunday 5th	TRINITY 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 7th Balls Green 11.00am

Sunday 14th Burnt Heath 11.00am – Whitsunday

Sunday 28th Balls Green 11.00am

HOLY BAPTISM AT S. GEORGE'S.

Sunday 2nd April Rachel Evans.

FLOWER LISTS, SIDESMEN AND SERVERS AT S. GEORGE'S.

These lists are now to be issued separately from the Messenger and will be circulated three monthly to those concerned. A list will be found on the Church Notice Board.

The Bromley Messenger June 1989.

In June the villages spring into action with a number of important events taking place. The month starts with the Carnival on Saturday, 3rd June; the following week the annual Cheshire Fete takes place; on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th June the Pantomime Group is presenting their summer play 'Lucky for Some'. I hope very much that these will all be well supported.

We congratulate Councillor Sam Pound on his election as Chairman of Tendring District Council. As this is the first time that a councillor from the rural part of the district has been so honoured, we take great pleasure in the appointment. The Chairman has asked that the Annual Civic Service of Tendring District Council be held in S. George's Church. This is to be on Sunday, 16th July at 11.00am. The provost of Chelmsford Cathedral the Very Revd. Dr. John Moses is coming to preach and the Lord Lieutenant of Essex and the High Sheriff have been invited as well as other prominent persons. The service will commence with a procession from the village hall led by the Harwich Pipe Band. As this is the same day as the Mad Hatters Tea Party it will be a day of great activity and rejoicing in the parish.

Our sponsor this month is the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and we thank them for their continued support of 'The Messenger'. (The list for the whole year is printed on the back of the magazine.)

The last day for contributions for the July issue is Monday, 12th June.

CONFIRMATION.

I have a number of names of people who would like to be confirmed. There will be a Service of Confirmation on Sunday, 29th October. There is still time for any other people who are interested to join the group.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER.

As you will notice on the back cover we are still short of two months sponsorship. As a commercial sponsor you not only get the advertisement but you also have the loyalty of the villages. As an individual your donation pays for one free issue of this magazine. After such a successful three years please do not let us get into debt. Contact me any time for information. Mr. Len Christodoulides, Magnolia House, . Frating Road. Tel: 251264.

PARISH COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Thursday, 20th July, 1989, at the Village Hall there will be a speaker to talk about Village Homes for Village People. All parishioners welcome.

PLANNING AHEAD - THE PARISH CHURCH.

Most of us make plans of one sort or another. What to eat tomorrow, where to go on holiday, or even to save up for a new fitted kitchen! These are all examples of fairly short-term plans, even if that kitchen will take years before you have the money. It is not very often you hear of people making long term plans - perhaps a child deciding at primary school that he or she wants to be a scientist or a computer programmer. Or maybe a person taking out an insurance policy for retirement. In the main however, we tend to become set into our comfortable pattern of life and leave the future to take care of itself. Our parish church has, I am sure you will agree, become set into its own particular pattern which is comfortable to some but to others it is old-fashioned and perhaps meaningless. On course to shrivel up and die! With the help of Chelmsford Diocese the Parochial Church Council intends to address the future and construct a long term plan which will involve us all. Our objective will be: 'To encourage an understanding in us all that God and His Church have an important part to play in the growth and development of life in the Bromleys'.

To do this we need to identify your needs and consider what steps need to be taken to satisfy them. Some things will be achieved very quickly, others will take years. The important thing is that we will document our findings which will involve a plan - perhaps stretching over the next decade. What is important is that you all have the opportunity of contributing to this plan. Both in its creation and towards seeing it through.

As a start we hope to hold a Parish Conference sometime in the Autumn. This will be your chance to meet the PCC and tell them what you want. Don't miss this opportunity - it is your church - not just for the next ten years but for life. *Doug Rogerson.*

GARDEN IN JUNE.

Keep mowing lawns and trim privet and lonicera hedges. Spray roses against greenfly and diseases. Remove faded flowers from rhododendrons. . Complete the stopping of outdoor Chrysanthemums and pinch out the leading shoots of dahlias, mulch and spray against pests. Water and feed regularly house plants and stand outside on nice days. Cover fruit trees with netting and begin to thin out apples, pears and gooseberries. I would like to thank the people who have brought me pots for the various charity stalls in the village. My wife and I wish to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes in her recent stay in hospital. I am glad to say she is recovering well. *Fred Wickham.*

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY - SUNDAY, 16th JULY.

By now you have probably met some raffle ticket sellers for this event. Please do buy and sell some. A quantity sold in advance will be a help in the event of bad weather on the 16th. Also circulating will be the Alice Quiz Competition in advance of the day. You will soon have the chance of seeing the Mad Hatter T-shirts designed by Robert Terry. If you are involved in the event on the day, we would love to see all the helpers wearing one and they will be available at a concessionary price if bought before the 16th. Also shortly the entry programme will be appearing. Due to the very generous help from advertisers we are able to produce 8 Lucky Entry Programme, price 50 pence or 25 pence, and the chance of winning £25 if you are the lucky one whose name is drawn out.

All these items will be on sale around the Bromleys and hopefully further afield. Early warning Pauline Greenfield, Linda Pinhey and Mary Bush will be needing quantities of scones, sausage rolls, cakes etc. for the day, and also gifts of packets of tea and sugar, so please offer soon. There is I believe, a job for everyone in our parish in some way, folding raffle tickets, on the gate, the car park, the stalls etc., so please do not wait to be asked. Contacts and offers please to any who are organising, or Jean Harding, or the Rector.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE.

A big thankyou to all the families who have provided and served the refreshments after the Family Service which is held on the first Sunday each month. It is just a year since providing refreshments was first started and it has proved a great success. It is good to meet each other in this manner in a village where there is little opportunity to meet informally. When you come to this service please continue to call in at the school hall for a good cup of coffee and a friendly chat.

Mrs. O. Sparling

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.

The children of the Parish Church Sunday School are holding a Great Cake Bake sale on 17th June at Greenacre, Briar Road, Great Bromley, in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. If you can help by cooking cakes of any type and any size for us to sell on the day, please telephone Olive Sparling on Col. 230436. How about baking a Bible Cake (King James version) as follows. Make as a single large cake or in bun tins for small cakes. Cream together: 4 oz. (100g) Psalm 55 vs. 21 .4 oz. (100g) Jeremiah 6 v 20 Beat in 2 of Jeremiah 17 v 11 and add 4 drops of Numbers 17 v 8 and a pinch of Matthew 5 v 13 Pinch of 2nd Book of Chronicles 9 v 9 and mix in 6 OZ. (175g) Leviticus 2 v 1 Adding Judges 4 v 19 as required. For small cakes bake for 15-20 minutes. For a single large cake cook in a moderate oven 250F, 180C or Gas 4 For approximately 1 hour. Decorate with Matthew 7 v 20 (Good News is V 19).

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Our meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th June at 7.45pm when we will be visiting the gardens of some of our members. This is usually a very interesting evening and we do hope the weather will be nice for this event. Afterwards there will be a general discussion on Garden Club plans for the future. Don't forget our stalls on 4th June and the 10th, we shall need plants for these.

A few of us will be starting our annual holidays - have a good time. Tell us afterwards of any good gardens you may have visited. . R. F. Field

BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHAPEL.

A clothes line, jumble and bring-and-buy sale will be held on Saturday, 1st July at 2.30pm at Arethusa, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley. All proceeds will go to the Chapel funds. There is ample parking in Burnt Heath Chapel grounds. *Beryl Hurst*

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Our thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Spring Sale such a success. As we are unable to have the Village Hall, due to the election, for our monthly meeting on 15th June, we are having a Mystery Tour instead. The coach will leave Elmstead at 5pm. On 22nd June the coach leaves Elmstead at 10am for the outing to Thursford, don't forget your packed lunch. *Mildred Purkis*

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Once again Great Bromley has been entered for this competition. Judging will take place during June and July. The judges take into account the general state of the village i.e. footpaths, ditches, open spaces, also industrial sites roads, churchyards, shops, telephone kiosks, public houses and conservation as well as private gardens. Please do your best - keep Bromley tidy!

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

Great Bromley Pantomime Group will present the farce by John Dole entitled 'Lucky for Some' on 16th and 17th June. Tickets at £2.50 can be brought from Mrs. B. Rowe (231067) There will be a raffle and bar and all proceeds will go to S. George's Repair Fund.

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS.

During the winter Great Bromley and District Cricket Club competed in the Royal London Indoor Cricket League resulting in the club finishing runners-up in Division Two. This means that Great Bromley has gained promotion and will be playing in Division One next winter. It was a good all round effort by the team with opening batsman Peter Brinkley recording a league record individual score of 77 not out. By the time of publication the new season will be underway and Great Bromley again has a full and attractive season to look forward to. The Club will again be mixing their friendly fixtures with League Cricket from the 5th division of the Lancaster Garages League where the club made a successful debut last season with the club narrowly missing promotion. Any support for the club will be greatly appreciated by both players and officials alike. *F. Eadie*

GREAT BROMLEY GIRL GUIDES.

Two patrols have now been formed, 'White Roses' and Caterpillars' with Helen and Hannah as Patrol Leaders and Susannah and Jenny as their seconds. We have been supporting the RSPCA in their National Pet Week by taking part in the biggest surveys ever undertaken. In return for a donation of £20 to the Save The Children Fund we have been offered twenty chairs for which we are most grateful. On Bank Holiday Monday four Guides, Emma, Lynn, Sarah and Samantha made their promises on the top of S. George's Church tower in company with members of their families. PC Lindsay is coming to talk to the Guides as they prepare for their Road Safety Badges and to provide us with some Road Safety posters. Some of us joined the Brownies on their visit to Pleasurewood Hills to celebrate the 75th Brownie Birthday. A really enjoyable time was had by all participants. *Jazz.*

GREAT BROMLEY BROWNIES.

Two Tweenies have joined this term, Sonya and Emma who will soon make their promise. As much outside activity as possible has been enjoyed, including a SPRING walk and some map-making. Most of the Brownies went to Pleasurewood Hills on 6th May and had a lovely day. They joined ten thousand other Brownies from all over East Anglia to celebrate the Brownies 75th Birthday celebrations. Please do not forget that I shall not be here after this summer term, and to keep the Pack going we need volunteers to run it. Come and stay through a meeting to see what happens if you are at all interested. *Jazz* cannot possibly run both Guides and Brownies and it would be a shame to see the Pack close. Please help if you can. *Dormouse.*

1st ARDLEIGH SCOUT TROOP.

We have ended another year, our AGM being held on 18th May. We continue to grow and in September we will be starting another Cub Pack in Dedham. we would like to do the same in Great Bromley. Our activities have been varied. As well as the weekly meetings we have run our Group Show, several camps and Church parades and have taken part in most of the District event, sports, swimming, chess, camping and walking. In its fundraising the Group has raised over £1,300. Together with the subscriptions, donations and profit from the paper collection the total raised has been £3,000. In the coming year we are planning a joint Scout/Guide Barbecue at Park Farm, Great Bromley in July, and various camps. We are working towards building our own headquarters in Ardleigh I am sure this will become the main project for the group over the next few years. *John Terry.*

GEORGE'S CHURCH - REGULAR GIVING.

Every organisation needs money to run it and money to finance it. This is so whether it be a huge conglomerate like ICI or a small village group. Our own church is an organisation in that sense and with a Rector, Lay Reader, Churchwardens, a PCC and a congregation, it can be said to have people to run it. However, like all organisations there is always a shortage of that very necessary commodity - money. S. George's is a beautiful church but it costs a great deal of money to maintain the building and all that is necessary to make it not just a building, but the House of the Lord where Christians can meet together for worship.

All can share in this by putting money into the collection at any service but other simple schemes exist to enable a regular commitment to be made through the Freewill Offering Scheme, Standing Orders or deposited Covenants. These schemes are of enormous benefit to the church, especially if the amount given is covenanted enabling us to claim back from the Inland Revenue tax you will have paid on the amount given. Rather than describe them in detail we will be glad to explain them to you by telephone or by visiting you. Just ring Pru Simons (231115) or Doug Rogerson (250228).

Dated and numbered envelopes can be supplied if you would like to make regular offerings to the church. This is a great help as it enables us to forecast how much income we can expect to receive. If you have contributed in this way in the past or if you would like to start now, please give me a ring and I will explain it and provide you with the necessary envelopes. *Pru Simons.*

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH NEWS.

The Youth Groups are proving to be a great success with over fifty youngsters attending the weekly meetings. A full account of their activities will be included in a future edition. We are planning a Youth

Service on Sunday, 2nd July, at 10.00am when we are planning that members will join in and take part in the service. On Whitsunday the recently restored harmonium was bought back into service at Evensong when Paul Simons gave a brilliant recital of works by Mozart, Gounoud and others. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart for welcoming us to their farm for the Annual Rogation Service of the Blessing of Crops on 30th April. The service was very well supported. It inspired the following lines which take an amusing look at it, sent to me by Becky Davis and Jackie Carter:

“Well, Hi there, Rector,

I must interrupt and mutter

That I'm a representative of creamy Anchor butter.

We'll allow you this once to Bless this ground,

But you're on our green, green grass we eat all year round.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - JUNE

Sunday 4th	TRINITY 2	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Family Service
		2.30pm Holy Baptism	6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 7th		6.15pm Youth Groups	
Sunday 11th	TRINITY 3	8.00am Holy Communion	
	S. BARNABAS	10.30am Sunday School	
		10.30am Parish Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 14th		6.15pm Youth Groups	
Sunday 18th	TRINITY 4	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sunday School
		10.30am Mattins and Sermon	6.30pm Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 21st		6.15pm Youth Groups	
Sunday 25th	TRINITY 5	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sunday School
		10.30am Parish Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
Monday 26th		7.30pm PCC meeting - Rectory	
Wednesday 28th		6.15pm Youth Groups	
Sunday 2nd	TRINITY 6	8.00am Holy Communion	
		10.30am Youth Family Service	6.30pm Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 4th 11.00am Balls Green

Sunday 18th 11.00am Burnt Heath

Sunday 25th 11.00am Balls Green

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism Sunday 14th May Kylie Louise Munt

Holy Matrimony Sunday 20th May Sandra Grace Soames and David John Baker

Funeral Monday 15th May Eva Wilbourne, 13 Meadow Close

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

The Fete this year is on SATURDAY 10th JUNE .

