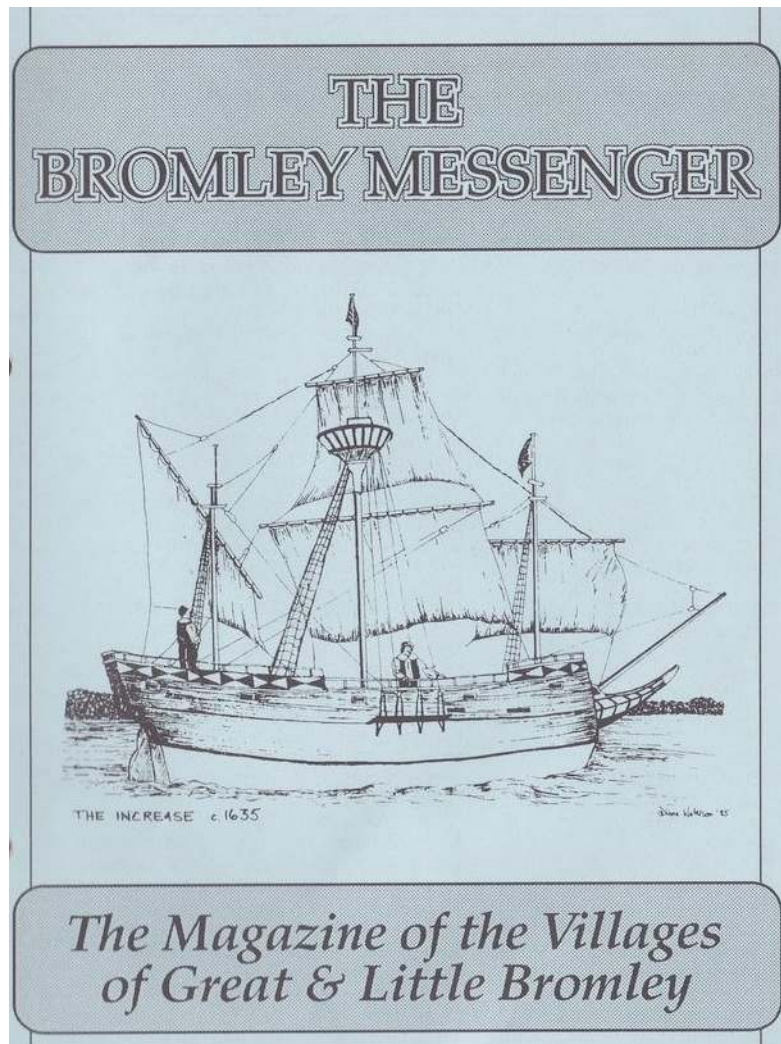


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3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – S. George’s Church, Great Bromley

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Wednesdays 5.00 pm              S. George’s Youth Club in Village Hall (term time only)

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## **The Bromley Messenger January 1994**

A New Year is always a time for looking to the future and wondering whatever is to happen in the next twelve months - and this year, 1994, is no exception. I hope, as I write this, that you all will have had a really joyful Christmass, and that the happiness of the season will really spill over into the rest of the year which faces us all. That the new year will produce changes and new challenges is absolutely certain. With a faith in, and dependence upon, God and His love, no change, no problem, no challenge will be too difficult for us to overcome. My thought goes to a lovely sentence from S. Paul's letter to the Philippians, and which has been a great comfort to me throughout my life, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me .." As we all face a New Year, with new beginnings, our approach must be to look forward with confidence, and with faith and trust in God, who will give us the strength to deal with anything that might come our way. That lovely passage quoted by King George in one of his Christmas messages can give us all a clue of how to face the future; "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, Give me a light that I may travel safely into the unknown. And he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God. That shall be better to you than a light, and safer than a known way".

May God bless you all in the year and months that lie ahead. *Rector*

This month we are grateful to the PARISH COUNCILS of GREAT AND .LITTLE BROMLEY for sponsoring this issue.

Contributions for the February issue should reach the Editor by Tuesday, 18th January, 1994, please.

### JANUARY DIARY

2nd Get-Together at Copley Dene to mark Rector's retirement

6th Garden Club A.G.M.

12th-15th CINDERELLA. Pantomime at the Village Hall

17th Playgroup new term starts

19th Toddler Group new term starts

20th Brownies new term starts

### FROM THE RECTOR

It comes as a great surprise to realise that this is the last time that I will provide notes for the Messenger. By the end of the month, I will cease to have the honoured and ancient title of Rector. My wife, my daughter Rebecca and I will take away with us to our new home in Colchester treasured memories of the great warmth and affection we have received from the parish and its residents. My own work in the parish would not have been possible without the support, help and encouragement I have received from so many of you, from members of the congregation and residents of the parish. It has been a rare privilege to live and work in such a friendly parish, surrounded by beautiful countryside. It is invidious to mention by name all who have helped and supported me, but I must mention John Appleby, the Churchwardens, past and present, the Chairman of the Parish Council and so many others who have made life and work possible for me. To them, and to you all, I offer my warmest thanks - may God always go with you.

Within a few months, a new rector will be living in the Rectory. I know that you will all give him all the support and help that you have given me so unstintingly in these past years. As we are only moving a few miles into Colchester, I hope that from time to time we will be able to meet you, our friends. Visitors will always be welcome at our retirement home in Braiswick.

*Paul Davis*

### TUPPERWARE PARTY

Although not well supported I was able to give £30.20 to the Children's Hospice which was the result of donations and commission on the orders. *Valerie Harris*

### BROWNIES

My apologies for having to cancel the Christmas party and thank you for all the Get Well cards. ' The new term starts on Thursday, 20th January. Any girl, aged 7 and over, who would be interested in joining Brownies are always welcome to come to our meetings which start at 5.30pm. *Brown Owl*

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GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the December meeting Jean Wright, our new President, welcomed guests from Lawford, Dovercourt and Ardleigh W.I.'s, members, friends and six husbands (well done chaps). The retiring President, Treasurer and Committee members were presented with "thank you" tokens and thank you Mrs Wilkinson for the Christmas card you sent for us all. It was voted to donate £15 to The Messenger this year.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Mr Peter King with his tinkling keys and witty quips and a sumptuous repast, provided by the members, was enjoyed by all. In fact a jolly evening was had! January meeting - an illustrated talk on China. Competition: a china cup and saucer.

MAKE A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION - all you ladies of Gt Bromley who have never been to a WI meeting; come and join us, we need some new members and WI can offer many opportunities for you and can be great fun. If you feel shy about coming on your own, don't worry there will be someone to greet you and make you feel welcome. *Pippa Hardy*

GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION

Woodlands, Dedham Tel: 0206 322165

Dear Friends

As a District consisting of six Brownie units, five Guide units, a Rainbow unit and a Ranger unit, you will appreciate it is always difficult finding Guiders and Unit Helpers to keep within the adults to girls ratio. We would also like to start a second Brownie pack in Lawford and Dedham and another Rainbow unit in the District to reduce the long waiting lists we have. Therefore, we are starting a recruitment campaign. Would you, or do you know of anyone 18 years or over who would, be interested in being a Guider or Unit Helper in our District? It does not matter whether you have been in Guiding or not, or know very little about us, training will be given. If you would like to know more of what is involved, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number, or my assistant, Jean Baalham, on 393313 for a chat. Thanking you in anticipation.

*Janet Gregory, District Commissioner for Manningtree District*

THANKS

I personally would like to thank all who once again made the Christmas Fayre a success - to stallholders, customers and for donations. Also many thanks once again to our own Father Christmas. The Village Hall Association and St George's Church each received £369.10p.

*Jean Wright*

KITCHEN CORNER

I recently came across this recipe from Ireland. It is a really easy and delicious supper dish, quick to make and warming for a winter day. I always think it is good to get back to simple food after all the rich Christmas fare!

DUBLIN CODDLE serves 4 - 6

Ingredients: 1 lb sausages 5lb thick cut streaky bacon 2 onions 2lbs waxy type potatoes  
Bay leaf, bunch of parsley

Method: Dice bacon, and cook gently till the fat runs. Remove from pan and stir in chopped onion. After 5 mins add sausages. Turn to coat with the fat, add bacon and potatoes cut into chunks, bay leaf and some chopped parsley. Pepper but no salt. Add water to be level with the top. Bring to boil and simmer gently with lid slightly askew for 45 mins either on hob or in the oven. Ingredients should be tender but not falling apart, and gravy reduced. If needed, lift out the solids and boil down the gravy to reduce more. Sprinkle with more parsley and seasoning if needed. Proper accompaniments are stout and soda bread! This was said to be Dean Swift's favourite dish. *Jill Frostick*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Apologies for having to cancel the December meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General meeting on Thursday, 6th January at the home of Mrs Wright. There is an old Chinese proverb that goes something like this: If you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk. If you want to be happy for a weekend, get married. If you want to be happy for a whole week, kill

your pig and eat it. But IF YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY ALL YOUR LIFE, BECOME A GARDENER. For most of us, gardening is a kind of self-prescribed preventative medicine. Whether it's half an acre or a few pots on a windowsill, watching and caring for our gardens seems to be good for most of our ills. We coax a seed into life. A couple of leaves unfurl. A bud flowers, fades and becomes a fruit, and the whole cycle is repeated year after year. No wonder most gardeners seem to have cracked the secret of a happy long life, since there always seems something to look forward to next Spring. *Vicky Griffiths*

#### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 16.12.93

County Councillor, Doug Pallett, advised that he was requesting flashing orange warning lights to be sited near the school to warn drivers; the parish council said that it would send in another letter in support of this request. District Councillor, Mrs Anne Elvin, informed the meeting that the traveller's caravan in Carrington Rd was given permission to stay a further two years. An enforcement order was to be served on the owner of the Spread Eagle site to tidy it up. A letter of thanks had been received for the donation made in memory of Major Varney. The Youth Club's auction had made over £100. Colchester Institute had sent a letter explaining their Outreach project which is aimed at people who have not previously considered taking a course or are unaware of the range and type of courses which they offer. (ie newly unemployed). As we have nowhere to stage a local education event it was decided to suggest the Institute should advertise in the Bromley Messenger. Further details on the courses offered and their venue can be obtained directly from the Institute (tel 761660). In reply to a request for a dog ban on Hare Green Recreation Field the area was said to be too large for a ban and was not completely enclosed and gated. It was decided to discuss this item at the next meeting and ask the Recreation Committee to attend with further suggestions. It was reported that at a public meeting on 2nd December Major Heaney was elected as Chairman of the Gypsy Action Committee. The Parish Council has received 5 replies to their letters on the proposed gypsy site which said that no recommendation had yet been made for any site in Tendring District. There was to be a meeting between the County Council and the District Council later in the month to discuss this. Parish councillor, Mrs Jean Harding, reported on the meeting of the NE Essex Health Authority which she had attended on behalf of the RC. Next meeting is on 27th January, 1994

#### MRS AUDREY APPLEBY 1926-1993

The Parish has suffered a severe loss in the death on 14th December at S. Helena Hospice, of Audrey, the dear wife of John, our Reader. Audrey was all her life a country person, born at Sturrocks Farm, Great Bentley, and living all her life in this area. Trained as a Nursery Nurse at Norlands, after marriage Audrey devoted herself entirely to the care and support of John in his teaching career and his churchwork, and in the bringing up of her four boys, and in more recent years to helping and supporting in every possible way her daughters-in-law and grandchildren. She was a great charity worker and at their home in Great Horkelesley, Audrey's weekly sales of all sorts of useful goods provided very large sums of money for William Ward School, Great Horkelesley, of which John was Headteacher, and the British Diabetic Association. Her association with this parish commenced when John became Head of Little Bromley School and Reader at Little Bromley Church. She had a great love for the parish and its people, all of whom became her very close friends. Whatever she did, her strong Christian faith shone out like a beacon. After a protracted illness Audrey is now at rest. We thank God for her example, her friendship and her service and we pray that John and his family will be comforted in their sadness. Audrey was buried in S. George's Churchyard on 18th December, 1993.

#### GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Last summer proved to be a very successful and enjoyable one for the cricket club. In the Lancaster Garages League, Gt Bromley finished as runners up to Mile End in the 3rd Division and therefore won promotion to the 2nd Division. Out of 20 matches played, Gt Bromley won 13, lost 6 and had one match abandoned. The 2nd Division is the highest division the club has been in and next season will present the club with a big challenge especially with clubs like Wivenhoe and Kelvedon providing the opposition. The success in the League overshadowed the performances in the friendly fixtures which still remain an important part of the club's season. 20 friendlies were played with Gt Bromley winning 8, drawing 6 and losing 6. Captain Fraser Eadie led the way with the bat scoring 1,110 runs including 8 x 50's and two centuries with Pip

Allam second scoring 726 runs, his highest ever aggregate. Pip's total included 3 x 50's. and a career best innings of 85 Not Out. Steve Foley was again Gt Bromley's leading bowler taking 57 wickets including a devastating best performance of 7-15 recorded in the League. Matt Pirie was second highest wicket taker with 33 victims, his best return being 5-37 also recorded in the League. The end of season dinner was held at Maltings Farm Restaurant, Gt Oakley and again proved to be a successful and enjoyable evening. The awards were presented by the Club

President's wife, Mrs Gwen Hayward, to the following:

Douglas Wenden Trophy (Batting Award) Fraser Eadie

Tubby Austin Shield (Players player of Year) Pip Allam

Bowling Trophy Steve Foley

Fielding Cup Matt Pirie

Clubman of the Year Nigel Rowe

Mrs Hayward also presented trophies to all the players who represented the club in the League, in recognition of this season's success. Presentations were also made to James Wild and Lynda Allam who were both retiring from their positions of Club Treasurer and Club Secretary. Both had given the club great service and the awards were thoroughly deserved. The club A.G.M. was held on 24th November and the following officers were elected.

President - Dick Hayward; Chairman - Phil Allam; Vice-Chairman - Bill Eadie;

Secretary - Tim Biscoe; Match Manager - Pip Allam; Fixture Secretary - Nigel Rowe;

Captain - Fraser Eadie; Vice-Captain - Tim Biscoe;

Committee Members - Tony Huish, Matt Pirie, Phil Wright.

During the winter months Gt Bromley have won 3 out of their 4 games, an ideal start for new indoor captain, Pip Allam.

#### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mr John Jarvis will be showing us some of his favourite slides at our January meeting, helping us to forget the "Winter Blues". The Competition - A picture from a Calendar. *Mildred Purkis*

#### THE TOWN HOUSE, 1881

The Guildhall of Medieval times became the Poor House in the late 18th century and then was known as The Town House and rented to 5 to 7 tenants. The Census of 1881 gives us more detail.

29 Town House 1 unoccupied

30 Jane Chaplin Widow age 72 born at Ardleigh

31 1 unoccupied

32 George Jaggard, Agricultural Labourer, age 45 born Gt Bromley

Sarah, his wife, Tailoress, age 48 "

George H Jaggard, their son,

Agricultural Labourer age 15 "

Amelia, daughter age 13 "

Keva, daughter, Scholar age 10 "

Kate, daughter, Scholar age 7 "

Charles, son, Scholar age 5 "

33 Joseph Starling, Agricultural Labourer age 26 "

Mildred, his wife age 26 born Suffolk Fawshall

Mildred Starling must have meant Lawshall, Suffolk. Ardleigh Marriage Register gives the entry Abraham Chaplin married Jane Lamb, 1831

Abraham was buried at Ardleigh 1856, aged 77.

From these entries we can see that only five tenants were in residence. For details of this sort we can thank Charles Abbot, son of Dr Abbot, Rector of All Saints, Colchester, who was the M.P. who brought the Census into being in 1801 and, with few exceptions, this has been held every ten years since. *John Appleby*

#### GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Back in November we held a Bonfire Party for Playgroup families which was a great success and we raised a bit of money for funds too. Playgroup have had two outings recently, one to see the cows at Wright Kings Farm and the other to see the Christmas decorations at Notcutts Nursery.

Father Christmas is coming to the Village Hall on 15th December to see the children at their Christmas Party, where they will also have a magician to entertain them.

Playgroup returns from its Christmas holidays on 17th January. As Andrew, Leanne, Michael and Scott will be leaving us to start school - good luck - there will be few places available again on both Monday and Wednesdays. Toddler Group resumes on Wednesday, 19th January for any Parent and under 3's. *Nicky Robinson (230229)*

Mr and Mrs John Clapham and the Churchwardens invite friends to a 'Get-together' at Copley Dene on Sunday, 2nd January at '12 noon to mark the retirement of the Rector and Mrs Paul Davis.

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### S. GEORGE'S CHURCH NEWS

During the Interregnum before a new rector arrives, certain changes have had to be made to the service pattern in S. George's Church. I hope that this will not be too much of a difficulty. The two major changes are as follows:

First It will not be possible to have an 8.00am celebration of Holy Communion each Sunday. Commencing on Sunday, 9th January, there will be a service at 8.00am on the First, Third and Fifth Sundays in each month. On the other Sundays, Holy Communion will be celebrated at S. Mary's Church, Ardleigh.

Second The monthly Family Service will take place on the second Sunday each month at 10.30am instead of the first Sunday. All remaining services will be maintained with the help of visiting clergy, The Revd John Fall, The Revd Eric Nugent and Readers John Appleby and Martin Cruiks.

### SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 2nd	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh
Sunday January 9th	10.30am Family Service, Mr John Appleby 6.30pm Evensong at Cheshire Home, Mr John Appleby
Sunday January 16th	8.00am Holy Communion, The Revd John Fall 10.30am Parish Communion, The Revd John Fall 6.30pm Evensong S George's, Mr Martin Cruiks
Sunday, January 23rd	10.30am Parish Communion, The Revd Eric Nugent 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh, Mr John Appleby
Sunday, January 30th	8.00am Holy Communion, The Revd John Fall 10.30am Parish Communion, The Revd John Fall 6.30pm Evensong, S. George's, Mr John Appleby

Any enquiries about services, Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals should be referred to the Churchwardens, Mr Peter Rowe (231067) or Mr James Wild (230679) or to Mr John Appleby (271458)



## **The Bromley Messenger February 1994**

The recent incessant rain has not been popular with many people and the fires in Australia have left so many homeless and animals destroyed. It has not been a very good start to 1994. There have been similar years down the centuries. This is not something new! But the Water Authorities tell us that we still need many more inches of rain to make up for the years when we have used more water from the underground sources than has been put back into them. So let us be thankful.

During the period which leads us to Lent I suggest that when we start each new day with a prayer, and end it too in the same way, we give thanks to God for our many blessings. There is not much to be thankful for, did someone say? Let us start from ourselves. We are alive and in many cases well in body. We have eyes to see many things, even if it means wearing glasses.

Ears hear even the smallest rustle of leaves or the mighty roar of the gales. Hands may be crippled with arthritis but they have some play in them; there are also gadgets to help. We all enjoy a walk you must admit. Using legs and feet does us all a power of good.

But that is just US. Why not do a little more to help others less fortunate than we are? It is giving that brings rewards and satisfaction - a cheerful word, a beaming smile can do so much. So if we need a reminder of New Year Resolutions that will last, we must turn our face from the dark and dismal day and give thanks to God for countless blessings, gifts and talents. This can be done anywhere BUT it is when we gather together and pray together that the prayer and we, ourselves, are enhanced and made stronger. Why not join us at the Parish Church or Burnt Heath or Balls Green Chapel to thank God for everything. At this time we are praying that those who choose a new Rector for the parishes of Ardleigh and The Bromleys will choose wisely and we remember to give thanks for the work done among us by The Revd Paul Davis, who shortly retires, together with priests and pastors who have served The Bromleys for some seven hundred years and for the past worshippers who have cared for our churches so that we can still use them.

The tersest Grace is that used in The Royal Navy. The Chaplain or, if there is no Chaplain present, the Captain, says:- "Thank God."

There is the challenge as we enter the Inter-regnum before the appointment of a new Incumbent. Whether we are young or old we can meet it, can't we? *John Appleby*

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T&F MOTORS (Props. A. R. Sharpe & F. J. Peck) HORSLEY CROSS GARAGE

### Letter from The Revd. Paul Davis

Dear Friends.

It is a sad moment to write my very last contribution to 'The Messenger', after nearly nine very happy years at the Rectory. My wife, Rebecca and I have very much enjoyed our time in the parish and feel that we have made a large number of very good friends.

My last Sunday at S. George's was a very happy yet poignant occasion, and one which I will always remember. I am most grateful for the most generous cheque which Robert Harding presented to me on behalf of the Congregation, and I thank most sincerely all who contributed to this gift, which I propose to use to purchase a computer to keep me occupied in the days of retirement.

I am sorry that I was not able to stay long enough to see the re-opening of Little Bromley Church, but I am heartened by the news that the builders will have finished by the end of March, and that my successor will have the pleasure of being able to initiate worship once again in S. Mary's.

As I lay down my office as Rector, my wish is that, under the leadership of a new Parish Priest, the parish will go from strength to strength. The Bromleys will always have a very special place in my heart and thoughts. It has been the greatest privilege of my life to have been able to describe myself as Rector of this parish.

May God bless you all, and thank you all for your friendship, co- operation, help, and especially your kindnesses to my wife and I in our time amongst you.

Yours with great affection,

Paul Davis

This month we are grateful to GREENACRE BOARDING CATTERY of Gt Bromley and T & F MOTORS of Horsley Cross for sponsoring this issue.

### A PLEA

If anyone has any photos of the Rector's last Sunday I would be so grateful if I could borrow the negatives to have printed. I took many photos with our camera but then found there was no film in it! With my thanks, *Meriel Davis*

### CARPET BOWLS

Our pre-Christmas social evening was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. After "different" sorts of games with the rules bent a little on this occasion, we all tucked in to festive fare provided by club members. January was quiet, what with the Christmas break and the pantomime group needing the hall, but we did have one away match which we lost heavily. Michael and Cyril looked like bringing two points home, but unfortunately lost their game on the last end. A good evenings bowling was enjoyed anyway.

The Wednesday club sessions are popular, so come along if you would like to watch or fancy having a game yourself. *Nancy Kempster*

### CINDERELLA WENT TO THE BALL

Thank you to one and all for coming to the ball and for those who didn't quite get there, I did tell you to get your tickets early. With over 800 people in attendance Cinderella found her Prince and will now live happily ever after in our memories as time speeds on with the added bonus of a little gift of approximately £600 plus for the Huntington's Disease Charity. Thank you for being so generous and supportive in your time and donations - it will be much appreciated.

*Nigel Rowe, Gt Bromley Pantomime Group*

### FROM THE EDITOR

In May the covers for 'The Messenger' will be re-printed. Please let me have any changes of address, telephone numbers etc. there may be for the contacts of the organisations and associations in Great Bromley by 31st March. Contributions for the March issue should reach me by Tuesday, 15th February, please.

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Colchester & District Branch which meets regularly at Seven Rivers had a relaxation class at the December monthly meeting. The six month old baby member fell fast asleep immediately and several of the rest of us were not far behind. A wonderful thing to do after a busy Christmas and New Year. We were pleased to have Gary, a resident of Seven Rivers join us. On Sunday, 9th January, a family get together and light lunch was held at the Hollies. Anyone interested in our meetings, please do join us. We need the help and interest.

The Charity night's proceeds from CINDERELLA together with collections each evening in aid of Huntington's Disease Association amounted to over £600. Lord Braybrooke, patron of the Essex Association, who came to the panto with his wife and two children, thanked the pantomime Group for the performance and generous donation. *Jean Harding*

### KITCHEN CORNER

An easy way with fish which is versatile and very tasty. Like the fish mousse in the December magazine, one can add salmon or prawns to make a richer taste.

Ingredients: 1lb white fish fillet (coley is good for this) steamed or poached. Or use drained tinned fish.

For the sauce: 1 pt milk infused 15 mins with 1 bayleaf, sprig parsley, sprig thyme, piece of mace, slice of carrot, slice of onion. Salt and pepper.

Make the sauce, using 1½ oz flour and the strained milk. Stir in the flaked fish and make very hot. Serve on toast or in vol-au-vents, or put in a dish, cover with cheese or breadcrumbs and brown under the grill. Another way is to line the dish with creamed mashed potato and pour the fish mixture into the centre and bake in a hot oven for 15 mins till browned. *Jill Frostick*

### ST GEORGE'S REPAIR FUND

Plans are afoot to launch a new appeal for repairs to the beautiful double hammerbeam roof. On 1st May Lord Braybrooke, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, who has graciously agreed to be Patron of our appeal, will attend an early evening party at Copley Dene, when there will be music and wine. All parishioners are invited, so note the date.

## GUIDES

Please note - our temporary address is The Nook. The winter winds have proved too strong and taken the roofing felt along with splinters of wood from the roof of our hut. Monday, 10th January was moving date. By Easter we should have moved again, meanwhile we shall practise the homecraft badges and perhaps have some "Little House" emblems gained. Our plans also include walking different footpaths, making birdboxes, accident prevention in the home and cooking foreign food.

Two Guides have been really challenging themselves and have gained a badge each - Eleanor has her Service badge First Aid - for which she has attended a whole term at St Johns and Chloe Louise has completed all eight sections of her Challenge badge. Well done both of you. *Jazz*

## BROWNIES

The Brownies will be meeting at Brown Owl's house - Badley Hall - for the same reasons as the Guides. One of our meetings is going to be attended by a real owl. Any new Brownies are always welcome. Kizzy, Sarah and Zara have left us to join Guides - our best wishes go with them.

*Brown Owl*

## RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Profit from the Craft Fayre on 30th October 1993 was £73.25. A new rubbish bin bought by the committee has been sited on the Field near the play equipment. Maintenance work carried out on the play equipment by PlayQuip of Wivenhoe was paid for by the Parish Council. The yearly safety inspection and maintenance service to be paid for by the Recreation Field Committee. The AGM is on Monday, 21st February, 8.00pm at 1 Fairfield Close, Hare Green. New members needed please. *Chris Taylor*

## ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A.

A big thank you to everyone who gave donations of gifts and raffle prizes for our Christmas Bazaar. With your help we raised the grand sum of £240. Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Jayne Bates, P.T.A. Secretary*

## GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Despite the chilly evening there was a good turn out for the first Meeting of 1994. Mr Kirby presented his excellent slides of his recent journey to China which showed the contrast between rural and city life and spectacular scenery.

Wednesday, 2nd February - the Meeting is a Video Evening at the home of Jean Wright and the competition is "A Greetings Card". Gentle reminder - subs. due please. *Pippa Hardy*

## GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on 6th January with many thanks to Mrs Wright for her hospitality, also to all members who attended. It was agreed for the meetings to be held the SECOND Thursday in each month, the first being 10th February at Seven Rivers, 7.30pm. If there are more generous people than gardeners I have yet to find them. There is a willingness to share, not only the bounty of flower and kitchen gardens, but also cuttings, seeds and their own experience and know-how. One of the most generous was the original Granny Smith who gave the world the choice eating apple that bears her name. She died in Sydney in the suburb of Eastwood, although she was an original "Pom" having lived in Peasmarch, Sussex, until she and her young husband sailed for Australia. As well as raising six children Maria Ann looked after a smallholding that had once been virgin bush. She was a familiar sight driving her cart, laden with fruit and vegetables, along the dusty road towards Sydney. There are several versions of how the apple that made her famous was first discovered. The one that has gone down in history is that it grew from the remains of a few Tasmanian apples found rotting in some crates she brought back from market. She tipped them into the creek and one morning in the year 1868 she asked a Mr E. H. Small to take a look at a seedling she was cultivating. On being told the fruit was sweet enough to eat as a dessert apple, Grannie Smith concentrated on a few trees. Grannie Smith died in March 1870 having put down roots of the family fortune. She made little profit from the apple that bears her name, preferring to give cuttings to friends and neighbours in the true pioneer spirit of sharing. *Vicky Griffiths*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 Feb WI. Meeting  
10 Feb Garden Club meeting at Seven Rivers - 7.30pm  
21 Feb AGM, Recreation Field Committee - 8.00pm  
21 May Launch of Appeal Fund. Music & wine at Copley Dene

[Ad:] Bernard Coke MSSCh.MBChA. Visiting Chiropodist Telephone: (0206) 250248  
Bernard Coke, who is a member of the British Chiropody Association, has taken early retirement from the Civil Service and is now able to offer a visiting Chiropody service. Bernard, who has lived in the village for 13 years, would be pleased to pamper the feet of local people in their own homes for the special price of £15 per session including foot massage, and looks forward to providing you with a regular service to have some of the best kept feet in one of the best kept villages. Telephone for an appointment - 250248

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## LOCAL ADVERTISING

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## GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We have a very appropriate speaker for February! Mr Gooding, a Water Board Engineer, will speak to us on the environment. The competition - a Teapot. *Mildred Purkis*

## PARISH CONSTABLES

Proposed additions to the regular police force and special constabulary arc parish constables. This is not really a new force. Unpaid Parish Constables or Petty Constables have been noted from post-Norman times. The office is more ancient than that of Churchwarden.

Under the Manorial Court system appointments were made by the Court Leet, later by The Annual Vestry Meeting where all parish Officers were elected. Among many other duties was that of seeing to the removal of itinerant strangers and beggars who could become a liability to the parish. The Quarter Sessions records have the following entries:-

**1573** "Christopher Rochester of Great Bromley (in Chelmsford Gaol) for being a vagrant".

**1573** "Received (at Chelmsford Gaol) 8 December from the Constables of Little Bromley Evan Gryffen and he remained 4 weeks .. 2s".

[There were many Welshmen and women in the Tendring Hundred in the 16th Century, especially in Great Oakley.]

**1574** [Richard Ston(e) was a Juror.] "George Hutten brought in (to Chelmsford Gaol) by the Constables of Bromley and remained 6 weeks - his charge (for keep paid by the parish) .. 6s."

**1574** 29 June George Hutton of Bromley, Labourer, for being vagrant at aforesaid - no time bill. You can see why parishioners resisted being elected Parish Constables as there was much involved including travelling. *John Appleby*

## MODELS OF THE CHURCH

Ceramic models of St George's Church, Great Bromley will continue to be available to order for as long as there is a demand. They are £15 each all the profit of which goes to the Repair Fund. They make a wonderful gift for weddings, baptisms, anniversaries etc. *Jean Harding*.

## GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.30-11.40 Cost: £1.00 per session (under 8 months free)

There are a few places still available on Wednesday for the Playgroup for Mondays are full. There are various theme weeks organised for this term, including 'Buildings', which includes churches, schools, hospitals, shops, windmills etc., 'Gardens' and 'Easter'.

Dates for your diary: Half term is 14th and 16th February. *Nicky Robinson*

## GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS - Indoor Update

The Indoor cricket season is now past its half way stage and Gt Bromley & District Cricket Club are again proving to be a force to be reckoned with this winter. The Club competes in the Royal London Indoor Cricket Alliance's 2nd Division and at the time of writing Gt Bromley are sitting proudly on top of the division and are most people's favourites for the championship and promotion to the 1st Division. If promotion is to be achieved it would cap a memorable 12 months for the Club after this summer's success in the 3rd Division of the Lancaster Garages League. By the end of the first week of January Gt Bromley had only been defeated once in league action and this successful run included a fine victory over local rivals Elmstead Market who were the pre-competition favourites for the 2nd Division Championship. However there has been a couple of blots on the copybook in the shape of two defeats and elimination from the leagues Trophy and Cup Competitions. But to use an old cliché Gt Bromley can now concentrate on the League and it is hoped that the present form can be maintained until the climax of the season at the end of March. *Fraser Eadie*

## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

Please note that as from 8th February all bookings for the Village Hall should be made to Mrs L Allam, Bluegates Farm. Telephone 230375.

## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 6 February 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall 10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong, Seven Rivers \* J Appleby

Sunday 13 February 10.30am Family Service \*J Appleby followed by Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh +A Bradfield

Wednesday, 16 February 8.00pm Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist Ash Wednesday Revd J Fall

Sunday, 20 February 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall 10.30am Parish Communion Revd J

Fall 6.30pm Evensong \* M Cruiks

Sunday, 27 February 10.30am Parish Communion Revd E Nugent 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh

\*J Appleby \* Reader + C.A. Captain

Any enquiries about services, Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral or Cremations, should be referred to either the Churchwardens, Messrs P Rowe and J Wild or to John Appleby.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND Please inform John Appleby of any who are ill at home, in hospital, or housebound. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved in Church and can be taken at any time of the day or night to anyone who wishes it.

## CHURCH REGISTERS

18th December 1993 AUDREY GRACE APPLEBY of Little Pitchbury, Great Horkelesley, who died at St Helena Hospice on 14th December, 1993.

22nd December 1993 MAI WALKER who died at The Seven Rivers Cheshire Home on 19th December, 1993.

24th December, 1993 PAULINE JANET HARVEY of Springhill Close, Great Bromley, who died on 17th December, 1993. All were buried in St George's Churchyard

METHODIST SERVICES Sunday February 6th Burnt Heath 11.00am Revd J Robinson 13th Balls Green 11.00am Mr L Warren 20th Elmstead 11.00am Revd V Cameron 27th Burnt Heath 11.00am Mr P Gill

## **The Bromley Messenger March 1994**

### APPOINTMENT OF AN INCUMBENT FOR ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS

It was announced officially on Sunday, 13th February, that The Revd Trevor Diaper has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Ardleigh and The Bromleys. The Bishop of Chelmsford will collate Mr Diaper to the living at St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, on Tuesday, 26th April at 8.00pm Mr and Mrs Diaper and their three children will reside at Great Bromley Rectory. We warmly welcome the appointment and look forward to having the Diaper family in the parishes. Mr Diaper is now Assistant Curate at .North Walsham, Norfolk. *John Appleby*

### LAST REMINDER

For May the covers for 'The Messenger' will be re-printed. Please let me have any changes of address, telephone numbers etc. there may be for the contacts of the organisations and associations in Great Bromley by 31st March. Contributions for the April issue should reach me by Tuesday, 15th March, please. *Leonie Henderson, Editor*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 Mar	W.I. meeting, Village Hall
4 Mar	A.G.M. The Bromleys & Lt Bentley Conservative Branch, 8.00pm
10 Mar	Garden Club – "Alpine Flowers in Switzerland", 7.30pm
11 Mar	Public Meeting - Boundary Changes, Village Hall, 7.00pm
12 Mar	Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
17 Mar	Parish Annual Assembly, Village Hall, 8.00pm
30 Mar	S. George's School Easter Holiday Fun Afternoon, 2.00-4.00
25 Apr	A.G.M. of Parochial Church Council, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
26 Apr	Service of Collation for Revd Trevor Diaper at Ardleigh, 8.00pm
15 May	Sponsored Cycle Ride through the village
21 May	Launch of Church Appeal Fund with Concert, Copley Dene

### SPONSORSHIP OF 'THE MESSENGER'

Below is a copy of the letter sent to those who have sponsored 'The 'Messenger' in the past. If you too would like to help with the costs of publication we would be very pleased to hear from you.  
February 1994

Dear Reader

The Bromley Messenger failed to get full sponsorship last year but as the Bromley Parish Council underwrites any deficit the Magazine continues. We now have a new Editor since the Rev. P Davies retired and are assured of the same high standard of production. We would ask existing sponsors to continue to sponsor and new ones to endorse the Messenger for another total of 12 issues. Please return the form below by April 1st with your remittance.

Thank you for your support. Yours sincerely

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The Playgroup has now registered as a Charity, which we hope will mean that fundraising will be easier as we can now advertise our events. Talking of which, we are holding a TABLE TOP SALE at the Village Hall on 12th March, 2.00pm - anyone wanting a table (£6.00 each) can contact me. Otherwise we look forward to seeing everyone else there to buy instead!

Playgroup had a very successful outing to the church in January, so are now planning another to the school and a Garden Centre. These are to help follow up on present topics. If your child is coming up to 3 in the next six months or so and you would like them to come to playgroup, you can register now to secure a place at that time. Contact our Secretary, Dawn. *Nicky Robinson*

### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I am sorry I missed the February meeting, my sister was over on a brief visit from Algiers, because the twenty two members who did go to Jean Wright's for a Video Evening had a most enjoyable time. Two videos were shown, the second one being of the 1985 Open Garden Day in Gt Bromley. June Malcolm and June Wilgress are to represent as at the County Annual Meeting at Brentwood in March and Barbara Hall has agreed to Chair the Members' Meeting in June. Wednesday, 2nd March will see us back in the Village Hall. Mrs Edwards who was to be our speaker on "Egg Decorating" has double yolked (sorry, booked) and is unable to come so we will be entertained by some singers. The competition is "An Egg Cup" and Mrs Warboys and Mrs Ward are the tea helpers. *Pippa Hardy*

### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Mussetts Concert Party will be entertaining at our March meeting. We hope to have information of our Outings for 1994, to enjoy we hope during a lovely summer. The Competition - A Coronation Souvenir *M Purkis*



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### ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A. EASTER HOLIDAYS FUN AFTERNOON

on Wednesday, 30th March, 2.00-4.00pm at Kenley, Harwieh Road, Great Bromley  
£1.00 Entrance to include Egg Hunt, Bouncy Castle, Childs drink with other attractions to include Face Painting, Cake Stall, Raffle and Refreshments.

FRIENDS WELCOME

Donations of raffle prizes, eggs and cakes gratefully appreciated

For more information please call Louise Brooke (251455) or Sue Skinner (396673)

### Real Spring Time

We all of us at times have seen  
In daily press or magazine,  
wherein the Poets sing  
Of all the glories of the Spring,  
Daffodils and Light and Shade,  
Lambs that gambolled in the glade,  
Springlike zephyrs in the air  
And joy and sweetness everywhere,  
It's really NOT this way at all.