Please note the new time 2.00 p.m.

MASSES TO WATCH AND HAVE A GO AT:-

GILES WATLING - Star of "Bread" will be there (subject to filming)

* American Football * Jazz Band *

* Uno The Clown * Darts * Tug-Of-War *

* Morris Men * Plants Galore! *

* Plenty of Stalls and Sideshows *

STREET COLLECTION IN COLCHESTER ON JULY 1st

COFFEE MORNING AT THE HOME NOVEMBER 9th

The Bromley Messenger July 1989.

We look forward this month to the Annual Civic Service of Tendring District Council which is to take place on Sunday the 16th at the Parish Church. The service will be preceded by a Civic Procession led by the Harwich Pipe Band which will include the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Sam Pound and other councillors and representatives of organisations in the district. The procession will leave the Village Hall at 10.35am to arrive at the church for the start of the service at 11.00am. This is of course, a very special occasion for the village as the Civic Service has never taken place in one of the villages of the district before. Representatives of Little Bentley, Little Bromley, the Harwich Sea Cadets, S. George's School and the Parish Church will take part. The sermon is to be preached by the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, the Very Reverend Dr. John Moses.

In the afternoon of the Civic Day the Mad Hatters Tea Party will be taking place at Copley Dene and the Village Hall; the Harwich Pipe band will be staying on to take part. Further information about this event will be found later in this issue.

The Magazine Committee is very grateful to the Bromley Buskers for their most generous contribution of £100 to the 'Messenger'. You will find them listed among the sponsors on the back page. We are also very pleased to receive a donation of £95 from Great Bromley Parish Council. This month the issue is sponsored by the Parish Church of The Bromleys.

Please can I have contributions for the August issue by Wednesday, 12th July.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND.

I am pleased to acknowledge some very generous donations to the Repair Fund which will help to clear some of our indebtedness. The Bromley Buskers have donated a further £500 to the fund and this is in addition to the £1,000 they presented three years ago. We offer them our warmest thanks. The Nova Terra Insurance Company has donated £50, and the collection in the church on the day of the Cheshire Home fete produced £24. With events to come, the Mad Hatters Tea Party, a sponsored Beating of the Parish Bounds on 9th September and the Christmass sale we hope to go a long way in financing the tower repair.

S. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

As this organisation uses S. George's School it has to go into recess during the school holidays when we cannot use the hall. The last meeting of the Sunday School will be on Sunday, 9th July, and it will resume on Sunday, 10th September. The children are encouraged, and I hope that parents will encourage this also, to attend the normal Sunday morning services at 10.30am on Sundays when there is no Sunday School.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Mr. Henry Fairley was re-elected as Chairman and Mr. George Kempster was elected as Vice-Chairman. It was reported that some parishioners who live in the Hare Green area wish to form a Playing Field Committee. If anyone wishes to join in this endeavour, please will they contact the Clerk to the Council. The Parish Council has had complaints of litter and debris falling off waste skips as they travel to Ardleigh. This is an offence and, in order to be able to prosecute culprits, the Parish Council needs the following information about alleged offences.

1. The date.
2. The time.
3. The Vehicle registration number.
4. The nature of the complaint.
5. If possible, the name of the haulier.

Usually the skip has not been sheeted or covered and the litter blows off the top as it travels along the road. Any reports of this nature should be sent to the Clerk to the Council, Mr. H. Booty, Church Cottage, Badley Hall Road. *L. Christodoulides.*

S. MARY'S CHURCH, LITTLE BROMLEY.

The Church Commissioners (who are the legal owners of all parish churches) have approved the drafting of a scheme to vest S. Mary's Church in the Redundant Churches Fund. The scheme has to be published before it is finally approved by an Order in Council from the Privy Council. This will take several months but, although there is this delay, we are delighted to learn that the future of this ancient and delightful church has been assured.

The Redundant Churches Fund will take over responsibility for the church and will put in hand repairs and restoration of the building. The furnishings will remain and it remains consecrated as a church. We plan to hold a number of services there each year and of course, the churchyard remains as the burial ground for the village of Little Bromley. This future use, to which we look forward, will commence as soon as the Fund takes over the church and tells us that we can do so.

THE CROSS INN needs a daily morning cleaner, this could possibly be a job share. If you are interested please call in or telephone on 230282.

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY ON SUNDAY, 16th JULY.

It is not too late to offer help or gifts for this big event. Particularly please, may we ask you to contact NOW Pauline Greenfield on Colchester 230888 with promises of cakes, sugar, tea or butter. She, with her team, are tackling the catering and as we are confidently expecting 2,000 people, PLEASE HELP!! They will collect if needed.

Try to come in a Mad Hat, you may win the Maddest Mad Hat Competition, and the Look-Alike Alice Competition is open to ALL ages and sexes! Or if bashful about that, why not enter for the Any Other Character from Alice Competition? Tweedledum? Queen of Hearts? the Duchess? or a playing card? Do try to buy your Mad Hatters Tee Shirt before the day at a concessionary rate from Leonie Henderson, Badley Hall. Telephone 231262. It will be a very great pleasure to welcome to the Party Miss Joan Hickson, 'Miss Marple' of Agatha Christie fame. A handbill containing information about this event is enclosed with this issue of the 'Messenger'. We look forward to seeing you all. *Jean Harding.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTION. I would like to thank all who contributed so generously to this year's Christian Aid Week appeal. The total collected in the two villages amounted to £239.68 pence. Thank you also to all who collected the envelopes and especially to Mrs. Marion Bromfield who organised the appeal.

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GREAT BROMLEY.

Have an afternoon of fun at the Sports Day on the 11th July, starting at 1.15pm. Races will be followed by ice creams for the children and tea and scones for the adults. If it is wet, then 12th July is the reserve date.

PLEASE NOTE that 20th and 1st July have been set aside as National Curriculum Training Days for staff, so the term will end at 3pm on Wednesday 19th July and NOT 21st July at previously stated.

TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW, LAWFORD HOUSE PARK, ON 8th JULY 1989.

This year's President is Robert Harding, a parishioner long connected with the show, so there will be no new face! This year the emphasis is on food and farming and on the Showground will be a pole barn complete with cows being milked, sheep shorn, bread being baked, timber planked and for the mechanically minded, a stripped down tractor.

The talents of some of the Great Bromley flower arrangers are being used to decorate the President's tent, the school is exhibiting in the schools tent along with thirty-seven other schools and the Art Show will again be a centre of attraction.

The Great Bromley Post Office Stores will have concession tickets on sale which, if bought before the show day, will cost OAP's and children £1, and grown ups £2, instead of £2 and £3 respectively.

S. George's Church is having an exhibition stand and tombola in aid of the Repair Fund at the show. Don't forget to visit it!

THE GARDEN IN JULY.

Give hawthorne hedges their-first trim, also privet, and keep lawns mowed at least once a week. Dead head roses, apply fertiliser and continue spraying. For large blooms on Chrysanthemums reduce stems to six or eight and begin disbudding. Tie in young shoots of dahlias if long stems are required for cutting, disbud some leaving only the terminal bud. Spray house plants with water to maintain humidity, water and feed. Summer prune fruit trees (plum), pears (early July), apples (late July), layer blackberry and loganberry, and hope for some rain as my soil is very dry. *Fred Wickham.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

Welcome news for those interested in helping our environment - the local supermarkets are now stocking a choice of household detergents that are ecologically safe and non-polluting. Do try these as every little thing we can all do to help is of value. Also recycled paper toilet rolls can be purchased, perhaps made from the newspapers you have left at The Nook! If you have surplus lettuces they make an excellent quick soup or are tasty when cooked with fresh peas. Another idea is to use as wrapping for little spoonfuls of filling, baked or steamed as one would do for stuffed cabbage leaves. *Jill Frostick.*

ARC - THE BROMLEYS BRANCH.

The wine and cheese party on Tuesday evening, 6th June, was a popular and very successful event, although disappointingly we were not able to hold it in Mr. and Mrs. Eugster's garden at Little Bromley as planned, due to torrents of rain falling all day. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, we moved a hundred yards or so up the road to Little Bromley Hall into the riding school building. The rain stopped during the evening and we were able to entertain crowds of people under cover to an enjoyable occasion, during which £730 was raised for arthritis research. The Committee would like to thank the

team of helpers on the evening itself and all those who gave prizes, donations or help in any way beforehand, and of course, all those who came to the party. Thank you all for your support. *Joan Landon.*

THE CROSSMANS OF GREAT BROMLEY HALL.

Noticing in a recent obituary of Sir Peter Crossman that he was born in Great Bromley, I was reminded of his father who was the epitome of good village squires. Mr. Percy Crossman of the brewing firm (then Mann Crossman) bought Great Bromley Hall in the early 1900's and thenceforward devoted himself to the welfare of the village and beyond. He became a notable cattle breeder a JP, and saw that all his employees were comfortably housed in cottages still standing in Hall and Badley Hall roads. Perhaps his greatest benevolence was the building of the village hall. After his early death in 1929 the Hall was never again a private residence.

It was requisitioned by the army in 1939 and after the war became first a residential home and then acquired by the Cheshire Foundation to become The Seven Rivers Cheshire Home.

Sir Peter was quite different. He became a director of the family brewing business which merged into Paulins and Watneys. He received the honour of Knighthood in token of his long involvement in public affairs in the county of Hertford in which he lived with his family. *I. Wilkinson.*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The WI is having a coffee evening at the home of their president, Jill Frostick, Grove House, Frating Road, on Thursday, 6th July from 7pm-9.30pm. All are welcome to enjoy the garden and conservation area. Admission is 40 pence, Bring-and-Buy Stall and raffle and croquet! In aid of WI funds.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The outing to Kilverstone Wild Life Park, with tea at Thetford, will leave Elmstead at 10.00am on Tuesday, 18th July. Take a packed lunch! Mr. Andrew Phillips will be showing films of 'Old Colchester' with comments at our July meeting. The competition is a tea-towel. *Mildred Purkis.*

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

I was delighted to be able to send a cheque value £140 to this cause. The SCF has asked me to thank all those who so kindly supported my coffee morning on 16th May. My thanks to all too. *Rose F. Field.*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Our meeting on Thursday, 27th July, is at 7.30pm and will be held in a member's garden. Do not forget if you have any produce to sell, bring it along - and remember to nurture your plants for our own show in August. *Rose F. Field.*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Mr. Roy Poulter was re-elected as Chairman and Mr. John Osborne as Vice-Chairman. Among the items of business it was decided to continue to maintain the Recreation Ground at Little Bromley. The Chairman is to take part in the Tendring District Council Civic Service at S. George's church on 16th July.

OPEN GARDEN DAY.

The Open Garden Day on Sunday, 27th August, is to be run in conjunction with Great Bromley Church Flower Festival in aid of funds for Great Bromley Village Hall. Hopefully there will be eight gardens open and floral decorations in the Methodist Chapel and S. George's church. A plant stall and tractor and stationary engine display will be in S. George's Close.

GREAT BROMLEY GIRL GUIDES.

The Patrol Leaders and Seconds, together with Jazz, Treble and Middle C, chose one of the coldest nights of the summer to hold a one day camp in the garden at 'The Nook'. Guides were given the opportunity to learn the practical uses of many of the knots learnt at Guide meetings. The meeting on 22nd May was spent on Church Meadow - where those who had camped in the garden successfully pitched a tent and the other Guides learnt how it is done. Helen, Hannah, Susannah, Michelle, Sarah, Lynn, Samantha and Rebecca have all passed their Road Safety Badges and they would like to thank PC Lindsay for his help. Both patrols have started making Plate Bags for camp in July - the Roses printing on the material and the caterpillars using tie dyeing.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH -JULY.

Sunday 2nd	TRINITY 6	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 2.30pm Holy Baptism 6.30pm Evensong
Tuesday 4th		7.30pm Guild of Servers, Office and Benediction
Sunday 9th	TRINITY 7	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Saturday 15th		2.00pm Deanery Quiet Day - Elmstead Church
Sunday 16th	TRINITY 8	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am CIVIC SERVICE 1.30pm Mad Hatters Tea Party 6.30pm Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 19th		7.00pm Youth Group Disco 7.30pm CBS Office and Benediction
Sunday 23rd	TRINITY 9	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 30th	TRINITY 10	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 6th	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 28th May Harrison Richard Carter
 Sunday 6th June Kyle William Taylor Clark
 Luke Nathan Taylor Clark

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 10th June David Charles Goosey and Sandra Marin Guimaraes Oliveira da Silva

Funerals

Monday 5th June Florence Stubbins - Colchester Crematorium
 Thursday 8th June Eleanour Myra Hastie - Colchester Cemetery

METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 9th July 11.00am Burnt Heath
 Sunday 16th July 11.00am Balls Green
 Sunday 30th July 11.00am Burnt Heath

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH GROUPS. The two youth groups which were started in April are proving to be very popular with the members; There is a total of just over fifty youngsters who now regularly attend. Some interesting activities have taken place. In May there was a very successful barbecue evening at Michaelmass House and on 14th June the younger group went on a visit to the Wrabness Nature Sanctuary. Over the weekend a group of the senior members, with leaders, camped with young people from all over Essex at the Red Braces Youth Festival at East Mersea, while some others went for a day visit there. As the groups use the school for their meetings it is not possible to continue meetings during the school holidays, and so the last meeting of this term will be on Wednesday, 19th July. This meeting for both groups will be a Disco to be arranged by Andy Terry, which we hope will be very popular. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th September. However, it is hoped to be able to arrange some activities during the long school summer holiday. That the groups are so successful is due to the enthusiasm and organisation by the Leaders, and especially of Mr. Denis Simons who has overall responsibility for the activities. I express my grateful thanks to them for all they are doing. *Rector.*

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S. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH

Future Events:

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER Mad Hatters Tea Party, Copley Dene from 1.30pm to 5.00pm
 SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER Sponsored Walk around the Parish Boundaries in aid of the Repair Fund and Friends of Essex Churches
 THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Parish Church 7.30pm.
 SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER Harvest Super in the Village Hall 7.30pm.
 SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER Harvest Services
 SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER Christmas Sale in the Village Hall
 SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER Carol Service in Parish Church 6.30pm.
 MONDAY 18th DECEMBER and FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER Carol Singing around the Village
 SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass in the Parish Church at 11.30pm.