Droopheaded Daffs? well yes, all right  
Of course they droop, they've got frostbite  
Whilst Goose and Mallard, Swan and Tern  
Are Eggbound all with frozen stern  
And Springlike zephyrs can be classed  
As much more like a wintery blast,  
So very wintery in fact  
They have a numbing chill impact,  
Causing colds and 'flu and pain  
Once more to mow: Spring's here again.  
Spring with weather bleak and wild,  
Spring is unweaved Winters Child!

A.H.C.

Just 300 years ago John Winthrop left these parts for his final settlement in the New World. With him in "The INCREASE" went Simon Stone of Gt Bromley, his wife, Joan and five children. John was to govern the New England state of Massachusetts, Simon to farm at Watertown in that state. *A I Wilkinson*

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### KITCHEN CORNER

NUT ROAST Totally non-dairy Serves 4-6.

Basic Recipe Medium size onion - chopped

1oz Vegetable marg. 8 oz Mixed nuts (e.g. peanuts, walnuts, cashews)

4 oz wholemeal bread - grind with nuts ½ pint Vegetable stock or water

2 teasp Yeast extract 1 teasp mixed herbs salt & pepper to taste

Saute onion in margarine until transparent. Heat stock and yeast extract until boiling, then combine all the ingredients together and mix well - the mixture should be fairly slack. Turn into a greased shallow baking dish, level the surface, sprinkle with a few breadcrumbs, and bake in the oven 180 (Mark 4) 350 for 30 minutes until golden brown.

Variations: A cheese and tomato layer can be added, the mixture can be formed into rissoles and shallow fried, or make it a looser texture and top with mashed potato and bake. *Jacquie Terry*

### THE BROMLEYS & LT BENTLEY CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Great Bromley Village Hall on Friday, 4th March at 8.00pm (Billiard Room)

### PART TIME CLERK

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## MORE ABOUT PARISH CONSTABLES (2)

To Parish Constables was assigned the duty of keeping the peace and, as elsewhere, there were details of events in the Quarter Sessions Records.

"2 May 1603. Giles Rayman of Great Bromley, gent., and Abel Heckford of Frating, husbandman, [sureties] for Robert Went of Great Bromley to keep the peace towards Stephen Rich of the same".

"2 March 1604. Henry Leeke of Great Bromley, gent., and Robert Wade of Ardleigh, yeoman, for Stephen Riche of Great Bromley, yeoman, to answer being indicted as a common barrator".

"20 Feb 1604. Stephen Riche and William Clarke of Great Bromley, yeomen, for Richard Goulding, yeoman, and Thomas Hawkins, husbandman, both of the same, and of the said Goulding and Clarke, for the said Riche, all to keep the peace towards Robert Went of the same ..."

"21 March 1604. Stephen Riche, of Great Bromley, husbandman, for an assault and battery on Mercy, wife of Giles Raymonde, gent., at the same, so that she despaired of her life, and for being a common barrator and disturber of the peace at the same - NOT GUILTY. The said Giles and Mercy Rament and Richard Buckenham, minister of Great Bromley - Witnesses!

What a mix-up! and on 4 October, 1604, a writ was issued "to summon a jury from the neighbourhood of Great Bromley to try the said Stephen Rytch". No verdict is registered. How long did Stephen Rich terrorise Great Bromley? *John Appleby*

## GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

A "mini Gardeners Question Time" with Mr Steve Canham of Ipswich was held at our meeting on 10th February. Our next meeting will be on 10th March at Seven Rivers at 7.3pm when Mr Ian Rose will speak to us on "Alpine Flowers in Wengen, Switzerland" with slides. You will probably remember his "Kashmir Experience"?! Most of us who have lived away from the cities have grown up with flowers not only in the gardens but in fields, hedge banks and on heathlands. All of these habitats are home to different types of flowers. Gone are the days, however, when we could go out and gather arms full of wild flowers. Although bluebells fill certain woodlands with their breath-taking beauty we are looked upon as prodigal these days if we pick a bunch to take home. Cowslips and primroses which were once prolific enough for us to gather by the bucketful to make wine, are now so scarce that anyone seen taking their roots is heavily fined. Some of us remember the meadows full of flowers. Few of our children will have that pleasure, but we can give them the next best thing by growing them ourselves. The possible extinction of many of our wild flowers has become so nearly a reality that great efforts are now being made to preserve them, so look through your seed catalogues, and have a go.

A donation has been sent to the "Messenger" for which we are grateful for keeping us all in touch with the village activities. *Vicky Griffiths*

## FLO ORMAN MEMORIAL

The P.C.C. has decided that the memorial to Flo Orman should be a brass ewer for the font and a table to replace the existing one which stands opposite her seat in the Church. The table is to be in oak 2'3" x 1'3" deep x 2'7" high and to include a drawer under the table top. Models or drawings are invited from competent craftsmen giving a price and delivery time. High quality work suitable as a lasting memorial is expected, and the committee would be prepared to pay for an article costing up to £300. Photographs of previous work would be appreciated. The council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Please contact the Secretary of the P.C.C., Mrs Leonie Henderson, for any other details required and to whom offers and submissions should be sent by 30th April.

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### **Notes on Parish Council meeting held on 27.1.94**

The flashing orange Wig-Wag lights requested by Doug Pallett have been considered by Essex CC. and the request was rejected as these are fitted only if there is a school crossing patrol. The Parish Council are requesting a speed limit of 40mph in the school area be reconsidered. A new larger reflective school sign is to replace the existing one on the approach to the school.

District Councillor, Mrs Anne Elvin, informed the council that the enforcement order for the Spread Eagle site had been served and that other sites in the village had been brought to her attention to be tidied up. Mrs Elvin gave a brief overview of the possible options for the unitary

authority arrangements. A joint meeting with Lt Bromley is to be arranged by the P.C. with Bernard Jenkin M.P. invited to explain the various options with their possible consequences.

Quotations are being sought for a sign banning dogs from Hare Green Field.

The Gypsy Action Committee have booked the Village Hall for a meeting. The decision on the site is expected to be made on 3rd March.

The Clerk's salary was reviewed.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee reported that 100 new chairs had been purchased and that their next task was to deal with the external surroundings of the Hall. The hall floor is to be resealed.

The Parish Council was asked to give their preferred order to a number of village projects the outcome of which was

1. 40mph speed limit along Harwich Rd by the houses
2. Edge lining and hatch marking along parts of A604
3. Relocation of village signs (as detailed) and name plate for Hare Green

A reply had been received about the rationalisation of footpaths and advance notice was given of a sponsored cycle ride through the village on 15th May.

### **Notes on Parish Council Meeting held on 17.2.94**

The proposed gypsy Site at Willow Farm was discussed in great detail. Mr Cheeseman is writing to Chief Executive at County Hall, Chelmsford asking that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman may attend the meeting on 3rd March to voice their opinion, and that of the villagers, on this site as they were not allowed to attend the meeting at Tendring District Council.

The Clerk offered his resignation as he is moving to London. A Vote of Thanks was given for all his hard work over the past years. Signs for the Recreation Field have been ordered by the Parish Council banning dogs By Order.

Mr Henry Fairley has carried out the work at Church Meadow by placing hardcore at the entrance to the car park. Access has also been made through the hedge to accommodate children walking to school.

A letter had been received from Essex County Council explaining the rationalisation of footpaths. Footpath No 8, which is overgrown and littered with rubbish, is going to be cleared by the County Council within the next few days

The **Parish Annual Assembly** is to be held on 17th March at 8.00pm at the Village Hall. This is an Open Meeting and all members of the parish are welcome.

### **PUBLIC MEETING re Boundary Changes**

A Public Meeting will be held on Friday, 11th March at Great Bromley Village Hall at 7.00pm. To review local government arrangements in Essex and recommend "structural, electoral and boundary changes as considered necessary." Bernard Jenkin MP. and a representative of Tendring District Council will be present to discuss the Review. The Parish Councils of Ardleigh, Little Bentley and Little Bromley have been invited to attend.

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### ST. GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY

The P.C.C. Newsletter March 1994

The Bromleys Parochial Church Council met on 8th February, 1994 for the first time since the retirement of the Rev. Paul Davis, who has moved to Colchester. In the absence of an incumbent Robert Harding chaired the meeting. There was a long agenda, as is usual at these meetings, dealing with very varied subjects including the decision of the Diocesan authorities to appoint a Priest in Charge of the Bromleys with Ardleigh. He is the Rev. Trevor Diaper, an assistant curate at North Walsham in the Norwich Diocese. With all good news there comes a reminder of obligations - in our case the need to raise the contribution required of us to meet our share of the Diocese's expenses. These will get heavier as years go by, because of the Church

Commissioners need to conserve their income as they try to make good the losses of the last few years and the heavy requirements entailed by their responsibility for the payment of clerical pensions.

The P.C.C. is going to try and arrange help to run a car lift scheme to help those who have no transport to and from the Sunday morning service. Anybody who would like to help please speak to the Churchwardens, either Peter Rowe or James Wild. Equally anyone wanting a lift please let the Churchwardens know of your need.

The Repair Fund Committee are going to launch the Appeal for £150,000. This work should attract a grant from the Heritage Fund, hopefully at a rate of 40% of the ultimate cost of repairing the roof and chantry walls, both weakened by the weather and some 500 years of use. To launch the Fund there will be an open invitation to all the village to see Mr and Mrs Clapham's garden at Copley Dene which is being transformed into becoming one of the notable gardens of the Tendring Hundred. The launch will be made during Saturday evening, 21st May when the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Lord Braybrooke, will be present as Patron of the Appeal Fund. There will also be music played by the Cavendish Quartet. This is not all the P.C.C. discussed but it is an indication of what has to be thought about to keep the Church going to say nothing of the current issues of faith and worship.

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Ladies - You are warmly invited to this Service on Friday 4th March, at 2.30pm, at Burnt Heath Methodist Church. The Speaker will be Mrs Witham.

#### CLEANERS WANTED - St George's Church

If anyone feels that they can help with cleaning at the Parish Church this will be gratefully appreciated. Please phone 231067. THANK YOU.

#### EASTER LILIES

Mrs Marjorie West would be pleased to receive donations for the provision of lilies for St George's Church at Easter. You may wish to remember a loved one in this way or give thanks for the blessings you have received in the past year. Please contact Mrs West.

#### REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

The revision of the Electoral Roll of Church members will begin on Sunday, 20th March. Forms are available from Mrs Yvonne Cobbold or at St George's and should be returned to her if you wish to add your name to the Roll. Only those entered on the Roll may vote at the Annual Meeting etc. Those whose names are already on the Roll need not complete a new form this year.

#### THE ANNUAL VESTRY AND GENERAL MEETING

The meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the General Meeting will be held at Seven Rivers on Monday, 25th April at 7.30pm

#### Weekday LENTEN SERVICES at ARDLEIGH

Capt Aubrey Bradfield (Church Army) will lead a course of Bible Studies to which a cordial invitation is given. Each session begins at 7.45pm

Mon 21 Feb At Linton, The Street, Ardleigh.

Mon 28 Feb At Windsor House, Colchester Road, Ardleigh

Mon 7 Mar At Highfield, Fox Street, Ardleigh.