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16th July from 1.30 Copley Dene (near Village Hall) Gt Bromley

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Competitions

- Look alike Alice Competition
up to 5 5-10 up to 95!
2.30 p.m. 3.00 p.m. 3.30 p.m.
- Any other character from Alice books
2.15 p.m. 2.45 p.m. 3.15 p.m.
same age groups
- Mad Hat Competition
any age—4.15 p.m.

Amazing Sideshows

- Unusual Stalls
- Buskers—Teas
- Balloon Race
- Crazy Croquet
- Children's Corner



MIKE ROSEN

CHILDRENS POET TO JUDGE

Arrival of Mad Hatter by Parachute 4.45

Sketch: Lewis Carroll's 'Mad Hatters Tea Party'

in aid of St. Georges Repair Fund

Lucky Programme entry 50p and 25p

This leaflet kindly sponsored by **BLAND FIELDEN**,
Chartered Accountants, Sir Isaacs Walk, Colchester

The Bromley Messenger August 1989.

Quite by chance I recently met a lady who was visiting the church, Mrs. Ursula Alston Jacobsen from South Africa. She told me that she was the great-granddaughter of Mr. E. J. Alston who was the owner of Bromley Hall (now Seven Rivers Cheshire Home) until his death in 1887. Mr. Alston and members of his family are all buried in the large vault on the north side of the church. After a most interesting talk about the family who split up after Mr. Alston's death, some went to New Zealand, some to Australia and some from whom our visitor was descended went to South Africa, Mrs. Jacobsen gave me a copy of their catalogue of the sale of the furniture and effects of the Hall before they all left. Among the interesting items noted was a six octave cottage pianoforte by Broadwood, in a mahogany case, sold for £3 10s, and a Harmonium by Alexandre sold for £1 10s! Reading through this brought a picture to mind of a Bromley very different from the one we know, and it is a reminder of how much civilisation and the way of life has changed. Among items which brought this to mind were a light single brougham, a vis-a-vis phaeton, a Pony size gig and a four wheel carriage.

Is it not possible that with all the concern nationally and internationally for pollution and the need to safeguard this earth on which we live, that sometime in the future such vehicles as these may be commonplace on our roads, perhaps replacing the car and petrol engine which, either leaded or unleaded, does so much to mar and destroy the environment in which we live.

Our thanks this month go to R. G. Gwinnell and Sons, Funeral Directors, Manningtree, who have most generously sponsored this issue of 'The Messenger'.

Owing to holidays in August please may contributions for the September issue be sent to Mr. L. Christodoulides, Magnolia House, Frating Road, as early in August as possible and not later than Saturday 6th.

THE TENDRING SHOW.

Our congratulations go to Robert Harding, this year's President of the Tendring Hundred Farmer's Club on a highly successful show held on 8th July. It was a pleasure to see so many Brumbellians involved in the show and helping to make it the success that by tradition it is. The display by S. George's School in the School Tent was really excellent and, although biased, I and many thought it was the best in the section.

Dawn and David Taylor and Tony and Andrena Catesby ran a very colourful stall to raise money for the Repair Fund. They had a tombola, church stationery, tee shirts and draw tickets. Together they raised just a few pence over £500. We are most grateful to them for their splendid efforts.

THE PARISH BOUNDARIES.

Three years ago the Rector spent a very enjoyable day walking round the boundaries of the parish of Great Bromley. Now that the parish is much larger, consisting of both Little and Great Bromley, a walk around the new boundaries is being planned for Saturday, 9th September.

We hope that others will want to join the Rector on that day and, as the distance is greater than some would wish to walk, it is to be split into sections so that in order to take part, no one will be obliged to walk the whole length. Instead of taking part in the Diocesan Cycle Ride on that day we hope to encourage sponsors to support those who take part, and to share the proceeds as the Cycle Ride proceeds are shared, one half to the Friends of Essex Churches and one half to the Church Repair Fund.

More details can be obtained from the Rector or Mrs. Jacqui Terry who is helping to arrange the event.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND GARDEN DAY.

The Parish Church and the Village Hall Committee are together arranging this event. The Flower Festival in the parish church with the theme of 'The Saints' will take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday the 26th, 27th and 28th August, and the Open Garden Day will be on Sunday 27th August when in addition to the gardens, there will be a Tractor and Engine Display in S. George's Close. On Saturday and Sunday cream teas will be available in the Rectory garden.

The Evening Service on Sunday will be a service of 'Songs of Praise'.

At the Flower Festival it is proposed to have 'memorial pew ends'. If anyone would like to have a pew end decorated in memory of a departed relative or friend, this can be arranged for a donation of £5. Please contact Mrs. Audrey Appleby (271458) who will arrange this.

NOTE: There is a meeting for flower arrangers in S. George's church at 8.00pm on Monday, 7th August.

HELP WANTED.

Mrs. Joyce Fairley urgently needs a lady to help her in her house daily in the mornings. Please contact her if you are interested at Normans Farm, Little Bromley. Telephone 230237.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP.

The Group require a pianist/keyboard player for their production of Babes in the Wood in January, 1990. Please ring Betty Rowe (231067) if you can help.

HARVEST SUPPER.

The Parish Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, 23rd September in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available in September, £2.50 for adults and £2.00 for children. This year musical entertainment is being arranged by Peter and Paul Simone.

The Harvest Services are Thursday, 21st September at 7.30pm, the S. George's School Service on Friday, 22nd at 2.00pm and the Sunday Services on 25th September.

PLAYGROUP.

The summer term has now come to an end and the new term will commence on Monday, 11th September. The number of children who have been regularly attending over the last few months has been very good and we are pleased to say that the Playgroup is now doing very well and the children seem to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The summer outing this year, which will now have taken place, was a trip to a working farm at S. Osyth. I hope the weather held out as more than forty of us were hoping to go, complete with packed lunches.

We would be very grateful if anybody has any ride-on toys or large safe items of play equipment suitable for 3 to 4 year olds, that they no longer require and would be willing to donate to the Playgroup.

Our Annual General Meeting has been arranged for Monday, 18th September, to which all interested mothers and fathers are invited to attend. The venue has yet to be . decided, but notices will be displayed nearer the date. Please come if you can. *Lynda Tingey*

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL REPORT.

We have enjoyed a very busy summer term. In addition to the usual lessons the children were taught road safety by PC Lindsay our community policeman; how to care for their teeth by the dental hygienist; and about the work of Help the Aged by one of the charity's representatives. The children raised £250 to further the charity's work.

Teams have represented the school at Manningtree Rounders Rally and the Area Primary Schools Sports, and everyone participated in our own Sports Day. The classes have visited Syon Park Butterfly House, Colchester Institute Brick Laying Class, Langham Pottery and the Mistley Environmental Centre in connection with this term's topic on Patterns. Some of the work you may have seen displayed in the Schools Tent at the Tendring Hundred Show. The children raised sponsorship recently for a Fun and Games Afternoon to contribute towards the cost of a much needed photocopier, and the PRA Barn Dance was another great success raising more than £300.

We are lucky to have the support of the parents and those who have helped out in school this term have been entertained by the children at a tea party in school. At the end of term we said goodbye to Nicole Abbott, Mathew Berry, Tammy Fulcher, Naomi Good, Jonathan Haste, Paul McGuinness, David Mann, Matthew Newnham, Elizabeth Pinhey, Andrew Pirie, Hannah Reed, Aaron Rogers, Lisa Rogers, Jennifer Rogerson and Amanda Scott, and wished them every success at their new schools. For their leavers' party they voted to go ice-skating at Chelmsford and return to school for a barbecue.

May we wish pupils, parents and friends of our school a very happy holiday, that they may return refreshed for the start of the new school year on 5th September.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

A police dog-handler will be the speaker at our meeting on 17th August. The competition - a picture of a dog. The outing to the Age Concern Garden Party to be held at Writtle on 10th August will leave Elmstead at 12 noon.

We enjoyed our visit to the Thursford Electric Organ Museum; it is well worth a visit! *Mrs. M. Purkis*

HEDGES AND DITCHES.

Those along Back Lane are rarities now, to be treasured. There are one or two young trees, oak and ash, much more interesting to local children than playground climbing frames. Blackthorn, hawthorn and hazel were lovely through the spring, and with the dog roses, honeysuckle and brambles which now drape them will help to sustain the thrushes, blackbirds, dunnocks and robins which nest among them. At one end of the ditch there is a colony of Spearmint, overflown from somebody's garden; hogweed and wild parsnip have taken over now from Queen Anne's lace, and both the greater and the lesser willowherbs flourish, along with rose-bay. These last, with the thistles will give goldfinches a feast. Let us not Forget the butterflies and bees who feed also on the lowly flowers, the buttercups and daisies, hawkbits and dandelions and rippleworts and bugle, the caterpillars and larva who live on the nettles and sorrel and docks. Long may we keep you all.

I. Wilkinson

THE GARDEN IN AUGUST.

Water and mow lawns regularly during dry Spells, and apply weedkillers as necessary. Take semi hardwood cuttings of flowering shrubs, including hydrangea macrophylla grown for pot culture. Feed roses with 102 of sulphate of potash per square yard. Keep Chrysanthemums well supported and tied in, continue to disbud, feed and water pot grown plants outside. Dead head annuals and biennials regularly

and keep well watered. Plant and replant daffodils as soon as possible, towards the end of the month propagate lilies from bulblets.

Take semi-hard or softwood cuttings of sub shrubby rock plants such as helianthemums, tymus, genista, dianthus. Heathers take semi hard wood cuttings with a heel of all kinds, pot them in peat and sand. Continue summer pruning of fruit, Cut down fruited raspberries and support on new canes, plant out rooted strawberry runners. Keep watering runner and french beans, feed with a good dose of diluted farm much. Keep weeding and hoeing and hope for rain. *Fred Wickham*

KITCHEN CORNER.

Courgettes, or baby marrows, are plentiful now and are delicious simply sliced and cooked in a little butter in a covered pan. Toss occasionally to prevent sticking and they will cook in their own steam. Here is a recipe for creamy baked courgettes.

8oz streaky bacon derinded and chopped

2 onions peeled and sliced

1oz butter

1 lb courgettes sliced

Salt and pepper and ground nutmeg

¼ pint single cream

1 or 2oz flaked almonds toasted

1 tbs fresh chopped parsley

Fry bacon and onion till beginning to colour, add courgettes and toss thoroughly. Pour off any excess fat then season well and put into an ovenproof dish. Bake 350 F (mark 4) about 30 minutes or until tender. Pour on the cream and heat through thoroughly. Serve at once sprinkled with parsley and almonds.

Serves 4. *Jill Frostick*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

The August meeting will be on Thursday, 31st August at 7.30pm when we shall be having our own 'interclub' show in Mr. and Mrs. West's garden. Do bring along your own 'pot' plants and flowers from the garden - also any fruit and vegetables - they do not have to be perfect or professional looking specimens. See what you can do; it will be interesting to us all to see what our fellow members can produce. I am sure we all have something worth showing. *R. F. Field*

THE BROMLEY'S FOLK DANCERS.

Finished for the summer period with a party and dance in the garden of Doreen and Ron Mears at 'Meronash'. The Group has had a successful few months since it started during the winter and we finish with nine couples dancing country and court dances from our repertoire of about thirty we have tried to date. We have been using the Brownie Hut so far but our numbers have been growing and we say "thank you" to the Brownies and start to look for somewhere a little bigger.

A number of the club members attended the scout barbecue and barn dance that we held in the village and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Our first meeting of the new season will be on Wednesday, 27th September. Any change will be advised regarding the venue. We would like to have more couples. Any parents with interested young children over nine are very welcome. For more details please phone us (231041) or Jacquie Terry on 230490.

Doreen and Ron Mears

CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

Apologies for the delay in reporting the outcome of this year's Carnival. In spite of the colder weather that we are becoming used to, and other local events with which we clashed, the nett receipts for the afternoon and evening were well in excess of £500 - the best result for many years. The Caribbean Evening was a great social success and thanks are due to all the people who helped in all aspects of putting on the day. Many thanks also to the many people who gave us their comments and advice on the format and content of the day and we would be pleased to see them, and anybody else, at the Carnival AGM on 18th September at 8.00pm at Whyte Cottage, Back Lane East. *Graham Phelps.*

CIVIC SERVICE AND MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY.

It is only on rare occasions that S. Georges Church is so crowded that despite extra seats being put in, some of the congregation had to stand. This was so for the Civic Service. Among the guests we were privileged to have with us were, as well as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Tendring District Council, Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Essex, Colonel Peter Hamilton, and the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, The Very Revd. Dr. John Moses. The service ended most stirringly by the Harwich Pipe Band accompanying the singing of Amazing Grace, a hymn which bought tears to the eyes of many of the congregation. Later on in the day people arrived at Copley Dene to take part in the Mad Hatters Tea Party. This turned out to be a highly successful and happy village occasion. The stalls and games of all sorts were well patronised.