Mon 14 Mar At Threshers, Colchester Road, Ardleigh

Mon 21 Mar At Hollydene, Spring Valley Lane, Ardleigh

#### METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday March 6th Balls Green 11.00am Revd J Robinson

13th Elmstead Mkt 11.00am Mr A Redfern

20th Elmstead Mkt 6.30pm Circ. Serv. Castle

27th Balls Green 11.00am Mrs A Brook

### Weekday LENTEN SERVICES at GREAT BROMLEY

John Appleby will lead a series of Lenten Services at 7.30pm on Tuesday Evenings at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. There will be an Address on the subject of "The Arithmetic of Life" followed by Compline.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Subjects are:

Tue 22 Feb - (1) Addition

Tue 1 Mar - (2) Subtraction

Tue 8 Mar - (3) Multiplication

Tue 15 Mar - (4) Division

Tue 22 Mar - (5) The Right Answer

Tue 29 Mar - (6) Full Marks

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tue 29 Mar 7.30pm - Address and Compline at Seven Rivers, J.Appleby (see above)

Thur 31 Mar (Maundy Thursday) 8.00pm - Eucharist and Stripping of Altars at St George's, Gt Bromley, Revd J Fall

Fri 1 Apr (Good Friday), 10.30am - Eucharist of The Passion at Gt Bromley, Revd J Fall

Sat 2 Apr (Easter Eve) 8.00pm - Ceremonies, Blessing of the Candle and Eucharist at St Mary's Church, ARDLEIGH

### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH and EASTER

Sunday 6 Mar 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall

10.30am Parish Communion Revd J Fall

6.30pm Evensong, Seven Rivers \* J Appleby

Sunday 13 Mar 10.30am Family Service \* J Appleby

Mothering Sunday followed by Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh \* J Appleby

Sunday 20 Mar 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall

Passion Sunday 10.30am Parish Communion Revd J Fall

6.30pm Evensong \* J Appleby

Sunday 27 Mar 10.30am Parish Communion Revd E Nugent

Palm Sunday 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh + A Bradfield

Sunday 3 April 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall

EASTER DAY 10.30am PARISH COMMUNION Revd J Fall

6.30pm Evensong, Seven Rivers \* J Appleby

\* Reader + C.A. Captain

Any enquiries about services, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Cremations, should be referred to either the Churchwardens, Messrs P Rowe (231067) and J Wild (230679) or to John Appleby (271458)

### CHURCH REGISTERS

INTERMENT OF ASHES - Great Bromley 13th February MRS LILIAN (BETTY) WRIGHT

## **The Bromley Messenger April 1994**

YOU are warmly invited to come to the Service of Licensing and Installation of the new Incumbent of The Bromleys and Ardleigh by The Bishop of Chelmsford and The Archdeacon of Colchester at St Mary's Church, Ardleigh, at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 26th April. We look forward to having The Revd Trevor Diaper and his wife and family resident in, the parish. I have been asked "If the new Incumbent is Priest in Charge of the Parishes how do we address him?" There are several ways - (1) Rector (2) Father Trevor (3) Mr Diaper If you write to Mr Diaper or prepare reports for the newspapers then you use the form "Mr Diaper" or "The Revd Trevor Diaper" but never The Revd Diaper, although you may find editors of newspapers do make this error as do photographers for weddings in sending in their Press report of the event.

Sincere thanks are given to The Revd John Fall, The Revd Eric Nugent, The Revd Albert Jones and Mr Martin Cruiks for their assistance during the short Interregnum. Much work has also been done by the Church Wardens, Messrs Peter Rowe and James Wild, together with Mrs Helen Waye and Mr Stan Warr, Church Wardens of Ardleigh. This has been, with the parishioners' help, a period of unity which bodes well for the future.

These words are commended to you at this Easter-tide. They are spoken by the crucified Christ to the parish priest in Giovanni Guareschi's "Don Camillo and the Prodigal Son". Giovanni died in 1966, aged 60, in Ravenna. "CHRISTIAN CHARITY does not mean giving the crumbs from your table to the poor; it means dividing with them something that you need yourself. When St Martin divided his cloak with a beggar that was Christian Charity. And even when you share your last crust with a beggar, you mustn't behave as if you were throwing a bone to a dog; you must give humbly and thank him for allowing you. to have a part in his hunger."

With confidence we look forward to sharing a bright future for both The Bromleys and Ardleigh and all who work for the Church in the parishes. A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all coupled with my thanks for your support at all times. *John Appleby*

PLEASE NOTE this date and amend your Diary, if necessary THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on TUESDAY, 19th APRIL at 7.30pm at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

### GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Great Bromley & District Cricket Club are pleased to be sponsoring this month's edition of the Bromley Messenger and would like to take this opportunity to thank all Club Vice-Presidents and Sponsors for their continued support.

For readers' information below is a list of contacts for anyone interested in the Club. New members are always welcome.

Chairman: Phil Allam, Bluegates Farm, Great Bromley

Captain: Fraser Eadie, 33 Church Road, Elmstead Market

Secretary: Tim Biscoe, 30 Bignall Croft, Highwoods, Colchester

### EARLY SEASON FIXTURES:

April

23 Paxmans (H)

24 Mistley (A)

30 Bures (A)

May

1 Mires XI (Charity Match) (H)

7 Wivenhoe (H)

8 Silver End (A)

14 Leavenheath

Club practice nights are held at the Ground every Wednesday evening 6.30pm onwards (weather permitting)

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This month we warmly thank the BROMLEY BUSKERS and the CRICKET CLUB who are sponsoring the Messenger this month.

Material for the May issue of the Messenger should reach the Editor by Tuesday, 12th April please.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 Apr	W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
11 Apr	"Chapels of Tendring" Film Show, Burnt Heath Methodist Church, 8.00pm
19 Apr	A.G.M. of Parochial Church Council, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
26 Apr	Service of Collation for Revd Trevor Diaper at Ardleigh, 8.00pm
28 Apr	WI Spring Group Meeting at Bradfield Village Hall
30 Apr	Friendship Club's 'SPRING SALE'; Village Hall, 2.00pm
7 May	A Welcome Drink for The Revd Trevor Diaper, Hollies, 11.30am
15 May	Sponsored Cycle Ride through the village
21 May	Launch of Church Appeal Fund with Concert, Copley Dene
11 Jun	Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete

#### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are having our annual 'Spring Sale' on 30th April, 1994 in the Village Hall at 2.00pm We would be very grateful for any gifts for our various stalls - Cakes, Fancy Goods, Books, Toys, Nearly New, Plants and Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Jumble, Tombola and Raffle Prizes. Mrs Biddis will be pleased to receive your gifts, thank you! Please come along, to help to make this, our only yearly money making event a success.

At our April meeting we are to have Mr Richard Spendlove of BBC Essex Radio, famous for his chats on the telephone to members of the public, to come and chat to us. The competition - An Animal Ornament. *Mildred Purkis*

#### KITCHEN CORNER

This month's recipe was given to me by a friend. She had brought a cake as a contribution for a barbeque party we held here one summer, and it was so delicious and unusual I asked her to give me the recipe.

#### CARIAD CAKE

cake:	filling:
1 tbl dried yeast	2oz walnuts roughly chopped
pinch sugar	8oz mixed dried fruits soaked overnight
3 fl.oz warm water or milk	juice & rind of 1 lemon
8oz strong plain flour	2oz soft brown sugar
3oz butter & pinch salt	
2 egg yolks, beaten	
1 tbl honey	

1. Sprinkle yeast and pinch sugar onto water. After a few minutes stir to dissolve yeast, then leave in a warm place to froth.
2. Sift flour and salt, rub in butter. Add eggs, honey and yeast liquid. Mix to a soft dough.
3. Knead for 10 mins. Place in large, oiled plastic bag and leave to rise for one hour.
4. Heat oven to 190C/375F / gas 5. Grease round 8" cake tin Remove dough from bag. Knead lightly and divide into two. Press one half into base of tin.
5. Mix all filling ingredients together and spread over dough in tin. Use rest of dough to cover filling. Bake 30-35 mins. until golden.
6. Remove from tin when cold. Wrap in foil and place in airtight tin, leave at least two days before eating. *Jill Frostick*

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### COLCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH of the HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

At our monthly meeting, a specialist genetic nurse from Addenbrooke's Hospital met our members and gave a very helpful talk on the predictive test, the careful preparatory procedure, and its implications. This has, since the isolation of the Huntington's gene, become of considerable importance to our members, as, it being hereditary, there is a one in two chance of offspring from an affected parent developing the illness. We are delighted to report that Seven Rivers now has one permanent H.D. resident, and has had two temporary patients for respite care. Also two or three are attending for day respite care, usually in the lively Activities Room. They all report themselves very lucky and happy to be in such a warm and welcoming Home.

*Jean Harding*

### BROWNIES

Our meetings have been somewhat restricted this term as we have been meeting at Brown Owl's house and we are therefore looking forward to moving to our new hut which will give us a far greater scope for a wider range of activities.

We welcome to our Pack Lisa, Sophie and Stefanie who have made their Promise. Well done to Nikki, Gemma, Emily, Claire, Jenny, Zoe, Katie and Beth who all gained their Cooks badge and to Elizabeth who has gained Levels 1 and 2 Chess badges as well as her Swimming badge. In February we attended the Division Thinking Day at Thorrington Scout Camp. Claire and Emily helped during the service. Beth and Kelly have been making a tape recording about Brownies with views from the rest of the Pack and reminiscences from Mrs Biddis and Mrs Landon. Mrs Pam Garrad from Frinton brought along her long-eared owl for us to see and stroke; we are visiting her bluebell wood in April. The Brownies, with help from Mrs Landon, have been finishing off their wool tamboured bags ready for exhibiting in the Essex Handicraft Association's Annual Exhibition at New Hall, Chelmsford from 14-16 April. We will visit the Exhibition on 14th April. Our new term starts on 1st April. *Brown Owl*

### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Two guests were welcomed to the well-attended March meeting. In response to an appeal by County £20 worth of necessities are to be sent to the women of Croatia. As requested we are to run our usual stall at the Seven Rivers Fete on 11th June. The President reported that a card of condolence had been sent and a donation given in memory of Pam Griffiths, a much loved member who will be missed by us all.

Spring Group Meeting: 28th April, Bradfield Village Hall. 25 tickets are available, the speaker is Allan Smith, Florist and Dwin Hendry, County Chairman, will be there. Cake and Bake stall plus an Exhibition. Four items of craft per institute. NB - BRING ALONG A PIECE OF YOUR OWN CRAFT WORK to the April meeting and four will be chosen to represent us.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 6th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Speaker: Mrs J Young on MENCAP. Competition - An Easter Posy. *Pippa Hardy*

### GREAT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.40 Cost: £1.00 per session

Our first fundraising event this year was a very enjoyable Cheese and Wine evening at Jeanette Cox's house, which raised approximately £60. The second was our Table Top Sale which was a great success, raising approximately £245. Thank you to all the helpers and the people who attended these events. All the money raised will be going towards much needed playgroup equipment. A Sponsored Treasure Hunt is being organised for the children in March and an end of term Easter Party is being organised for 23rd March. Playgroup commences after Easter on 11th April and Toddler Group on 13th April. The Playgroup children have had two outings recently, one to the school and more recently to Rolts Garden Centre. And finally, best wishes to Jeanette who is retiring as Chairperson at the end of April to have a baby. Many thanks for all the effort you've put into the Playgroup. *Nicky Robinson*

### AN ELIZABETHAN RECTOR OF LITTLE BROMLEY (1)

Ralph King(e) became Rector of Little Bromley in 1597. He had previously been Rector of Lawford from 1584. He was responsible for the ancient paper registers of Little Bromley being copied on vellum, as the law directed and so today these registers are preserved in Essex Record Office, Colchester Branch.

Ralph was, it seems, an excellent Rector but details in Quarter Sessions Records show him in a different light.

"12 December, 1580 - Ralph Kyng of Little Bromley, clerk, Robert Muncke and Lawrence Newman of the same (place), clerks, (sureties) for the said Ralph (who is) to keep the peace towards Christopher Wynter of Kelvedon, clothier".

"11 January, 1581 - Ralph King of Little Bromley, clerk, discharged".

So he was a good boy after all. *John Appleby*

#### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Another very interesting talk, with slides, by Mr Ian Rose, at our meeting on Thursday. I'm not sure many of us would like to take the treks, overhead cable cars (which got stuck halfway up) to see and photograph the beautiful alpine flowers, but without these "brave" people we would never see them. We gardeners have been called many things and I'm sure we all know Geoff Hamilton who, to quote him, says: "Gardeners easily turn into PHILOSOPHERS - you spend a lot of time doing repetitive jobs, which gives you time to think. But there is also nothing like a garden for making you feel small. There you are, right in the middle of the greatest miracle of all - the world of growing things. There is great excitement when you look over the trays of seedlings you planted out and wonder if they are going to come through - and they do! Gardening keeps one sane". When you are busying in your gardens, take time out now and again to look around and see what appeared to be dead, now have new shoots ready to open and give us joy in the coming months so that we can forget the rain! Our next meeting on 14th April at Seven Rivers should prove topical when we have Mr Peter Smith from Lawford speaking to us on Chrysanthemums. Enjoy your gardens. *Vicky Griffiths*

#### "The CHAPELS of TENDRING AREA"

Film Show at Burnt Heath Methodist Church on 11th April at 8.00pm

Followed by Tea and Biscuits. Collection for Chapel Funds.

#### CARPET BOWLS

With just one more league match to play at time of writing, we stand fourth from the top, the highest we have ever managed. 1994 started with good wins over Great Bentley, Lawford and Alresford and two drawn games. We also lost one or two as well.

The new carpet has proved an asset as there is now room for everyone to play. We consider ourselves fortunate to have been granted £100 towards it from the Foundation for Sport & the Arts.

On 26th February, 21 members and guests attended the annual dinner. This year it was held at The Oaks Restaurant, Thorpe-le-Soken and the evening was enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to Jayne Bates for arranging this.

We would like to thank Ted and Rose of the Black Boy who have donated £10 towards Club funds as the result of a Prize Draw held at the pub. *Nancy Kempster*

#### ST GEORGE'S REPAIR FUND

You will find in the Post Office a Sponsor Form for the London Marathon. Hugh Frostick has volunteered to run, hopefully all 26 miles, on 16th April. He deserves every possible support. Please be generous!! *Jean Harding*

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#### A WELCOME DRINK

An OPEN INVITATION to a Lunch Time Drink of Welcome to The Revd and Mrs Trevor Diaper at the Hollies, Colchester Road, Great Bromley on Saturday, 7th May, 11.30am - 1.30pm.

*Jean and Robert Harding*



## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### **Notes on meeting held on 17 March, 1994**

Three applications had been received for the position of Parish Clerk and a Selection Committee had been elected.

Local Government Review: Status Quo was selected by a majority vote which means that the County and District authorities remain as they are at the moment.

A report was given by District Councillor Anne Elvin, who thanked the Parish Council for their support over the past year, which had not been an easy one.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Doug Pallett whose report the Chairman, Mr Henry Fairley, read in his absence.

Annual Reports then followed from the following:

Village Hall	Mr Nigel Rowe
Playing Field	P.C. Chris Phillips
Village Homes	Mr George Kempster
Gipsy Action Group	Major J Heaney
Bromley Messenger	Mr Len Christodoulides

The Council recorded their thanks to Mrs L Henderson for the professional way in which she edits the Messenger, and to Mrs Henry Fairley, who with her team of helpers, is responsible for its distribution throughout Great and Little Bromley.

### SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday, 3rd April 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall

EASTER DAY 10.30am PARISH COMMUNION Revd J Fall

6.30pm Evensong - Seven Rivers \* J Appleby

Sunday, 10th April 10.30am Family Service followed by Holy Communion \* J Appleby

Low Sunday, Easter I 6.30pm Evensong at Ardleigh + A Bradfield

Sunday, 17th April 8.00am Holy Communion Revd J Fall

EASTER II 10.30am Parish Communion Revd J Fall

6.30pm Evensong \* J Appleby

Sunday, 24th April 10.30am Parish Communion Revd A Jones

6.30am Evensong at Ardleigh + A Bradfield

\* Reader + C A Captain .

Please Note: Sunday, 5th May - The Rogation Service will be held at Park Farm, Ardleigh

### CHURCH REGISTERS

Please correct typographical error for which we apologise –

INTERMENT OF ASHES - Gt Bromley 13th February MRS LILIAN (BETTY) KNIGHT

### CHURCH FLOWERS - APRIL

3 April Easter Day Mrs M West

10 April Low Sunday Mrs A Clapham

17 April Easter 2 Mrs M Bush

26 April Easter 3 Mrs J Frostick

### THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please inform John Appleby, (271458), of any who are ill at home, in hospital, or housebound. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is reserved in Church and can be taken at any time of the day or night to anyone who wishes it.

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## **The Bromley Messenger May 1994**

My dear parishioners, It is very good to have arrived safely in the Rectory; and as I write this, surrounded by packing cases, I can look forward with pleasure to my formal installation on 26th April.

With my appointment as Priest-in-charge of Ardleigh and The Bromleys, for the first time one incumbent has the charge of two coequal parishes and must divide his time equitably between them. This arrangement is, of course, in no way exceptional and there is no reason why it should not work out well in practice. But as from Sunday, 1st May, the Eucharist at Great Bromley will be at 9.30am and in Ardleigh at 11.00am, so that I can be at the main service of worship every week in both parishes.

I, my wife Royce, together with our children Madeline (12), Jeremy (just 6) and Caroline (nearly 4) look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks. With every blessing, Fr Trevor

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 May	A Welcome Drink for The Revd Trevor Diaper, Hollies, 11.30am
12 May	Fuschia talk with the Garden Club
15 May	Sponsored Cycle Ride through the village
17 May	Save the Children Fund Coffee Morning, 5 Springhill Close, 10-12 noon
18 May	Coffee Morning, Huntington's Disease Association, Brightlingsea 10.30am
18 May	WI Dress Party, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
21 May	Table Top & Jumble Sale (Recreation Field Fund), Village Hall, 2.00pm
21 May	Launch of Church Appeal Fund with Concert, Copley Dene, 6.00pm
1 Jun	WI Members' Meeting
11 Jun	Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete
18 Jun	Alexandra Rose Week
29 Jun	WI visit to Wrabness



# **SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME ANNUAL FETE**

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### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

First I would like to give many thanks to Ann Fairley and her distributors - Mr J Osborne (Lt Bromley), Mrs G Gould (Brook Street), Mrs M Bush (Rectory Road), Mr S West (Meadow Close), Mrs B Rowe (Lilley Lane), Mrs A Jones (Ardleigh Road), Mrs Anns (Frating Road), Mrs L Rogerson (Balls Green), Mrs J Frostick (W.I.), Mrs J Sargent (Back Lane), Mrs D Coppin (Harwich Road), Mrs M Roberts (Chase Road, Fairfield Close), Mrs E Kemp (Mary Lane) Mrs J Terry (Colchester Road), Mrs A Prior (Burnt Heath) and Mrs A Fairley who each month bring promptly and efficiently to each home in the parish their copy of 'The Messenger'. If you know of anyone who does NOT receive 'The Messenger' please phone Ann Fairley.

Last month, although I tried to avoid it, we had two blank pages. We have kind sponsors who each month pay for the publication of 'The Messenger' and it grieves me to 'waste' two pages

(although the printers usefully made use of one) especially when I find that material which could be put in the magazine is printed separately and the magazine used as a 'drop' for them. Whilst I appreciate that it is occasionally a good way to do a 'drop' in an emergency or for a special reason PLEASE - as so many of you already do - USE the magazine to pass on your news. Due to the efficiency of the printers there is in fact only about a week between the time when it leaves me and when it returns printed and I know Ann and her team distribute it around the parish very quickly.

Material for the June edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 10th May please.

#### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

The experts often tell us we water our seedlings too much and Mr Peter Smith, our speaker at our meeting on Thursday, confirmed this when he told us to "keep your Chrysanthemums dry and cool, but with plenty of light". They root so easily he said - for example a cutting dropped on the ground and accidentally trodden on was found to have rooted without any ill-effects but would suggest the "potting" method! Our next speaker for 12th May will be Mr Catermole - his subject being Fuschias. *Vicky Griffiths*

#### SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Please do come to a COFFEE MORNING for this fund on Tuesday, 17th May 10.00am-12 noon at S Springhill Close, Gt Bromley

There will be a "BRING & BUY" Stall, and PLANTS and CAKES for sale. 40p entrance inclusive of refreshments. I shall look forward to seeing you again. *Rose F Field*

#### AN ELIZABETHAN RECTOR OF LITTLE BROMLEY (2)

Ralph King(e) was not only Rector of Little Bromley but was also onetime Commissary to the Peculiar of The Soke (of Thorpe, Kirby and Walton) headed by the Lord Darcy of Chich or St Osyth. In that capacity he was involved in some strange goings on. Let the Quarter Sessions Records tell the tale:

"4 March, 1597 - Petition directed to Sir Thomas Mildmay and Sir John Petre, knights, Deputy Lieutenants, Sir Thomas Lucas, knight and others, from Thomas Spencer of Great Bromley, husbandman, complaining that whereas Ralph Kinge, Clerk, late Commissary unto Thomas, Lord D'Arcy, within the exempt jurisdiction of The Soke, about three years past had committed the administration of George Spencer's goods, late of Thorpe, deceased intestate, to the said complainant, (being the deceased's natural brother), who upon the granting of the said Letters of Administration and the exhibiting of an Inventory of all the deceased's goods, (amounting only to the sum of £6 12s. 6d.) did then defray all fees and charges demanded from the same supposing thereby to have rested quiet from any further charges in the said office, lately on 3rd August (1596) last past, (being in the harvest season and a time also by the Law prohibited from ecclesiastical proceedings, and the complainant then dwelling in Great Bromley, out of the said Jurisdiction) by his apparitor, Christopher Cooke, did consent the complainant, (then being busy about the carrying of his harvest, it being then also variable weather) to appear before him at Thorpe".

The rest of the Petition is badly torn but contains charges made. It continues "Dr Thomas Corbett said he did not heavily press for 14s. 4d. due but Christopher Cooke, lawyer on behalf of George Spencer's brother, Thomas. acknowledged his error "which on truth he did with knees and teares".

So Ralph King(e) demanded and obtained his pound of flesh.

*John Appleby*

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*Jean and Robert Harding*

#### COLLECTORS are wanted for ALEXANDRA ROSE DAY

House to House Collection around the date of 18th June. Large part of proceeds this year for . Huntington's Disease Association. Contact Carol Simons, 250163, or Jean Harding, 230425.

### KITCHEN CORNER

Spring is here, but we still have cooler days when a steamed, or baked, pudding is a welcome warmer. Here are two recipes from the Bromley Cookbook.

#### Colchester Castle Pudding

2oz butter or marg 2oz sugar 6oz flour 5tbl milk 1 egg

Beat butter and sugar to a cream, stir in egg, then flour and milk to make a smooth mixture. Put into greased cake tin and bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes. Turn out on to a hot dish and serve with custard.

#### Boxted 6 Cup Pudding

1 cup flour, 1 cup breadcrumbs, 1 cup suet, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup milk, 1 cup dried fruit (raisins are best) 1 teasp bicarbonate of soda

Dissolve soda in milk, mix all ingredients together. Put in a well- greased pudding basin, tie down with greaseproof paper and steam for three hours. This would be nice served with a lemon or marmalade sauce instead of custard. *Jill Frostick*

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT BRANCH

You are most cordially invited to come to a Coffee Morning on WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY from 10.30am in aid of our funds at 15 Regent Road, Brightlingsea. It is a lovely garden and we hope for a fine day. Bring & Buy Stall, Plant Stall, Cakes etc. with some of your local friends helping with some new Brightlingsea ones. Ring Jean Harding, 230425, if directions are needed or if you can give a lift. Entrance 50p.

### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Speaker at our April meeting was Mrs J Young who gave an excellent account of her nearly forty years involvement with helping to improve the lives of the mentally handicapped. Her own son, now in his early forties and living happily in residential care, is the reason for this work. A particular concern nowadays is "care in the community"; she feels it is often not the right option for these people, many of whom need constant encouragement in a protected environment to maintain the abilities they have acquired. June Willgress, one of the 2000 WI members at the recent Half Yearly Council Meeting, gave a good report on the proceedings and here are some forthcoming events to make a note of:

15-16 July - County Show at Cressing Barns, tickets £2 before, £3 on the day.

1st June - Members Meeting, will be Open to All-comers, 60p including raffle ticket with a "Glass Stall".

August Outing - to Sizewell Power Station for a look round, Dunwich and Fish & Chips.

Wednesday, 29th June - Stour Area Activities at Wrabness, 10.00am for 10.30-3.00pm, speakers on the National Trust, Costume Dolls and Sizewell Power Station (we shall become experts on this subject!)

Reminder for those not at the Meeting - Spring Group Meeting at Bradfield Village Hall on 28th April starting 7.30pm, tickets £1.50 - a few are left. Phone Mary Clarke for details and for a lift. Now is the time to think about your summer wardrobe, so you are all invited to SEVEN RIVERS on 18th MAY at 7.30 for a DRESS PARTY. 50p entry includes coffee and we are told there will be a good selection of clothes in sizes up to 24. *Pippa Hardy*

### EURO-ELECTION, 9th JUNE, 1994

Those interested in voting at the Euro-Election, and are not going to be able to vote in person on 9th June at Gt Bromley Village Hall either by reason of employment, holiday or housebound and require postal or proxy votes please apply to Mrs Ann Fairley, Postal Vote Officer on Colchester 250229 by 16th May.