The Harwich Pipe Band got the event off to a flying start and the special guests - Miss Joan Hickson (Miss Marple), Mr. David Forder of the Mercury Theatre, Mike Rosen the poet were warmly welcomed and their presence and help were much appreciated.

So many people helped in one way or the other, that is just not possible to thank everybody - but one person who bore the brunt of all the thinking, planning and organisation was Mrs. Jean Harding and to her we owe very many thanks. It is expected that the event will have raised about £2,000 which goes towards the cost of the repair of the tower.

LUCKY FOR SOME.

The Church Repair Fund would like to thank the Pantomime Group, and those who attended the performances of the play 'Lucky for Some' for donating the sum of £175, the proceeds of the play, to the Fund. Not only was it a 'money spinner', but it was also a most enjoyable evening- congratulation to the cast and all who were involved in the production.

THE MESSENGER - SPONSORSHIP.

We are most grateful to Little Paddocks Riding School and Livery Stables, Frating Road, for agreeing to sponsor the Messenger for the April edition 1990. As they take part in the Riding for the Disabled Association the encouragement and support we can give them is very worthwhile indeed. Their telephone number is 250921.

SERVICES AUGUST - PARISH CHURCH.

Sunday 6th TRANSFIGURATION 8.00am Holy Communion
OF OUR LORD 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 13th TRINITY 12 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 20th TRINITY 13 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Parish Eucharist

Sunday 27th TRINITY 14 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Songs of Praise

Sunday 3rd TRINITY 15 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 26th, 27th and 28th August - Flower Festival.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 6th 11.00am Burnt Heath - Pastor Theobald

Sunday 20th 11.00am Balls Green - The Revd. J. Robinson .

Sunday 27th 11.00am Burnt Heath - Mrs. D. Wade

HOLY BAPTISM.

Sunday 12th July Karen Lynn Lindsay

James Robert Ronald Lindsay

Matthew Ryan Scott Lindsay

FUNERAL. Tuesday, 4th July Mabel Alice Sparling - Colchester Crematorium



The Bromley Messenger September 1989.

My turn to edit this month's Messenger has come round again with Paul and Meriel Davis on holiday. I have made up a puzzle for you - not absolutely perfect since you may find the odd two letter word that should not be in there. I see we are Beating the Parish Bounds, though I know this is a well established ritual and normally carried out on Ascension Day by striking the boundaries of the Parish with rods, is there any other significance, when did it start? Please let me know.

Irene Wilkinson's "Fifty years on" is a timely reminder to all of us, young and old, of the price we had to pay to keep this green and pleasant land free and a democracy, a lesson that still has not been learnt by other people in this world of ours.

At the last Great Bromley Parish Council meeting some of you attended a talk about Village Homes for Village People the Parish Councillors decided to hold a Village Meeting to expand on this theme and to seek your views on the need for such a scheme in our village.

Our thanks go to Tiptoe Ltd our Sponsors for this issue. It is good to see businesses connected with the Village doing well,

Oakhouse Farm are starting a ' Private Kindergarten and Wivenhoe Bookshop have put in advertisements in this issue.

Contributions for October issue should be with Rev. P Davis by 10th September.

Till next year, many thanks for your continued support. *Len Christodoulides Treasurer*

Beating the Parish Bounds. September 9th 1989.

Start 9.00 am. Burnt Heath Chapel. 4 ¾ km.

Stacies Farm 10.30 - 11.00 (Coffee time). 6 ¼ km.

Welhams Farm 1.00 ~ 1.30 (Lunch time). 4 ¼ km.

Morehams Hall 2.45 - 3.15 (Tea break). 5 km.

Burnt Heath Chapel 4.30 pm.

Hopefully we will keep to these times, if we are early at any point, we will wait till the appointed time before leaving to give people a chance to join us. The pace will not be fast, neither will it be an amble, but we do have to find our way, there are very few footpaths involved. 4 km = 1 hour walking.

If you feel you would like to walk just part of it, do please join in at any of these watering holes. The Rector and I will walk the whole way along with some other stalwarts (I hope). We will walk whatever the weather; you have the choice.

Bring your own food and something to sit on. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jacquie Terry. 230490

BROWNIES

This will be my last account as Brown Owl (Jazz) for the Brownies. From September Mrs Leonie Henderson of Badley Hall will be Brown Owl and I am sure she will do a marvellous job. The meetings will be on a THURSDAY 5.30 - 7.00, the change in time and day is to enable Leonie to take over the running of the pack.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my eleven years in that capacity and would like to thank all the Brownies for making it such a smashing time. I shall retain my Pack Holiday Licence until Leonie has her own, when she finds the time, and we shall be in close contact. Good liaison between Brownies and Guides are essential.

Madeleine did a good job of holding the Pack and also enjoyed it although at eighteen I think she is the youngest Brown Owl Great Bromley has had. She will be going to Plymouth in September if her exam grades are right. The Brownies gave her a surprise party at her last meeting. The hut was beautifully decorated and Elisha had made a cake, and all the games and prizes were organised by the Brownies. Well done and Thank you.

By the time you read this we will have had our Pack Holiday based on Alice in Wonderland (of course). Let's hope the weather is as good as it is at the moment. There are fifteen Brownies in the Pack at the moment so there is room for any seven year olds who would like to join. The Brownies received their share of the Barbecue profits £45.50, and this will certainly be put to good use. Thank you for supporting it, next time we'll try to ensure that the dates don't clash so badly.

We do need a working party of Dads to put up the ceiling panels purchased. The rain does not seem to come in any more, though we have not had it lashing down to test the repair. A coat of white paint would make such a difference to the light in the hut especially if we had glass instead of black polythene in one window.

GUIDES

First meeting September 11th of the new term, and I hope you have all enjoyed the long summer holiday. Most of the Guides were able to go to camp at Sudbourne with the Wivenhoe and Brightlingsea Guides,

and in preparation for this we spent the end of the summer term learning how to pitch tents, tie dyeing or line cutting designs and then making plate bags and learning how to make bedding rolls. But none of this prepared us for the fierce heat we encountered which made every step across our big campsite sometimes seem like a mile! The day we went swimming in Woodbridge was bliss - wet from head to toe. It did not matter that the whole of Woodbridge was also there, for the coach was over an hour late and we had to phone for another one. We also experienced sitting on a horse. For some of us it was the very first time so I won't call it riding. I know it seemed a long way to fall; but my horse was of the step/go variety - mainly stop. Everybody in camp had a try at cooking in different ways, with vastly differing amounts of success but culminating in patrols managing a three course meal for themselves and clearing up afterwards enough to earn the Outdoor Cook badge and be a long way towards Patrol Cook Pennants and the Outdoor Chef badge.

We'll expect great things for that, but some will get it. The last night in camp, the guides were allowed, if they wished, to sleep out under the stars, next to the tents in case of a change of mind. They didn't! They had already been sleeping with tent doors open nearly all week. When it came to striking camp on the last day we were very glad we had spent time painting all the peg tops blue, they were so easy to collect, but we did lose one small metal peg unfortunately from the Scouts new loo tent.

Talking of Scouts, we have received a cheque for £45.50 as our share of the profit from the highly successful barbecue run as a joint project. The total profit was £546 which was divided equally between Scouts and Guides, of which there were three Brownie units and three Guide units represented. Thank you everyone who supported the event.

At the end of September, we hope to have a weekend away in a Scout hut enjoying ourselves on Scavenger hunts and perhaps finishing off those pennants and badges. This will also go towards my Holiday licence and for that reason I would appreciate full support. *Jazz*

GREAT BROMLEY W.I

Make a note of this date! On Wednesday October 4th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall a representative from J Sainsbury Plc is coming to give a talk and demonstration. Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes of a big supermarket? Now is your chance to find out, so why not come along and join us for the evening. Admission is free and includes refreshments. All are welcome.

Essex Physically Handicapped Association

The Alexandra Rose Day collection in the Village raised £65.48. Many thanks to those who collected and all who donated to this. The sum of £57.95 was used to purchase a patio table and 3 chairs for the residents of Fernside and a cheque for £7.53 sent to EPHA general fund. *J Frostick. Organiser*

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Rev. Robinson will be entertaining us at our monthly meeting on September 1st. The competition - a envelope or a Postcard with the oldest postmark. We enjoyed the outing to Kilverstone Wildlife Park, and are now looking forward to an evening at the theatre in September. *Mildred Purvis*

GREAT BROMLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Carpet Bowls Club will be starting up again, after a summer recess, on Monday 4th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

On Wednesday 13th September we will be having an Open Evening, so that anyone who has tried Carpet Bowls can have a go with no cost or risk to pocket or health! We are trying to recruit a few more members, as last year we were in the league and had trouble making up the numbers for the matches. Our performance in the league was not brilliant, and we would have come last had a team not dropped out! Further meetings in September are the 18th and 27th. The dates for October being 2nd, 9th, 16th, 25th and 30th.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our September meeting will be held in the Cheshire Home Chapel on Thursday September 28th at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be from the Harwich & District Chrysanthemum Society so if you have any problem with growing your Chrysanthemums then will be the time to seek advice. It doesn't seem possible that Summer is past and we should be thinking of Autumn plants and produce. Hope all the hard work with the watering cans has produced results. *R F Field - Secretary*

MAD MATTERS TEA PARTY

I am sure that all who were involved in the Mad Hatters Tea Party will be delighted to learn that the total profit was £3,000. I would like to thank the very many people who helped and contributed to make this magnificent total. In addition as a result of the Tea Party we had the exceedingly generous donation sent to us the following day of £1,000. So 16th July really will have helped to boost the repair fund greatly.

Jean Harding.

CAKE BAKE

The recent CAKE SALE raised £62.27 for the CHILDREN'S SOCIETY This was gratefully acknowledged by the society. A great big thank you to all who were involved in this. Especially to Nancy Kempster and her family who transferred the sale to her home at such short notice and swelled the fund by serving refreshments.

DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD COURSE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

On Thursday 13th July a celebration Eucharist and presentation of certificates for the course in Christian studies was held in Chelmsford Cathedral. The building was filled . to capacity and 180 certificates were awarded for the completion of the two years part time study. More people had earned certificates but were unable to attend. Many comments were heard about the wide age range, it was good to see so many young people amongst the students.

The wonderfully uplifting Service was a fitting end to the two years of study which covered many aspects of the teaching of the Church, history, doctrine, worship and a lovely section on spirituality.

When the course started little did I realise the fellowship that would develop amongst our group which became known as the Tuesday Club. As we grew as a unit we also grew spiritually and learned as much from each other as from the books we read. There was no dreaded end of year examinations as our work was continuously assessed and that afforded a great relief to most of us.

Already two people in the Bromleys have applied to join the next course starting in the autumn and I would urge anyone of any age with or without experience of previous study to consider going along. The subjects are broken down into easy to cope with sections and you will learn much more than you would have believed in such a pleasant way.

The quest for knowledge about Christianity is alive and well in our area. Why not join the course and fill those winter evenings with interest, while discovering why we do that we do in church and the real meaning of following Christ. Reverend R Smith of Elmstead would give more details or contact me on Colchester 230436 for my experience of the course.

Olive Sparling.

FIFTY YEARS ON

A small boy shouting "kill it! kill it!" when he saw the first frog of his life remains a vivid memory of this, for our country, the first of more than 2,000 killing days to come. A lovely, sunny, late summer Sunday morning, and buses had brought us, two or three teachers and some fifty children from Felsted the end of a meandering train ride from an E. London suburb. The sound of morning Prayer rifting through the open church door was hushed when the village constable entered, and we could then hear the wireless from the inn and the tired voice of Mr Chamberlain.

Minutes later we heard our first air-raid warning siren and very shortly the welcome "All Clear" (just testing?) And then two familiar red London buses chugged up, packed with pregnant ladies and mums and toddlers and a couple of midwives (in case!)

It was Sunday, 3rd September 1939 and our country was at war with Germany!

I Wilkinson.

KITCHEN CORNER

Despite the dry weather there should be plenty of blackberries to pick this year. If you plan to make jelly, it is a good idea to put in some under ripe red ones as a better set results. Also, use crab apples if available or sour cookers. I sometimes add a few japonica fruits as well, as they contain lots of pectin in the pips. Wash the berries cut up the apples, cover with cold water and simmer until really mushy. Strain through a jelly-bag and boil up with 1 lb sugar to 1 pint juice to setting point, pour at once in to dry warmed jars. If you press the left-over pulp from the bag through a sieve, this makes a good base for fruit fool or ice cream. *J Frostick*

The Garden in September

Lawns that have gone brown during the very hot weather would benefit from a feed of Green up after the first heavy rain. Roses keep dead heading and tie in all new shoots of climbers. Support and water dahlias, and feed as usual. . Plant daffodil bulbs and pot up bulbs for indoor flowering. Keep soaking runner beans, plant out spring cabbage plants, water marrows and tomatoes twice a day. *Fred Wickham*

CAT LOVERS FETE AND OPEN DAY 24th September at 2pm until 4pm.

PROCEEDS TO COLCHESTER CAT RESCUE (a Registered Charity) We are in URGENT need of the following items:- 1. Raffle Prizes. 2. Home made cakes, biscuits, jam, honey etc. 3. Home grown fruit, vegetables, plants and cut flowers. 4. Any craft items such as Tapestry, painting, embroidery, soft toys, etc that you may have a talent for producing. 5. Any Secondhand items you may have finished with, such as toys, books, ornaments, clothing ANYTHING in fact that is saleable.

If you require any items collected please telephone Colchester 393527. Pat and Alan Peachey, Pensoomis Pet'otel, Rosewood House, Ardleigh Road, Little Bromley.

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WIVENHOE BOOKSHOP GARDEN LOVERS Beth Chatto will be at the Bookshop on Saturday 9th September at 11 am to sign copies of her Book "The Green Tapestry"

AROUND COLCHESTER

ELIZABETH JEFFREY CELEBRATES A DOUBLE: A Novel "Gin and Ginger bread" based around Victorian Colchester featuring the Estuaries and Oyster Fisheries and a children's book "Turn of the Tide" based on Elizabethan Times. Elizabeth will be at the Bookshop from 6.15pm on 21 September - you will all be welcome and the books make ideal Christmas presents. Jean Harding

HIDDEN WORDS quiz
[Omitted]

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME RESIDENTS & STAFF COMMITTEE presents
COUNTRY AND WESTERN NIGHT In Aid of S. Georges Restoration Fund
THURSDAY 12th October 1989 in Village Hall WESTERN RODEO BAND

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Festival Services will be held on September 10th. Morning Services at 11am will be conducted by Rev. John Robinson and in the evening at 6.30pm by Rev. J Hardwick. *Ivy Howell*

OAK HOUSE FARM PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

Monday 11th September 1989 is the day when the new children's kindergarten at Oak House Farm, Harwich Road, Great Bromley opens for the first time. A large Essex barn has been carefully converted to create a superb purpose built Nursery School to cater for children between the ages of 2 to 5 years. The kindergarten will open from 8am to 6pm from Monday to Friday, only closing on Public -Holidays. Parents may book any days/hours to suite their needs/
Margo and Leslie Jones would like to invite anyone who is interested to call in on Saturday the 9th September between 10am and 7pm to have a good look around and a glass of wine. Anyone who would like to receive a prospective please telephone 251929.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME STAFF a RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Invite you to a CANDLE DEMONSTRATION Friday September 15th 1989 7.30 pm. Coffee and Biscuits 50p

VILLAGE HOMES FOR VILLAGE PEOPLE

Parish meeting on Wednesday 8th November at Great Bromley village hall
The NAC Rural Trust (President, HRH the Princess Royal)
What is it and how might it help your village?

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The services of thanks for the Harvest at S. George's will follow the traditional pattern.
On Thursday, 21st September, there will be a service of thanksgiving at 7.30pm at which a sermon will be preached by the Revd. Ron Smith, Vicar of Elmstead Market. The Annual School Harvest service will be on Friday, 22nd- September at 2.00pm. The services on Sunday will be as usual, the service at 10.30am being a Eucharist of Thanksgiving at which the address will be given by Mr. Martin Cruikes, Parochial Reader at S. Stephen's Church, Colchester.

Do not forget the Harvest Supper on Saturday, 23rd September at the Village Hall. Tickets can be obtained from the Rectory; and the usual ticket sellers. The price, £2.50 per ticket (£2.00 for children) includes an excellent supper, a glass of wine and entertainment to be provided by Peter and Paul Simons. Help will be much appreciated in decorating the church on Wednesday and Thursday, 20th and 21st September.

GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

Casting Meeting For "BABES IN THE WOOD"
7.30pm. September 21st Village Hall
AUDITIONS: 7.30pm September 27th Village Hall

BEATING THE PARISH BOUNDS.

Please join us on Saturday, 9th September, when we are planning to Beat the Parish Boundaries. This means walking around the boundaries of our two villages, Great and Little Bromley. As it is quite a long distance, you may prefer only to walk part of the distance, which is to be split up into shorter walks. We will start at the Methodist Chapel at 9.00am and commence walking behind the orchards which lie parallel to the Colchester Road as far as the Bromley Brook. Here we cross the road and follow the brook,

over the A120 and the Harwich Road and proceed as far as Morehams Hall Farm. Here there will be a rest for refreshment. This is the first stage. The second stage will take us from the farm to the Frating Road and then through Spring Farm to Ravens Green. We go along Ravens Green Road and turn into the Harwich Road and proceed along as far as Monkey Street, then over the A120 to Park Farm Road. We cross Park Farm and make our way towards Welhams Farm, the end of the second stage where there will be another rest. The third stage takes us over fields to Little Bromley Road, then over further fields as far as Stacey's Farm, the end of this stage, where there will be a further rest. The final stage will be from Stacey's Farm across fields to Chequers Road and then largely over fields back to Great Bromley Methodist Chapel where we hope to have some refreshment, arriving there at about 4.00pm.

There is a map in S. George's Church showing the route, estimated times of arrival at the stages and a list to sign if you can join us. As this is a sponsored event, there are also sponsor forms - the walk is in aid of the Friends of Essex Churches who have generously supported our repair fund and, of course, the repair fund.

Mrs. Jacqui Terry is organising this event and she and the Rector will lead the walk. Our thanks go to all the farmers who are allowing us to walk through their land. Information about this walk can be obtained either from Mrs. Terry (230490) or the Rector (230364).

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH GROUP.

The Youth Groups will resume their weekly meetings on Wednesday, 6th September. The Junior Section meets at 6.15pm and the Senior Section at 7.45pm. At the end of the last session, the senior group elected a small members committee who will work with the leader, Mr. Dennis Simons, to devise a programme of events. All young people aged 10 years will be welcome at the Junior meetings and all over LA at the Senior meeting, both held at S. George's School.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - SEPTEMBER.

Sunday 3rd	TRINITY 15	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 2.30pm Holy Baptism 6.30pm Evensong
Tuesday 5th		School Term Commences
Wednesday 6th		6.15pm Youth Groups
Saturday 9th		9.00am Beating of the Bounds
Sunday 10th	TRINITY 16	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Thursday 14th		7.30pm PCC meeting-Rectory
Sunday 17th	TRINITY 17	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Mattins and sermon 6.30pm Parish Eucharist
Thursday 21st	S. MATTHEW	7.30pm Harvest Service
Friday 22nd		2.00pm School Harvest Service
Saturday 23rd		7.30pm Harvest Supper Village Hall
Sunday 24th	TRINITY 18 HARVEST	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 31st	TRINITY 19	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 10th 11.00am Balls Green Harvest the Revd.J. Robinson
6.30pm Balls Green The Revd. Hardwick
Sunday 17th 11.00am Burnt Heath Harvest Mr. J. Anthony
6.30pm Burnt Heath The Revd. Robinson

BURIAL.

July 23rd Joan Margaret Davis of the Cheshire Home

HOLY BAPTISM.

July 30th William Albert Daniel

HOLY MATRIMONY.

August 5th Andrew Paul Sparrow and Tracey Jayne Lamb

The Bromley Messenger October 1989

In the last issue of 'The Messenger' Len Christodoulides who very kindly took over the editorial chair while my wife and I were away on holiday, asked about the meaning of beating the bounds. This month we include an article by John Appleby F.R.Hist.S, who explains the historical background. In the next issue this will be continued with some notes from Church Accounts as early as 1660 giving details of this practise in Great Bromley.

The round of Harvest Services and activities in September is a reminder that Autumn with its mellow shades and fruitfulness is with us once more. Please let us know so that we can include information in this magazine of any activities in the villages which you would like to publicise, especially during the coming autumn and winter months. Contributions for November should reach the Rectory by Wednesday, 11th October. I am sorry that it is necessary to have a 'cut-off' date, but unless we do, it is impossible to get the draft to the printer in time. It is not often possible to include contributions received after the announced date.

Our thanks this month for sponsorship of the Messenger go to Peter and Maureen Sauvary, licensees of the Black Boy Public House.

PARISH CHURCH NEWS.

This month this item is composed almost entirely of thanks. On another page Betty Rowe thanks in verse, those who helped to make the Flower Festival such a success. I would like to add my thanks to all who helped and all who attended and contributed to the funds. As a result the Church Funds received £750. The importance of raising such a sum can be seen in the fact that we have been notified that the amount we have to pay to the Diocese next year is £8,400. We will be holding a flower festival in 1990 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 5th, 6th and 7th May with the possibility of having a concert on Saturday evening, 6th May.

Twenty people took part in the Beating of the Bounds on 9th September and all completed the circuit of Great and Little Bromley - no mean feat! As a result of sponsorship for the event, £165 was raised for the Friends of Essex Churches, of which one half will be paid back to us for our own Repair Fund. Thank you to all who took part and all who sponsored us. I have already been asked if we can do this again next year! 2nd November is All Souls Day when we remember in prayer those who have died and are at rest. There will be a Eucharist of Requiem at 7.30pm in the church at which names of those who have died will be read. I will be pleased to receive the names of any persons readers may like to have included on the list.

CONCERT.

On Saturday, 4th November, the choir of the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch, London, will be giving a concert of both sacred and secular music in S. George's Church, by Vittoria, Purcell and Grieg. Tickets at £5 will include a buffet supper in the school afterwards. These are available from Mrs. Jill Frostick and the Rectory. This is one of the functions in aid of the Church Repair Fund.

KITCHEN CORNER.

While tomatoes and courgettes are still plentiful, you might like to try this seasonable hot soup for autumn. Chop one onion, 1 carrot and a stick of celery and cook in 1 ½ oz butter till soft but not brown. Stir in 2tbs of flour and cook for 1 minute. Add 2 pints stock, bring to the boil stirring constantly. Stir in 1lb tomatoes skinned and chopped, 2tbs tomato puree and a bay leaf. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Cool slightly remove bay leaf and liquidise the soup. Return to the pan, add 2 courgettes coarsely grated, 1 tsp sugar, 1tbs wine vinegar, salt and pepper. Simmer 5 minutes and serve with croutons or crusty bread (serves 6). *Jill Frostick.*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

Autumn is with us once again and garden work is gradually becoming less, apart from tidying up ready for the winter. Our next meeting is in the Cheshire Home Chapel on the 26th October at 7.30pm. The speaker will be from Tendring District Council (Parks and Gardens Department) to tell us about their work in keeping the Parks and Gardens so well planted for each season - quite a feat I imagine! Please make sure you have paid for your Annual Dinner by this date. *R. F. Field.*

"A FAMILY APART"

Following the BBC 2 film on the subject 'A Family Apart' a coffee morning was held at the Hollies to increase awareness of the awful genetic illness Huntingtons Chorea. Thanks are due to the many people who helped at, and supported, the morning at which £330 was raised. Any further information can be had from Jean Harding (tel: 230425).

OPEN GARDEN DAY - 27th AUGUST.

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I would like to thank all the people who very kindly opened their gardens and those that decorated Burnt Heath Chapel. Also the PCC for letting us combine with the Flower Festival. *Jean Wright.*

DANCE - 50's and 60's STYLE MUSIC.

The above dance will be held at Great Bromley Village Hall on 18th November, 1989, from 8pm to 12pm. Music by Brian Lee Sound and a bar will be available.

Tickets are £3 including refreshments. This is the next fund raising event for funds for the Village Hall. Please give us your support. Tickets available from Jean Wright and Village Hall Committee members.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

Once again it will be our Birthday Meeting on 19th October. Some of our own members will be entertaining us and we are to have a birthday cake too so this will be a special occasion. The competition - a small piece of brass not exceeding 6" overall. Four of our members helped with teas etcetera in the canteen at Heath Hospital on 24th September. *M. Purkis.*

FIRST TIME BUYERS?

A pair of young swallows decided early this July that my garden shed was the ideal site for their first home. The rotary clothes drier made a convenient staging post (I feared for my washing but they preferred empty times and there was only one mishap) and work was quickly under way. Where did they find the mud which soon liberally be-daubed the beam in this driest of summers? I had to prop open the shed door as activities began early and finished late. Three fledglings were coaxed to the drier on 1st September and sat there for long periods preening while mum and dad swooped around, continually returning to fill their gaping beaks. All five are flickering around this evening, the 9th September. How long before they leave? *I. Wilkinson.*

WORKING WITH YOUTH.

It's noisy, it's tiring, it's fun and it's on Wednesdays. Yes, with the return to school, the Youth Group has also started a new term.

Along with the leaders we have formed a committee from members of the Youth Group and are planning a variety of events over the next few months. But, we need more leaders/helpers. You do not need to have young people in the group, you do not need experience of working with youth and you do not even need to give a regular commitment if that creates difficulties

We would love to hear from anyone who is willing to help out. We run two sessions: 6.15pm to 7.30pm (10-12+ your olds) and 7.45pm to 9.15pm (13 years upwards). If you are unsure whether it is for you, then come along to a session and find out, or, give me a ring (231115). You will be warmly welcomed.

Dennis Simons, Youth Group Leader.

THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER.

October is the ideal month for laying turfs for new lawns and repairing damage to old lawns owing to the drought. Plant new roses towards the end of the month, take cuttings of species roses, ramblers, some floribundas and some old roses. Divide and replant overgrown perennials that have finished flowering. Dahlias, when frost blackens the foliage, cut down stems to 6" and lift tubers. Remove all annuals from the ground, complete planting of daffodil bulbs but tulips can be left to the end of November. Clean dead leaves from pools, remove dying water-lily leaves and thin out submerged plants at the end of the month. Take hardwood cuttings of red, white and blackcurrants, also cuttings of gooseberries.

Herbs: for a winter supply of mint pot some roots and place in a sunny window. Start storing apples and pears for the winter. *Fred Wickham.*

BROWNIES.

I have now had my first meeting as the new Brown Owl with all the Brownies being most helpful in introducing me to Brownie ways. Kestrel, the District Commissioner, came to visit us and following her inspection challenged those who bit their nails to stop. Birthday badges were awarded to Claire, Anna, Elisha and Eleanor as well as Footpath Badges to Lindsay, Chloe and Hannah with a Roadway Badge to Ellie. The Swimmers Interest Badge was gained by Isabel and the Pack Holiday Badge was awarded to Lindsay, Eleanor, Elisha, Isabel, Alison, Hannah, Chloe and Ellie. The meeting ended with a farewell along the Brownie Route to Caroline who is now joining the Guides and the Brownies wish her all the best.

Brown Owl.

DOVERCOURT PACK HOLIDAY.

The theme for our Pack Holiday was 'Alice in Wonderland'. Saturday morning we went on Pack Holiday. When we got there we put out our beds, sorted our jobs and went down to the beach. On the beach we made some carts, drew pictures in the sand of a fish, a lobster, a mermaid and a seagull. On these we put shells, seaweed and anything else we could find on the beach. The first night was the worst and the noisiest. Next day we went to church and two of the Brownies read from the Bible. On Monday we did Alice's Sports. The Hat Race was one of the best. It involved piling up hats on your head and trying to keep them on without them falling off.