### TABLE TOP & JUMBLE SALE

In Aid of RECREATION FIELD FUND at GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 21st May at 2.00pm

Tables £6 each Bookable in advance

Telephone Chris Taylor on 250024

RAFFLE, CAKES, REFRESHMENTS Entrance 20p Children Free

### CARPET BOWLS

We've done it at last!! Brought our first trophy home to Gt Bromley. On Saturday, 9th April, we entered two teams in the Tendring Area League Charity Tours Competition played at Gt Bentley. Both teams reached the quarter final, but unfortunately were drawn against each other. Sincere congratulations to Jayne, Gill, Roger and Pat, who not only knocked out their fellow team, but went on to beat Lt Clacton and Thorpe to win the Harold Wagstaff Trophy. This annual competition is always a pleasure to participate in, the friendly atmosphere and everyone enjoying their games. This year the proceeds were in aid of the MS. Society. We continue our club evenings on Wednesdays throughout the summer. *Nancy Kempster*

### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make our Spring Sale such a success. Thank you! Mr R Finch, a London ex- Policeman will be the Speaker for our May meeting. The Competition - A Bird Ornament. *Mildred Purkis*

### BROWNIES

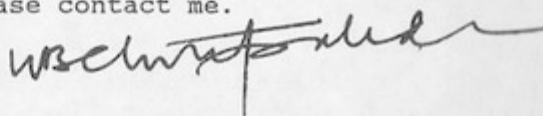
Kelly, Gemma, Natasha, Beth, Jenny, Kizzy and Emily entered wool tamboured bags in the Essex Handicrafts Association Exhibition in Chelmsford. Beth's bag gained a gold sticker (95-100 points) coming First in Class and Kizzy gained a silver sticker (85 -94 points) coming Second in Class. Very well done to them all - all the bags were lovely. Our best wishes go with Kelly and Jenny who have left Brownies to join Guides. *Brown Owl*

### The Bromley Messenger Statement of Accounts

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<u>Statement of Accounts</u>	1992/3	1993/4
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<u>Income</u>		
Carried forward	112.11	344.05
Creditors	342.00	0.00
Donations	95.00	140.00
Advertisements	78.00	63.00
Sponsorship	888.00	670.00
Interest	6.10	2.26
Debtors	190.00	155.00
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Total	1 711.21	1 374.31
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<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing	1 139.58	1 098.45
Postage	5.58	6.03
Expenses	32.00	20.45
Debtors	190.00	155.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00
(Loss) Gain	344.05	94.38
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	1 711.21	1 374.31
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As shewn in previous statements ,I have included debtors. We start the 1994/1995 season with only one edition in the bank, but with 9 editions sponsored.If you have any questions concerning these accounts please contact me.



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**SAINT GEORGE'S HAMMERBEAM ROOF APPEAL**

Saturday, 21st May AN EVENING of WINE and MUSIC

at Copley Dene, Parson's Hill, Great Bromley at the invitation of Mr and Mrs John Clapham

6.00pm Garden Open, drinks available

7.00pm Assemble in Marquee

7.15pm Launch of Appeal by Lord Braybrooke, Lord Lieutenant of Essex and Patron of the Appeal, followed by a Concert by the Cavendish Consort

Entrance is free, but donations will be invited

But, please, if you would like to come let us know who and how many, so that arrangements can be made for the marquee and catering. Contact Jean Harding AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.

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GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.40 Cost: £1.00 per session

Playgroup returned after Easter with a packed programme for the Summer Term. Topics to be covered are Growth, where we hope to visit a farm to see the lambs; Sizes, Shapes and Countries. It is also hoped to have a visit from PC Phillips to help 'Stranger Danger' awareness. We're holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 18th May at the Village Hall, 10.00am to 11.30am, with clothes and cake stalls. Everyone is welcome.

The Playgroup will also be having a cake stall on 2nd May at the 'Black Boy' May Day Festivities, so come along to that too.

Remember, if you have a child approaching 3 and you would like them to attend the playgroup, register them now. *Nicky Robinson*

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the Meeting held on 21st April 1994

The newly appointed clerk to the Parish Council was welcomed. She is Mrs Sandra Shute of "Dewberry", Shop Road, Little Bromley.

Mr Henry Fairley reported back on the proposed gypsy site meeting held at Weeley on Tuesday, 19 April. The Parish Council discussed the proposal for Willow Farm and will be raising

objections to the way this has been handled with Tendring District Council. Mrs B Worthington gave a report from the Gypsy Action Committee.

The Treasurer of the Bromley Messenger gave his report and the Parish Council thanked him for all his hard work. A letter of thanks will be sent to the outgoing clerk, Mr H Booty.

#### ST. GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY PCC NEWSLETTER April, 1994

The Parochial Church Council of the Bromleys met at Seven Rivers on Tuesday, 5th April with Mr R L Harding in the Chair.

Much useful business was concluded but some had to be left over until after the installation of The Revd Trevor Diaper, as Priest-in-charge, .principally the service arrangements for the coming months. The Family Purse Assessment for 1994 is £6969. The first instalment of £500 has been paid towards this. This subject will have to be addressed during this year when there also will be launched an appeal for a large sum, £100,000, for repair to the Hammerbeam roof trusses and the Roof itself. An appeal sum of this nature is all the more difficult to raise money for when there are so many other causes, clubs, societies and the like within the Parish and depending for their financial support on the generosity of the village.

The Annual Parish Meeting will have come and gone by the time this note appears. Once again we shall be in the care of a Priest resident in the Rectory and for that we are most grateful. Every endeavour has got to be made to keep up our quota payments which go towards the Diocese's expenses, at the same time the Diocese will have to be most frugal in their demands upon the parishes. This is the situation where the Priests are in the frontline and have to be supported, but office workers will have to become fewer in number.

It is with regret that no-one came forward to make a table to the memory of Flo Orman but if anybody is interested Robert Harding will be glad to hear from him or her.

John Appleby, despite his recent misfortunes, has done wonders during the interregnum and we offer him our grateful heartfelt thanks for his care of souls and people.

CONGRATULATIONS to Hugh Frostick who, despite training difficulties, successfully ran the full 26 miles of the London Marathon on 17th April in 5 hours. He enjoyed the experience and thanks everybody who sponsored him. He raised £300 for St Helena Hospice and between £400 and £500 for the St George's Repair Fund Hammerbeam Roof Appeal. Final figures next month.

#### SERVICES FOR MAY

PLEASE NOTE New times for Parish Communion at Great Bromley  
i.e. 9.30am each week unless otherwise given.

Sunday 1 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service and Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong - SEVEN RIVERS
Sunday 8 May	8.00am Holy Communion at ARDLEIGH 10.30am Rogation Service with Holy Communion at Park Farm, ARDLEIGH 6.30pm Evensong at ARDLEIGH
Sunday 15 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm EvenSong
Sunday 22 May	8.00am Holy Communion at ARDLEIGH 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong at ARDLEIGH
Sunday 29 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong

The Parish Communion at ARDLEIGH will be at 11.00am weekly unless otherwise announced. .

#### FLOWERS FOR MAY

1 May Mrs M Purkis  
8 May Mrs J Willgress  
15 May Mrs D Taylor  
22 May Mrs B Rowe  
29 May Mrs J Harding

## **The Bromley Messenger June 1994**

One of the great strengths of ministry in a village is the way that church and village life becomes so naturally integrated. Whether people go to church often or not they feel that the church building, the local priest and the committed church people are an important aspect of village life. This has the enormous benefit of ensuring that the life of the church does not lose contact with the lives and concerns of the man in the street. I do hope that as time goes on I will have the opportunity of getting to know as many of you as possible in our village and learn of your concerns and questions.

As I familiarise myself with the geography of the area, I have to confess that there are moments when I seem to lose my bearings. When this happens I have learnt to look for the familiar landmarks such as our magnificent church tower. Once that is in sight I can point myself in the right direction and get to my destination. It seems to me that here is an illustration of the spiritual role of the church and the faith it proclaims - to guide and point people in the right direction and the path that leads to contentment and peace especially when the circumstances of life are difficult and perplexing. Christians do not claim to have all the answers but they at least have the confidence they are moving in the right direction and have a true spiritual landmark to look towards.

A final thanks to the bellringers who rang the bells at Gt Bromley and Lt Bromley in celebration of my Installation as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish. With every blessing Fr Trevor

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 Jun	WI Members' Meeting
4 Jun	Essex Association of Change Ringers North Eastern District Annual Striking Competition in the church
11 Jun	Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete
14 Jun	Friendship Club Outing to Bressingham
18 Jun	Playgroup Family Fun Afternoon & Barbecue
18 Jun	Alexandra Rose Week
29 Jun	WI visit to Wrabness
2 Jul	Playgroup TABLE TOP SALE, Village Hall, 2.00pm
15-16 Jul	WI County Show at Cressing Barns
23 Jul	Cricket Club HOG ROAST at The Black Boy
Aug	WI Outing to Sizewell Power Station, Dunwich & Supper

This month's issue is sponsored by MR BERNARD COKE, CHIROPODIST of Gt Bromley and COLCHESTER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL. We are most grateful to them for their support.

Material for the July edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 14th June please.

### GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS HOG ROAST

After last year's successful evening, Great Bromley Cricket Club are proud to present "HOG ROAST '94". This year's event will be held at the Black Boy on Saturday, 23rd July. Single or family tickets available from T Huish or The Black Boy priced at £5 per head and £15 for a family of four (children's tickets not exceeding the age of 12yrs).

### BELL RINGING

On 30th April the Great Bromley Bell Ringers rang a quarter peal to welcome the Reverend Trevor Diaper to the Living of the Bromleys. The quarter was as follows: 1,260 doubles in three methods. Treble: Susan Orris; 2: David Wenden; 3: Bevan Wilgress; 4: Derek Bloyce (conductor); Tenor: Barry Bloyce.

This was the first quarter on the bells since the fitting of the new ropes which are a vast improvement over the old ones. At the same time The Essex Association of Change Ringers rang a full peal at Little Bromley to welcome Father Trevor. The peal consisted 5,040 changes of Minimus in 11 methods and the ringers were: Treble: David Sparling; 2: Paul Bray; 3: Neil Avis; Tenor: Adrian Semken. This is only the second time that Little Bromley bells have been rung to a peal.

On Saturday, 4th June, Great Bromley plays host to the Essex Association of Change Ringers North Eastern District Annual Striking Competition. This will take place between 6pm and 9pm



when bands of bell ringers from local churches compete against each other to see who are the best bell ringers in the district. Great Bromley has won the trophy in the past and hopes to do well again this year especially as we are on home territory.

If anyone is interested in the fascinating art of bell ringing which exercises both the mind and the body, why not pop up and see us one Friday night or telephone me. *David Wenden*

#### GT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The coach will leave Elmstead Market at 9.00am for the Outing to Bressingham, on Tuesday, 14th June. Tea will be provided at Diss. Mrs Yule and friends from Clacton will entertain us at our June meeting. The Competition - a Single Rose. *Mildred Purkis*

#### BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH

A COFFEE MORNING will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, 4th JUNE from 10.00-12 noon

There will be a BRING AND BUY STALL PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH FUNDS ALL ARE WELCOME

#### CARPET BOWLS

On 27th April, the Club Singles Competition was concluded. In the semi-finals: Joe Canham beat Dick Wilsher and Linda Francis beat Pauline Keeble. After a close final of 9 ends Joe was the winner and Ron Copp (Captain) presented the trophy to him. The previous week, Ron donated and presented a shield to Joe for his services to the Club since its formation.

Congratulations and well done!

Thorpe Carpet Bowls Club will be visiting us for a friendly during May. Some of our members have started their outdoor season and we wish them enjoyment in their bowling.

*Nancy Kempster*

#### ELIZABETHAN ALE HOUSES IN THE BROMLEYS

Quarter Sessions Records relate the licensing of Ale house keepers and record

"21st February, 1605 - Great Bromley - Robert Parson, Victualler, Sureties (guarantors) William Harris and Thomas Coxe of Manningtree

Little Bromley - John Maskall, Victualler, Sureties John Baker and Richard Pricke (Pryke)." .

"22nd August, 1605 - Licensed - Robert Parson - Great Bromley - Victualler. Sureties David Stone and William Trowton."

There were strict laws to ensure that drunkenness did not stop a person from working and that ale houses did not breed lay-abouts. *John Appleby*

#### SUMMER BUS SERVICE to WALTON-ON-NAZE

From 22nd May - 25th September on Sundays and Holiday Mondays the 605 Hedingham bus will leave Great Bromley Black Boy at 11.31 arr. 12.05 at the Naze, and return at 1750.

#### KITCHEN CORNER

The May issue of "Home and Country", the WI. magazine, tells us that watercress is a valuable and versatile vegetable high in minerals and vitamins (but no calories!) It is certainly very tasty, and a great favourite of mine. I have several ways of using it, especially for first course "starters". Here are two recipes popular in our house.