Tuesday was an exciting day: first we went roller-skating followed by swimming. The next day we had a party, 'The Mad Hatters Tea-Party'. During the holiday the Brownies were split into groups and were told

to prepare their own little plays in their spare time. These were performed after the party. The leaders performed one also. Thursday was the last day. The Brownies left at 6 O'clock in the evening. Through the week the Brownies made presents for their families. *The Brownies.*

DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Exhibitions and Maintenance Grants for Educational purposes are offered to young people resident in Ardleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford S. Mary. Application forms may be obtained from Frank Battong, 47 Butt Road, Colchester, CO3 3B2, Clerk to the Governors. Closing date 29th October, 1989.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - THE SAINTS.

August Bank Holiday at S. George's Church - the Saints came marching in.

By colourful armfuls of flowers carried within

Each Saint arrangement on selected space,

The chosen theme took shape and place.

Much care and skill resulted in pleasure to the eye,

As many visitors gazed there strolled by;

Several said we'd excelled ourselves this year.

Thanks to God for the gift to arrange His beautiful flowers,

And to those who spent on them hard working hours.

Betty Rowe.

BEATING THE BOUNDS.

Beating the Bounds is the more colloquial way of saying perambulating the parish and the custom still exists today in the Bromleys and elsewhere. When maps were rare it was usual to go round the parochial boundaries on Ascension Day or in the week following Rogation Sunday. This week also had the name 'Gang Week'. Ganging is the Essex work for going around the parish.

How ancient is the custom you may well ask. It is mentioned in the laws of both Alfred the Great (871-901) and Athelstan (925-940) and was a custom taken over from heathen to Christian use. The Romans had a festival of Terminus, the god who looked after boundaries and in whose honour feasts of cakes and wine were held as also were sports days and dances at the various boundaries. In England the event was the occasion for a parish-ale or feast which helped to make for interest and popularity. When the event became Christian the direction of its religious outlook changed and from it Rogationing began.

When Edward VI became king (1547) processions were forbidden by law but the right to go the bounds of the parish may have been exempt. In 1558 Elizabeth I still banned processions but Section XVIII of her Act allowed parishioners 'to go the bounds of the parish as they were accustomed'.

Although subsequent to the Reformation the custom lost much of its spiritual significance the duty to perambulate continued so that the exact identity of parish boundaries could be preserved. If the Incumbent and the Churchwardens and at least six of the chief parishioners did not officially give notice and subsequently do the rounds they could be (and usually were) reported to the Archdeacon and he and his ecclesiastical court sent a letter of Admonition which had to be read at the next Sunday's church service. In addition there had to be an undertaking that there would never be the same mistake made again; the Incumbent sent a certificate to the next Archdeacon's Court to say that all had been done. (To be continued) *John Applebv.*

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - PARISH CHURCH - OCTOBER 1989.

Sunday 1st	TRINITY 19	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 8th	TRINITY 20	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 15th	TRINITY 21	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Parish Eucharist
Tuesday 17th	S. LUKE	6.30pm Holy Communion at Hamilton Lodge
Sunday 22nd	TRINITY 22	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 29th	TRINITY 23	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Evensong – Youth Service
Wednesday 1st	ALL SAINTS DAY	7.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 2nd	ALL SOULS DAY	7.30pm Requiem for the departed

BURIAL AND CREMATIONS

Friday 1st September	Jill Hall - Colchester Crematorium
Monday 11 September	Ethel Henden - Colchester Crematorium
Monday 11 September	Mary Camilla Esther Smith – Great Bromley Churchyard

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 20th August Eleanor Frances Eugenie Harding
Sunday 3rd September Michael Jon Robert Buxton
Sunday 10 September Emma Louise Skinner
Christopher James Platt

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Saturday 30th September Craig Alexander Hiddleston and Louise Edith Tricker

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 1st October Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 8th October Burnt Heath 11.00am
Sunday 22nd October Balls Green 11.00am
Sunday 29th October Burnt Heath 11.00am

OBITUARIES.

It is sad to have to record the deaths of three well known parishioners from Great Bromley. On Monday, 1st August, at the early age of 52, Jill Hall, whose parents and grandparents had farmed Manor Farm for many years died very suddenly. Jill, who had lived all her life in the village in the house in which she was born, was known throughout the parish for her farming skills, especially in the husbandry of poultry. Her death, coming as suddenly as it did, is a sad loss to her family and all her many friends.

Early on Saturday morning, 2nd September, Mary Smith from the Cheshire Home died in Severalls Hospital at the age of 56. Although confined to a wheel-chair for many years, Mary led a very active life, in particular in organising events and money raising activities for the benefit of residents of Seven Rivers Home. She had been a resident there for fifteen years, and when ten years ago she married another of the residents, Bert, she and her husband were the first (and only so far) residents to marry and live their married life at Seven Rivers. Despite her crippling disability, Mary showed joy and happiness in coping with her infirmity, which is an object lesson to all those of us who do not have to bear such disabilities. She will be greatly missed by her husband Bert, the residents of the Home and all who knew her.

On the same day as Mary's funeral, the funeral also was held of Ethel Wenden who died after a long illness at the age of 78. Ethel married Douglas Ernest Wenden, who died in October 1983, and came to live at Chase Farm which had been farmed by the Wenden family for many years. Throughout her life in the village she became very well known and greatly loved by a very large number of people. When her husband died their son David continued to carry on the family tradition of farming Chase Farm. Our sympathy goes to her family, especially David and Sue, in their loss.

Please Pray for those who have lost members of their families, and for those who have died, that they may rest in peace.

S. GEORGE'S TOWER REPAIRS.

I do hope that by the time this is read that the repairs will finally have been completed. We seem to have one snag after another, the last being a problem over the baffles which are being fitted to the belfry windows. As soon as these are fitted and the bearings of the bells are cleaned, we will be able to resume ringing in the tower. Although we have no confirmation of the final cost, we estimate (and this is only an estimate) that the cost is likely to be £99,700. Of this we have paid to the contractors and architect £94,000 leaving the sum of £5,700 yet to be paid. Including two grants which have not yet been paid, we have in the Repair Fund £15,800. Having paid the contract cost of £5,700 (if that is the actual cost) the Fund will stand at £10,100. As we have received repayable loans to help in the financing of the work, the amount loaned to us being £22,500, we will still need a further £12,400 to clear our debts. For this reason, although the work on the tower will have been completed, we will have to continue our fund raising. It is a possibility that an additional grant may be made by English Heritage and we are waiting to hear how much this will be.

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The Bromley Messenger November 1989.

This month we include the concluding part of John Appleby's article about the 'Beating of the Bounds'. In the parish church there are also copies (25p each) of a pamphlet describing the history of S. George's Church, also prepared and written by John Appleby. We are most fortunate in having a historian like Mr. Appleby to call upon to record the history of the parish. The Parish Council has asked that the report of the 'Best Kept Village' competition be published in the 'Messenger'. This is in the central pages of this issue. It certainly makes interesting reading.

In looking back at last November's issue I saw that the idea of having a Youth Club in the parish was first floated. All will know that this is now a very active group with forty-five active members and six helpers, led most enthusiastically by Mr. Dennis Simons. It was most encouraging to know that as a result of last month's article in the magazine, some other people in the two villages have offered to help. The Group will welcome any new members, ten and over for the Junior Group and thirteen and over for the Senior Group. In particular we would be pleased to see any young people from Little Bromley. Please contact Dennis Simons (231115) or the Rector for more information. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this venture such a success.

This month 'The Messenger' is sponsored by Greenacres Cattery Briar Road, Great Bromley Post Office Stores and The Wivenhoe Bookshop, all three under the ownership of well-known residents of the parish. We thank them for their support, and we hope that in turn, readers will support them too. Please can contributions for December reach the Rectory by Wednesday, 8th November.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

The Parish Council has arranged an important meeting to discuss 'Village Homes for Village People' to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th November at 7.30pm. It is hoped that many residents will want to come along and take part. The Parish Council thought it would be a good idea to publish the results of the marking for the Best Kept Village Competition' held this year. The marks vary quite considerably, giving heart to some and concern to others. It should help us all to see where improvement must be sought for next year. The marking scheme is printed in full in this issue.

COMPETITION RESULT.

The correct solution to the competition set by Len Christodoulides in the August Copy of the Messenger - was: 'The magazine of the villages of Great and Little Bromley'. The winner of the prize was Becky Davis.

DANCE 50's AND 60's STYLE.

As announced last month the 50's and 60's style dance will be held in Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday 18th November from 8.00pm to midnight, in aid of the Village Hall Funds. Music will be provided by Brian Lee Sound and a bar will be available. Tickets can be obtained from Jean Wright and members of the Village Hall Committee.

FIREWORK DISPLAY & BARBECUE

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Saturday 14th November 6.30pm Tickets £2.00 (Children half price) available from Cheshire Home or telephone Bert Colchester 231428

PARISH CHURCH NEWS.

Because of the very poor condition of the few copies of the Prayer Books in church, the Parochial Church Council decided to replace them with a new book 'The Sunday Service Book'. This book contains the services from the 1662 Prayer Book and also services from the Alternative Service Book.

Two years ago it was decided to use the service known as Rite B from the Alternative Service Book at services of Holy Communion, and this service is printed in full in the new book we are now using. As there are one or two slight differences from the version we have in the booklets we have been using for some time, we are making some slight changes at the 10.30am service to enable us to use the new book without too much difficulty. All the changes are listed on an instructional sheet which is available in church to use at the service. We will continue to use the 1662 order of service for Mattins and Evensong which are both to be found in the new book. If any member of the congregation wishes to have their own copy of the book, it can be obtained from booksellers price £4.95 or, if preferred, the Rector can obtain copies if they are ordered.

Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday, 12th November this year. At the Parish Eucharist at 10.30am we will be making our act of remembrance and after the service, lay wreaths at the War Memorials in Little and Great Bromley. The list of the fallen in both villages will be read at all the services on that Sunday.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Harvest Thanksgiving was as usual, a very happy and successful time. I would like to thank all who decorated the church, the children of S. George's School and all who made the Harvest Supper so successful. As a result of the supper £203 was given to the general church funds.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH TOWER.

It is a great pleasure and relief to be able to say that after such a long time, all the work on the Tower has now been completed. The bearings of the bells are being overhauled and cleaned and at last, we will be able to hear our bells ringing out once again. The repair of the Tower has been undertaken only with a great deal of help and many financial gifts from the parish and elsewhere. To every one who has contributed in any way, I would like to express my most grateful thanks. In order to preserve a record of all the assistance we have received, a Commemorative Board is to be placed inside the church and a Commemorative Book which will include the names of every person and organisation who have contributed to the cost. This we now know, is to be in the region of £99,000. It would be nice to say that we have raised this money, but although we have sufficient in the funds to pay the contractor's account, we do have borrowings to repay. The sum we need is in the region of £12,000 but this may be considerably less if English Heritage, as they have indicated to us, do in fact increase their original grant. We do however, need to continue our efforts for the Repair Fund and I hope that two functions in November and December will be well supported.

In November, on SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, there is to be a concert in the church given by the Choir of the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch, to be followed by a buffet supper with wine in the school. Tickets For this, £5.00, are available from the Rector or Great Bromley Post Office Store. The concert will include items by Victoria, Purcell and Grieg.

In December, on SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER at the Village Hall, the Christmass Sale will be in aid of the Repair Fund. All the usual stalls and attractions will be provided. Tickets for a Grand Draw will be available in November. Any gifts for stalls or the raffles would be very much appreciated.

Please let Jean Wright (230663) know if you can help. Sewing meetings to make goods for sale commenced on 16th October at Jean Wright's house, 1 S. George's Close. If you can help in this way you will be welcome on any Monday evening up to the sale day.

BAND CONCERT (BIG BAND SOUND).

The HARWICH SCHOOL BAND is to present a concert of Music For All in the Village Hall on Friday, the 3rd November at 7.30pm. Tickets for entrance are £1.50 each, 50 pence for children. They can be bought before the day or you can pay at the door. All the proceeds are going to the Village Hall Funds.

GUIDES.

The first few weeks of the new term have seen us with an earlier starting time of 6.45pm and a new marching routine to help get the meetings off to a good start. Well done goes to Helen on gaining her Campers Badge. We have had a 'spy' weekend at Weeley where we made Skylons, de-coded messages, tried out hand at stalking and hunted for and retrieved 'contaminated' canisters. For each challenge and activity completed, each Patrol was given a piece of a message which eventually led, on the Sunday afternoon, to packages put at the bottom of steps at Weley Station. The contents of the packages were edible. On the Saturday evening each Patrol gathered wood in the Spinney and then cooked their chosen meal on their own fire. The mouth-watering smell of chicken wafting from one side, lamb the other. Although the weather was often dull and drizzly an enjoyable time was had by all. *Treble.*

GREAT BROMLEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB.

The following are the dates for the Great Bromley Bowls Club. All meetings are held in the Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

November: 8th, 13th, 22nd and 29th.

December: 4th, 11th and 20th.

Anyone who would like to give it a try would be most welcome - so why not bowl along!

PLAYGROUP.

The AGM of Great Bromley and Frating Playgroup was held on Monday, 25th September, at Whyte Cottage, Great Bromley. 1989 has been a good year, we now have seventeen children attending with several toddlers and their mums joining us on Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall. Several new large pieces of equipment have been bought this year for the children to enjoy.

The committee was elected as follows: Mrs. C. Phelps, chairman; Mrs. A. Rowe, secretary; Mrs. R. Lawson, treasurer; J. Norman, J. Warren, J. Beauchamp, E. Kemp, C. Kynaston committee members; Mrs. E. Oliver and Mrs. C. Cordwell, supervisors. We hope to have a stall at the sale in the Village Hall on 4th November and the children's photographer will be attending playgroup on Monday, 20th November - anyone welcome to use this facility. Christmas party to be Monday, 18th December. Any new toddlers and mums more than welcome on Wednesdays. *Amanda Rowe.*

GREAT BROMLEY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

End of Season Report. Great Bromley and District Cricket Club enjoyed a very successful season both on and off the pitch during the summer. The Club finished the season as runners-up in the 5th Division of the Lancaster Garages League, sandwiched between local rivals Tendring and Ardleigh and therefore gained promotion to Division Four.

The Club held a successful end of season barbeque disco at Ilex Farm, Burnt Heath, which attracted more than one hundred people. Over £300 was raised for club funds. During the winter months Great Bromley will be competing in the 1st Division of the Royal London Indoor Alliance Cricket League. Having won promotion from the Second Division the club will be competing against distinguished opponents such as Colchester and East Essex, the Royal Grammar School and Abberton.

The club would like to thank the many vice-presidents who have supported Great Bromley throughout the season. Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th November, at the Village Hall in Great Bromley. *Fraser Eadie.*

GALA CHARITY NIGHT & PERFUME PARTY

Cross Inn & Motel Bromley, Friday 10th November 8.00pm Proceeds to Church Restoration Fund and B.L.I.S.S.

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB. '100 Club' lottery.

With November upon us, once again we have come to the end of another year of the Cricket Clubs monthly lottery. To the people who participated in the draw for the past twelve months, I would like to express my thanks for their support, as this fund raising effort goes a long way to keep our club on a firm financial footing. In the year just ended October, the lottery paid out £600 in prize money. I would appreciate it if those people who wish to join for another twelve months could get their monies to me (Bill Kempster - 230378) or Pete Sauvary at the Black Boy by 22nd November. It is still only £1 per month. To anyone wishing to join for the first time, I will explain quickly how the draw works.

To be in the draw for a full year will cost £12 (£1 per month). A lottery number will then be issued to you in the form of a membership card which will also be your receipt of payment. Every last Wednesday of the month, three numbers are drawn out of the hat. The first one out will win £25; second one £15 and the third will win £10. Your number is entered every month regardless of whether you win, so it is possible to get more than one prize in a year (as indeed some do). Winners will be listed in the local news columns of the Essex County Standard and the East Anglian every month. If you do decide to join, I wish you the very best of luck for the coming year. *Bill Kempster.*

KITCHEN CORNER.

One of the quickest, tastiest dishes I know was featured last year on TV Food and Drink programme. In case you missed it, here is the recipe.

For two people you will need 8 oz of calf or lambs liver ~ cut in thin slices. Ask your butcher to cut it really thin! Have ready warmed plates with either cooked vegetables or a salad garnishing. Dip the liver slices in seasoned flour, make a frypan really hot, add 4 table-spoons olive oil, put in the liver and cook for 20 seconds only. Turn the slices over, sprinkle with Worcester sauce and add ¼ pint high juice orange squash. Let it bubble for a second or two then serve immediately with the sauce spooned over.

Jill Frostick.

AS WE WERE.

I am indebted to Dick Hayward for the loan of photocopies of the 1841 census. When I first came to Great Bromley, fifty years ago, most of its people were closely connected with the land. A hundred years before that, everybody was. There were eight farmers (a Carrington and a Wenden among them) and they employed more than sixty labourers, besides a shepherd and a sheepdresser. There was work for two blacksmiths and seasonal employment for three thatchers, two drovers, a dealer, four butchers, two carpenters and four well diggers, even a sawyer - the labourers had to do the hedging and ditching. The only work for women was domestic service (though doubtless along with the children, they earned a few pence at potato picking time). There were four women servants .at the Rectory, plus one man, three at the Lodge (now Hamilton Lodge) and most of the farms had one or two.

(to be continued).

PS - I bade farewell to my lodgers on Michaelmas Day. Now I have got to clean out the shed.

Mrs. I. Wilkinson.

BEATING THE BOUNDS (cont).

In large parishes, walking around the boundaries could take as long as three days, but no matter how long the time needed, this had to be undertaken at the risk of receiving an official Admonition from the Archdeacon. Bishop Wren of Norwich in 1636 issued orders to his clergy to lead the parishioners on the walk and at convenient places to stop and thank God for the fruits of the earth. The walk was to end at the Parish Church where the Eucharist was to be celebrated and a sermon preached. The parson was not to wear a surplice during the walk; if he did he would be reported and receive another Admonition from the Archdeacon. Beating the bounds enabled the boundaries of the parish to be easily identified, but the publication of the Ordnance Survey maps in 1862 made this unnecessary, and therefore this custom gradually died out. References to the custom in this parish are to be found in the Churchwarden's Accounts, some of which are as follows:

'Bromley Magna 1666 .. William Siday Senr and William Wyles, Churchwardens .. for the yeare past (1665-6) .. May 29 (1666) spend upon the Perambulation .. £0.ls.Od.'

'Bromley Magna, the Accounts of John Blose Churchwarden for the yer 1678 .. Laid out on holey Thursday (Ascension Day) in exspenes of those that went the Bowndes for all Charges in victels and beer .. £0.12s.Od.' This was rather an expensive year!

'Bromley Magna .. for the year 1683 given up to the Townsmen on Easter Munday Being The 31st of March 1684 as foloweth ..

May 17th .. Paid for The Expenses of The 10 men that went The Bounds of the Towne (in 1683) .. £0.5s.Od.'

Great Bromley was often called a town and had its Town House and Townlands.

I am interested to hear from anyone who has taken part in the ceremony of 'Beating the Bounds' and especially in the Bromleys. Perhaps you may also have photographs to prove this or other photographs or postcards of the Bromleys which you would loan to me for copying. John S. Appleby. FRHistS.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

On Thursday, 16th November at our monthly meeting, Mr. Turner, one of our members, will be showing us films taken on our outings during the year. The competition will have been announced at the October meeting. Final names for the Christmas lunch will be taken at the meeting. *Mrs. M. Purkis.*

THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER.

Make a final cut early in the month of lawns and apply fertiliser, complete turfing new lawns, and seeding. Plant new shrubs, but give frost protection to tender ones, also plant new hedges. Prune climbing roses and also plant new ones as soon as they arrive. Divide perennials and plant new ones, do not throw the divisions on the fire, exchange with friends. Examine dahlia tubers for rotting. Finish planting bulbs of tulips etc., and keep potted ones just moist. Keep garden pools free of fallen leaves, also remove dead leaves from lilies. Give your houseplants plenty of light, cease feeding and water sparingly. Begin winter pruning of fruit trees and protect fruit buds from birds. Do not forget your winter exercises with the spade and watch your back. *Fred Wickham.*

S. GEORGE'S SCHOOL.

In recent weeks some minor damage has been done to school property. It would help if anyone sees people in, or using the school grounds at times when there is no official use, they would inform the local police. The school would very much like to have a garden seat or bench. If anyone has one which they no longer use and would be prepared to give it to the school, I would be very pleased to hear from them.

The school governing body has been reconstituted. It now comprises the following members:

Mrs. Pat Fitzgerald	Head Teacher, ex officio
The Revd. P. Davis	Rector, ex officio
Mrs. J. Clapham	Rep. of Diocesan Education Committee
Mrs. J. Terry	Rep. of Great Bromley Parish Council
Mr. G. Kempster	Rep. of Essex County Council
Mr. D. Rogerson	Rep. of Essex County Council
Mrs. S. Tillbrook	Rep. of School Staff
Mrs. S. Orris	Rep. of parents
Mr. P. Martin	Rep. of parents

Mrs. P. Fitzgerald.

GREAT BROMLEY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.

The AGM was held on the 10th September and donations were made from the year's fund raising as follows: Playgroup £200, Church Restoration £200, Hamilton Lodge £25, Cricket Club £25, Great Bromley School £50, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children £75.

Sincere thanks to all those many people who helped and supported this year's events. The existing officers were re-elected for 1989/90. However Betty Rowe and Jacqui Terry resigned from the committee and we thank them for all their hard work. By popular demand next year's Carnival will revert to the traditional procession complete with Carnival Queen. This will require the commitment of all the societies in the village and more committee members are needed urgently. Please contact Linda Pinhey on 230126.

Also by request we are endeavouring to have a Caribbean Dance in the Marquee (larger and heated!) after this year's tremendous success. Suggestions are requested for beneficiaries of next year's fund raising, these currently include the Parish Council to provide road signs, road name plates, bus shelter, trees - other suggestions to be submitted by the 4th December, 1989.

ENDPIECE.

An American cartoon pictured an office with a sign beside the door that said 'President'. Inside, there sat an enormous desk with two 'In' and 'Out' baskets, a telephone switchboard, and a postal scale. A gentleman, dressed in a three-piece suit, was sweeping the floor. Outside, one employee was remarking to another, 'He'd be a great president if he ever learned to delegate'.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS - S. GEORGE'S CHURCH - NOVEMBER.

Wednesday 1st ALL SAINTS DAY 7.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd ALL SOULS DAY 7.30pm Requiem for the Departed

Saturday 4th 7.30pm Concert and supper

Sunday 5th TRINITY 24 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service and Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

Thursday 9th 7.30pm PCC meeting

Sunday 12th REMEMBRANCE 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist and Remembrance
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 19th TRINITY 26 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School

10.30am Mattins and Sermon 6.30pm Parish Eucharist

Sunday 26th SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School

10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong

Saturday 2nd 2.30pm Christmass Sale

Sunday 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 12th 11.00am Balls Green

2 Sunday 19th 11.00am Burnt Heath

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Balls Green

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS.

Tuesday 26th September Olive Iris Sheppard Colchester Crematorium

Thursday 28th September Margery Bernick Upminster Crematorium

Sunday 8th October Agnes Lilian Cole Cemetery

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday 15th October Karl Christopher Cheal, Devon Annice Cheal

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VILLAGE: Great Bromley

FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO BE MARKED	MARK	REMARKS
a. INFORMATION AND ADVICE	7	Good
1. Condition of notice boards and notices displayed.		
b. TIDINESS AND GENERAL APPEARANCE -		n/a
2. Bus shelters.		
3. Car parks.		n/a
4. Churchyard, chapel and cemetery surrounds.	8	Good especially the church yard
5. Commercial: garages light industry	6	Average
6. Domestic gardens, hedges, fences walls and visible outbuildings	6	Average, these varied a lot
7. Absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps	5	Average, spoilt by one unsightly dump
8 Condition of litter bins/baskets. .		n/a
9. Playing Field and Recreation Ground.	10	Excellent +1
10. Public Conveniences		n/a
11. Public Houses and surrounds	4	Fair
12. School. surrounds.	8	Good
13. Shop Windows and areas around shops	4	Fair - untidy
14. Streams and Ponds.	3	Fair – rather messy
15. Telephone Kiosks	7	Good
16. Village Greens and Commons		n/a
17. Village Hall and surrounds	7	Good but spoilt by one litter dump
18. Village seats or benches	2	Rather poor and uncared for
19. Verges and footpaths	4	Fair
20. War Memorial and surround	8	Good – well cared for.
C. Community Involvement		Evidence of community... [can't read]

The Bromley Messenger December 1989.

This issue of 'The Messenger' will no doubt arrive on your doormat at a time when everybody is beginning to get busy preparing for Christmass. Many will say as I do, it cannot be twelve months since we were last preparing for this time! but it is. Time is the ever rolling stream. The preparations we are making involve cards to be written and sent, presents to be bought, decorations to be made and put up and of course, all the traditional foodstuffs to be obtained and cooked. In all the hurly burly of rush in the next few weeks, it would be good if we all could bear two things in mind. The First is the plight of millions of people throughout the world who do not have the resources as we do just to survive let alone have great festivals of jollity and eating. The second is the reason why we are all doing what we are, preparing for a great festivity. Christmass without Christ is an impossibility; remember the lady who complained in a shop where she was buying Christmass cards, 'look, they are even bringing religion into Christmas'. The mistake that has occurred in this century is to cross out the word Christ and replace it with an X. 'X' usually signifies nothing, so 'Xmas' means a festival of nothingness. As we rejoice at parties, probably singing some of the traditional carols, let us try to think what the words are that we sing. We really are celebrating the birth of God's only Son, born as a refugee in Bethlehem. I wish all readers a very happy and peaceful Christmass, and pray that it may be a time for real recollection of the love of God, not only for us, but for all people throughout the world, people who may not have the privileges and resources that we ourselves so much enjoy.

This edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the Great Bromley Pantomime Group. Not only do they give a great deal of pleasure to the many people who see their productions, hut also they contribute handsomely to village charities and needs. The January production 'Babes in the Woods' is announced in this issue. If you have never been to a Great Bromley Pantomime, do not lose the opportunity to share the pleasure of all the many who year by year are avid fans. The Pantomime Group also invite us to join with them in their Christmas dance on Saturday, 23rd December.

Contributions for the January issue should reach the 'Rectory by Monday, 11th December please.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR CHRISTMASS - THE PARISH CHURCH.

Sunday 17th December 6.30pm A service of readings and carols to which all parishioners are invited.

Tuesday 19th December 2.00pm S. George's School Carol Service.

Sunday 24th December, Christmass Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass of Christmass.

Monday 25th December, Christmass Day 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 24th December 11.00am A Service for Christmass at Balls Green Chapel.

POORLANDS AND JACOBS CHARITY.

In accordance with the Trust Deeds of these ancient charities, the annual distribution will take place in S. George's Church at 10.00am on Monday, 1st January, 1990. In 1989 it was possible to give each recipient £5.00, and it is hoped that this sum will be available in 1990. The original Trust Deed required that loaves of bread be distributed and this was maintained until 1951 when it was decided that a gift of money be arranged instead.

It is interesting to note that in that year widows were given two shillings each, aged persons one shilling and sixpence and families with children were given one shilling for each child. In the following year, 1952, the Trustees agreed to discontinue the distribution for children in order that a more realistic sum be given to the elderly - the sum to be given to them was four shillings!

The Trustees hope that recipients will be able to come to the Church to receive the gift, but they will ensure that those who are entitled will receive the gift. They will be pleased to receive applications from any person entitled to receive a gift under the terms of the Trust, elderly persons and widows in addition to those who are annual recipients. Any application should be received by the Chairman of the Trustees, the Rector, no later than Friday, 15th December.

S. GEORGE'S CHURCH NEWS.

The Parochial Church Council decided that commencing in January, 1990, the morning service each Sunday will be the Parish Communion. The form of the Family Service we have been using for some time at the Family Service on the first Sunday of each month will continue to be used, but it will be extended slightly to include the Communion. This will still be known as the Family Service and the children of the Sunday School will be asked to take as much part in this as possible. I hope that all members of the congregation, children and their parents, will make this a real family activity by being with us on that Sunday. We will continue the custom of offering coffee and soft drinks after the service to all who attend. An explanatory leaflet will be available in church for all who attend to make this change clear. It is proposed to sing the service of Mattins on the occasions when there is a fifth Sunday in each month.

FLOWER FESTIVAL.

The Flower Arranging Class which meets at Greyfriars, Colchester, and which follows a course of study leading to a City and Guilds Certificate in Flower Arranging, in the course of its study is expected each year to undertake the mounting of a Flower Festival as part of their studies. In 1989 they arranged a festival at All Saints Church, Great Horkelesley. They have contacted the Parochial Church Council with a request that they arrange a Festival at S. George's in 1990. Their offer has been gladly accepted and the festival will take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 26th, 27th and 28th May. The far wider advertising of this which will come from the Class will ensure that very many more people will know about this and hopefully, will attend. It means that we will not be asking our own flower arrangers to mount a festival next year, but I hasten to assure them that there will be other opportunities for them to use the skills which, over the years, we have all appreciated so much.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

I hope this will reach you in time for you to be reminded of the Annual Christmas Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd December. This year it is being held in aid of the Church Repair Fund. All the customary stalls will be available, together of course, with a visit from Santa Claus. There will be Christmas draw tickets available before the sale, and at the sale. This will be drawn at the Black Boy Public House on Thursday, 1st December at 8.00pm.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

4th November - Geoffrey Andrew Cox and Fiona Stephanie Coke.

S. GEORGE'S YOUTH GROUP.

It was too late to mention in the Messenger last month the very successful Youth Service held in S. George's on Sunday, 29th October. It was a delight to have so many of the young people taking part. In particular, I would like to mention the musical group for the lovely way they accompanied the service. Thank you to all who took part. We hope to arrange a further similar service in the Spring and in the Summer. The Youth Group close their meetings this term on Wednesday, 20th December and resume again on Wednesday, 10th January. One of the outstanding activities this term was the visit of the senior group to Chelmsford Ice Skating Rink on 1st November. This was very much enjoyed by the young people and the leaders who took them in their cars. We are most grateful to those who are giving up so much time to leading and helping our young people on Wednesday evenings.

THE CHURCH TOWER.

Yes, another report of woe! The builders, having completed the contract and leaving, it was necessary for experts to come and clean the bearings of the bells to make ready for the resumption of bell ringing. In the course of this they discovered some serious wood rot and beetle infestation in some of the main beams supporting the floor of the bell chamber. This means that once more we have to delay the start of bell ringing until a fuller inspection has been made to ensure the safety of the ringing chamber. This inspection will take place on 24th November and we hope that although the work to replace the infested beams will have to be undertaken, we might yet be able to commence ringing before Christmas. I am pleased to say that Mr. David Wenden has agreed to be appointed Captain of the Tower and, as soon as it is known that we can commence ringing, he will be starting regular bell practice and ringing for Sunday services.

BEST GUY COMPETITION.

We had a good response in the Best Dressed Guy competition on 5th November. PC Andrew Lindsay kindly offered to choose the winner; the result as follows: 1st Kerri, Kyle and Declan Shea 2nd Aron Kemp 3rd Steven and Daniel Bennington. The bonfire was duly lit and the guys duly burned. All the children attending were given a small gift donated by members of the Committee. Thanks to all concerned. We are hoping to hold some fund raising events in the future and anyone with ideas and offers of help would be most appreciated. It would be nice to see the Hare Green Field being used again. *Eileen Fowler.*

CAROL SINGING IN AID OF THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

On 12th December the singing will start at Seven Rivers Home, proceeding to the Cross Inn area. On 15th December it will start in S. George's Close, on to Springfield Close and then onwards to Park Farm.

On 20th December it will be at Hare Green and Meadow Close.

On 21st December it will be in Frating Road, the Black Boy, Back Lane West and on to Michaelmass House.

The meeting point each evening will be Church Meadow at 6.45 prompt. Anyone willing to participate please contact Stan West, Dennis Simons or Frank Griffiths as soon as possible.

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB.

How quickly the year has passed and once again we shall be assembling at Mr. and Mrs. P Wright's house for our Christmas Party 8.00pm on Thursday, 14th December. Do not forget to bring along some 'eats'. Our greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all in the Bromleys. *R. Field.*

FORTY YEARS ON.

In the village census for 1881 the listing is much more detailed. There are more sections 'condition as to marriage', 'relation to head of family'. Only one head was a woman, a widow of seventy-three who farmed forty-three acres with the help of her daughter. Under 'place of birth' I could find only three people who were not born in Great Bromley or nearby, two, an elderly lady who was retired and her sister were born in 'London City', and another, the wife of a farmer-dealer in Wanstead. The last new column sadly is headed 1 deaf and dumb, 2 blind, 3 imbecile or idiot, 4 lunatic. There is but one entry here, a poor soul who was 'afflicted' the recorder perhaps jibbed at a diagnosis. *I. Wilkinson.*

THE GARDEN IN DECEMBER.

Aerate badly drained areas of lawns and prepare for spring sowing. Planting of trees and shrubs can continue during mild spells, otherwise it is best to heel them in, also it is possible to still take hardwood cuttings. Complete the planting of roses during mild weather, also order perennial plants and seeds for spring planting. Check stools of chrysanthemums in frames and ventilate on mild days, also examine dahlia tuber for signs of rotting and withering.

Protect pools against freezing. Keep houseplants on the dry side but give as much light as possible and try to keep a constant temperature. Keep plants in flower moist especially forced bulbs and cyclamens. Continue the winter pruning of fruit trees, tie in new growths of blackberry and loganberry, new trees can also be planted. , . Happy Christmass from *Fred Wickham.*

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

November is always the month we hold our Annual Meeting, a time to review the happenings of the year gone by, to elect our President and meet our new Committee. Mary Clarke, Irene Harvey, June Wilgress, Vera Willats, Gwen Barrell, Pam Taylor, Jean Wright, Phil Buch are the lucky members this year with Jill Frostick as President. The Secretary and Treasurer will be chosen at the next Committee Meeting. Mrs. Daly V.C.O., who we discovered is the mother of Ardleigh's policeman, was ably on hand to guide us through the Agenda.

The December meeting will be our special Christmas one so do not forget to bring a small plate of food (important), cutlery, plate, cup and saucer (advisable) and a wine glass (essential). We are to be entertained by Hand Bell Ringers which should strike a festive note. Bring a friend with you but do not forget to double up on the required items! Mrs. Pippa Hardy would be very grateful for any books to sell on the WI stall at the Christmas Sale. She will be happy to collect them before the day.

ARDLEIGH CUBS AND SCOUTS.

Do you throw away old newspapers and drink cans? Why not save it for recycling? Contact Tristan (tel: 230288) as I collect it for Ardleigh Cubs/Scouts.

KITCHEN CORNER.

Sweets for Christmas are fun to make and the uncooked sort easier for children. I use any left-over icing from the Christmas cake to make fondants. Just add enough icing sugar to make a firm dough, and colouring and flavouring of your choice. I use green with peppermint essence, and pink with rose water or strawberry essence. Lemon and yellow go well together. Either shape into balls or roll out and cut into shapes with a small cutter. Leave on a tray lined with grease-proof paper to dry out in a warm place for a day or two before storing. Harlequins are made from marzipan tinted with various colours and rolled out. Layer them together and cut in squares or roll and slice to make colourful wheels.

Refridgerator Fudge:

170g butter
340g plain chocolate
680 g caster sugar
1 large egg
4 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
2 teaspoons vanilla essence
110g chopped glace cherries, raising or walnuts (Optional).

Lightly butter a straight sided tin about 20x30cms. . Put butter and broken-up chocolate in a basin and set over a pan of hot water. Stir till melted to a smooth paste. In a large bowl mix caster sugar, egg, condensed milk and vanilla. Stir in the melted chocolate and the cherries etc., if you are using them. Mix well, turn into the tin and smooth top flat. Chill in fridge for two hours before cutting into squares. Happy Christmass from *Jill Frostick.*

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

We enjoyed our birthday meeting in October when we were entertained so well by a group of our own members. Well done!

We will be entertained at our Christmas lunch on the 21st December by the Brantham Over 60's. The bus will leave Elmstead on that day at 12 noon. May we wish everyone a happy Christmas. *Mildred Purkis.*

THE BUNGALOW CHESHIRE HOME MARMALADE.

I would like to thank all those kind people who have bought marmalade at my door, and say with their support I have been able to give the Home £50. A happy Christmas and a happy new year to you all. *Mrs. Chilvers.*

RECREATION FIELD, HARE GREEN.

A 'clean up' day was organised on Sunday, 15th October. Blessed with good weather there was a good response from the local folk. A big 'thank you' from all the Committee to those who helped and a special 'thank you' to David and Darren Webb who worked tirelessly all day. *Eileen Fowler.*

BROWNIES.

Everyone has been working and playing hard with the advent of five new Tweenies. We are also busy reminding ourselves of our Brownie roots. Eleanor and Alison have become the new Sixer and Seconder respectively of Imps and Alison has gained her Roadway Journey Badge, Beth and Emma their Footpath Journey Badge with Brownie birthday badges for Chloe, Lyndsay, Emma, Hannah and Isabel. We are having an Open Evening on 7th December in the Brownie Hut to which friends and relatives are all invited. *Brown Owl.*

SERVICES - S. GEORGE'S CHURCH - DECEMBER 1989.

Saturday 2nd - 2.30pm Christmass Sale in Village Hall

Sunday 3rd ADVENT 1 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 10th ADVENT 2 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

Thursday 14th 7.30pm PCC at Rectory

Sunday 17th ADVENT 3 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday School 10.30am Mattins
6.30pm CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 19th 2.00pm School Carol Service

Sunday 24th ADVENT 4 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist

CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Monday 25th CHRISTMASS DAY 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service with Communion

Sunday 31st CHRISTMASS 1 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Mattins and sermon
6.30pm Eucharist of the New Year

Sunday 7th EPIPHANY 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong

METHODIST SERVICES.

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Balls Green Sunday 10th 11.00am Burnt Heath Sunday 24th 11.00am Balls Green

Sunday 7th 11.00am Burnt Heath

HOLY BAPTISM.

November 5th Lucy Rose May Elmes

FUNERALS.

October 18th Lily Ethel May Barrell, 5 Bromley Road

November 14th Joyce Eileen Tilhury, Hamilton Lodge

Helen Maud Wilson, Hamilton Lodge

VILLAGE HOMES FOR VILLAGE PEOPLE. Only five people attended the Open meeting at the Village Hall recently. Does this mean that we do not want some cheap housing in the village, especially for young people who cannot afford the current cost of homes? Does it mean that we have no one who would qualify for such a home? A village is a community of people who should be interested in influencing anything to do with the village. Rich, poor, young, old, male, female working together to improve the quality of life for all of us should be very concerned about this issue.

Perhaps people were concerned at where the village homes would be built, would it be at Church Meadow, Hare Green playing field, the cricket pitch or some other location?

Needless to say the Parish Council will have to conduct a survey of your wishes before it commits the parish to such a venture. Let us hope that you will all respond to this survey, whether you are in favour or not, so that at least the Parish Council can make a democratic decision.

This proposal is that land would be bought by a Housing Association at agricultural prices and starter homes would be built to be sold at cost by the Association to those qualified to purchase. The cost would

be considerably lower than one would pay for similar homes from a developer. The purchaser would have to Sign an agreement with the Housing Association that if they wished to vacate the property it could only be sold back to the original owner, the Housing Association, at a price that would reflect the increase in house prices but would not be on a par with private housing. This would enable the Association to resell the house to another applicant at low cost. *Len Christodoulides.*

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME - 12 TRIVIAL CHRISTMAS QUIZ QUESTIONS.

A prize for the first correct solution opened on 25th December will be awarded. Please send solutions to Len Christodoulides, Magnolia House, Bromley Road, Frating.

1. What is the penultimate letter of the Greek alphabet?
2. Over which country did Alexander the Great rule?
3. What is the minimum age at which the Duke of Edinburgh's Award can be won?
4. On which Island would you be if you visited the Palace of Knossos?
5. In Greek mythology who stole fire from the gods and gave it to mankind? .
6. Who was taken ill at a banquet and died?
7. Who starred with Anthony Perkins in the film 'Phaedra' and is now in politics?
8. What vegetable is Cyprus well known for?
9. In which island did James Durrell make his home?
10. What is the name for a Greek Church?
11. Which Sea separates Greece from Turkey?
12. When was the Greek War of Independence?

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Cross Inn and Motel, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley, Colchester (B1029), Telephone (0206) 230282. The Cross Inn is open all day with food at all times. Self-contained units from £30 per night with en suite facilities. Bed and Breakfast within the Public House from £12 per night. '

Please join us for carols by candlelight on Sunday, 17th December at the Cross Inn - all proceeds to the Church restoration Fund.