#### KIPPER WATERCRESS COCKTAIL Serves 4

8oz kipper fillets (fresh or frozen)

7oz carton soured cream (or you can use a mix of yoghurt & fromage frais)

1/2 bunch watercress, 1 lettuce, twists of lemon to garnish,

Juice of 1 orange & 1 tbl lemon juice mixed together for marinade

Place kippers in a shallow dish and pour over the mixed juices, cover and leave to marinate 12 hours. Drain the kippers, reserving the marinade, skin them and cut into 1/2 inch pieces. Wash and de-stalk the watercress and chop finely. Stir into the sour cream, with one tablespoon of the marinade and the kipper pieces. Place shredded lettuce in the bottoms of 4 glasses. Pile in the kipper mix, garnish with lemon twists and serve with brown bread and butter.

### STILTON WATERCRESS DIP

1 pkt prepared watercress

¼ lb stilton cheese at room temperature

1 pot of Greek yoghurt

Liquidise all together. Use as a dip with condities or serve individually:- one tablespoon on a plate with slices of dessert pear dipped in lemon juice and a walnut to garnish. *Jill Frostick*

[Ads: *L. KEMP and THE "ODD JOB" MAN*]

### DO YOU REMEMBER

what you were doing on any particular weekend during April '92? Do you remember what you were doing during the weekend beginning the 15th April this year? Really remember, in any detail. Ask me those questions and I would say "Yes. Most definitely." Both weekends were spent at the Diocesan organised Christian Conference, Caister '92 and Caister '94.

As the title suggests we were in Caister, staying at the Haven Holiday camp. In April? you may say. Yes it was cold and the rain did blow on the easterly wind and when I attempted to walk with an umbrella to shield me it blew inside out and I felt like Mary Poppins about to take off. However, despite the east coast weather the atmosphere was warm and so welcoming. We did as Bishop John bade us and sang "Shine Jesus Shine", and eventually it did!

Not that we noticed the weather because we were warmed with the feeling of wonderful fellowship and we were kept well occupied with worship and workshops. You should have been there. The music, both ancient and modern, the early morning Eucharist through to the late night vigils all fed our spirits. The workshops on banner making, liturgical dance, singing, prayer and Where do I go from here? were all stimulating and productive. Many regrets were voiced that, because of lack of time, we could not sample them all. Well there is always another year.

The discussions in the pub were stimulating and we talked around from .. "Is yours a lively, living, growing church?" to the inevitable .. "What is your opinion of the making of women priests?" A lovely clergy wife from Barking shared the chalet with me and we talked long into the night. Our parishes came from each end of the variable descriptions heard around us.

As you may imagine the answer to the question "Was I lonely going on my own?" was definitely no! But what about my return to the parish, here? In 1992 I returned full of enthusiasm, wanting to share the experience of the fellowship there, to bring back to each of you just a little of the feeling of giving and sharing together; the general response, however, was .. "Fancy going to Caister in April. Weren't you cold?" Was I lonely here, where I live and worship then? Yes I was.

This year, it would be lovely if you would alleviate that loneliness of returning to our family of the Bromleys; and you can. There are tapes of the thought provoking talks to listen to. Do you know that the Christian fellowship is alive and growing all over the place? Have you heard of the expression to plant a church? Also I have a copy of the services and the vigils and new, and reverent music as well as modern verses.

Interested? Want to know more? Want to go in '96?

Telephone 230436 and we will arrange a get together. If only one person replies you will send that old loneliness away and it may be the start of something great for you too.

### UPDATE

The final total raised for St. George's Repair Fund, Hammerbeam Roof Appeal from sponsorship for the London Marathon run by Hugh Frostick in April is £655.

### GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.40 Cost: £1.00 per session

Dates for your diary: Family Fun Afternoon & Barbecue on Saturday, 18th June - venue and details to be given out in the June newsletter at Playgroup. Also we are holding another Table Top Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd July, 1994, 2.00pm, so anyone interested in a table can contact either Dawn on 250708 or myself on 230229. *Nicky Robinson*

[Ads: *RICHARD MOTHERSOLE and Jane Pleass*]

### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

dur Speaker on Thursday, Mr Catermole, gave us a very humorous, interesting and informative talk on Fuchsias, with many ways of propagation which cost very little - i.e. the inverted jam jar method! Once again we are advised not to overwater at the cutting stage. Mr Catermole gave us all a cutting to experiment for ourselves. For anyone interested the Dovercourt Fuchsia Society have their 10th Grand Show at the Park Pavilion, Dovercourt on Saturday, 6th August 2-8pm and Sunday 10.00am-5.00pm

Did you know? - tulips originated from Turkey where the word "tulip" means "turban". Brassicas will have fewer insect infestation if sage or thyme are grown next to them. Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th June - Cheese and wine at the home of Mr and Mrs Griffiths. *Vicky Griffiths*

### SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 5 June	8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings 9.30am Family Eucharist with Children's talk and hymns 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong at Seven Rivers Sunday
12 June	8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 3.00pm Thanksgiving Service for children baptised at Ardleigh & Gt Bromley held at St Mary's, Ardleigh
Sunday 19 June	8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 26 June	8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong

### Eucharists during the week

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh  
Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley  
Thursday 9.30am Ardleigh  
Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers  
Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newsheet

WE ARE TRYING to set up a SUNDAY SCHOOL. If you have any children who would like to come along please let Fr Trevor know.

### From the PARISH REGISTERS

The Funeral of WILLIAM DOUGLAS CLARKSON WEBB took place on 3rd May at St. George's, Great Bromley.

## **The Bromley Messenger July 1994**

Sometimes the church is compared to a family. This is a very apt description. Just as in a family there are differing age groups and interest, so in the life of the church there are a variety of individuals who have different needs and tastes. One of the important tasks of any parish priest is to try and ensure that as far as possible these different spiritual needs and tastes are met so that people can grow in faith.

One of our priorities at St George's must now be work with children and young people. I like the expression that "children are not the church of tomorrow but the church of today". We all realise that without the dimension of children and the young our family is unbalanced. In the future months we hope to have events and services that will appeal and in due time re-establish a Sunday School. I am always pleased to welcome children into the family of the church through baptism and to explain and discuss matters of faith to any who are anxious to know more - young or old.

*Fr Trevor*

This month's issue is sponsored by THE PARISH COUNCILS OF GREAT and LITTLE BROMLEY . We are most grateful to them for their support. Material for the August edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 12th July please.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 Jul	Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 2.00pm
4 Jul	Leigh Singers Entertain, Jill Frostick's garden, 2.15pm
6 Jul	WI meeting at Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Jul	Tendring Show
12 Jul	Friendship Outing to "The Gardens of the Rose"
15-16 Jul	WI County Show at Cressing Barns
17 Jul	N.C. Conservative Association Summer Cream Tea, Park Farm, 3.00pm
22 Jul	Vajahat Khan, Indian classical musician in the Church
23 Jul	Cricket Club Hog Roast at The Black Boy
Aug	WI Outing to Sizewell Power Station, Dunwich & Supper
3 Sep	Gt Bentley Flower & Dog Show

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Notes of the Meeting held on 19 May, 1994

The meeting was dominated by the gypsy problem. It was reported that at the last count there were 11 gypsy caravans parked in Mary Lane North. The Parish Council agreed to send a representative, Mr H Fairley, to speak to the gypsies. Mr R Worthington will also attend along with the County Council's Gypsy Liaison Officer, Mr G Jones. It is hoped that the problems regarding the gypsies' use of the Haven Road site in Colchester can be resolved.

Mr Phillips (Hare Green Recreation Committee) gave his report. He said that he is struggling to keep the committee going through lack of interest but will endeavour to recruit new members. The main fund raising event, the "Field Day", will be held in September.

Future Parish Council Meeting dates were arranged as follows:- 23rd June, 21st July, 25th August, 22nd September, 13th October, 17th November.

### KITCHEN CORNER

Summer soft fruits are in season again, so we all make the most of them, with so many delicious puddings and ices to make, as well as just enjoying them fresh with cream or yogurt. Home-made jam is so good, it is worth the effort of making it. Strawberries need added pectin, so use lemon juice, or if you have redcurrants, as I do, use these instead. I just put some currants (unstrung) in a pan over a low heat until the juice runs, then press through a sieve. Add to the strawberries with the sugar and boil till set. If you are making redcurrant jelly, strain through a jelly bag and don't press the fruit or it will not come clear. You will need 1¼ lb sugar for each pint of juice. Boil only 1.5 minutes and pot at once as it sets very quickly.

Some cardinal points to remember for jam making:-

- 1 Always cook the fruit thoroughly to soften skins and reduce well before adding the sugar.
- 2 Warm the sugar and dissolve completely before boiling to setting point.
- 3 Have clean, warm, dry jars ready. Let whole fruit jam stand 15 mins and stir well to distribute the fruit before potting. Fill jars right to the brim.
- 4 Cover at once with the waxed circles

If you have a few fruits insufficient for a batch of jam it is fun to try a mixture. Strawberries, gooseberries and some rhubarb make a good combination, as do raspberries and blackcurrants. Happy eating! *Jill Frostick*

#### GARDEN PARTY

The LEIGH SINGERS invite you to come to Grove House, Frating Road, Great Bromley on Monday, 4th July 2.15-4.30pm. There will be entertainment, strawberry tea and the usual stalls and raffle. Please support this to help raise funds for repairing the Hammerbeam Roof in St George's Church. Tickets are £1.50 from Jill Frostick, Jean Harding and the Post Office.

#### CHURCH ROOF APPEAL FUND LAUNCH

Despite miserable weather it was a most enjoyable evening at Copley Dene at Anne and John Clapham's kind invitation to their lovely garden. The Cavendish Consort gave a performance. Our patron, Lord Braybrooke, spoke up on behalf of our Roof Repair Fund and to date £4,800 has resulted or been pledged. Our grateful thanks to Anne and John and all who helped.

#### TAYLOR'S DROP A CLANGER

We wish to apologise most sincerely to all neighbours, and also to Mr and Mrs Clapham for the intermittent operation of our burglar alarm, which we understand intruded into the enjoyment of the Baroque music at "Copley Dene" on the very special evening of Saturday, 21st May. My mistake was to inadvertently leave one door open into the lounge which our Great Dane, Toby, used frequently during the evening, resulting in accidental activation. We will make absolutely sure that this unfortunate incident does not recur. *David Taylor*

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

Keep Friday, 22nd July evening free for the return of the world renowned Indian classical musician, VAJAHAT KHAN, who will play with two accompanists, in the Church. This will be a unique experience. Many will remember the two previous occasions when his father, IMRAT, and his brothers, Shafaat and Irshad, have been with him on these wonderful instruments. Some actually came from Germany on one occasion!

WE ARE NEEDING someone prepared to commission and buy merchandise for sale in aid of the Church Repair Fund e.g. tea towels, mugs, notelets etc. Please contact the Secretary, Jean Harding

#### URGENTLY NEEDED YOUTH CLUB LEADER

I am sorry to say that due to personal reasons, I am no longer able to run the Great Bromley Youth Club. The Club needs someone willing to commit themselves every Wednesday night between 5-6.30p.m. Chris Taylor is willing to continue running the club JOINTLY with a new leader. No qualifications are required, just enthusiasm and a good understanding of children aged between 10 and 15 years. Any person over the age of 21 would be welcome to apply. However, if by the end of the summer term (20th July) a new joint leader cannot be found then unfortunately the Youth Club will be forced to close. The closure of the Youth Club would be a great loss to the village children, in particular during the dark winter months. If you can help please phone either myself or Chris as soon as possible. *Diane Spurling*

#### LOST BROKEN GLASS

William Dowsing was an iconoclast, a breaker of images, statues, paintings, and glass, etc., in churches and chapels in the seventeenth century. His formal commission extended only to Suffolk but he was undoubtedly responsible for havoc at Dedham in 1644 and certainly at Great Bromley in that same year as the Church Wardens Accounts show.

1644 - Paid to Mr Dowden (Dowsing) when he broke the glass in the Church 3s. 0d.  
for 17 foote new glass 9s. 11d.

" 6 foote new glass leaded 1s. 6d.

" 4 foote Repayrd 6s. 4d.

Mendinge all the Rest of the glasse about the Church £1 5s. 0d.

" 35 pounce sodder (Solder) £1 12s. 1d.

" the plommer worke 17s. 6d.

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One wonders what the Great Bromley Church looked like when it had all its pre-Commonwealth glass in the windows. Shall we ever know? Maybe! *John Appleby*

### TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW CONCESSIONARY TICKETS

The Tendring Hundred Show has this year introduced a Family Concession Ticket for two adults and two child members of a family, to sell before the day at £12 as against the 'on the day' price of £17. Good value for a Good Show, still very much farm related in its outlook. Saturday, 9th July is the day at Lawford House where car parking is still free. Tickets are available from Great and Little Bromley Post Offices, Lawford Honeycroft and elsewhere.

### GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The cricket season is now well and truly underway and Gt Bromley & District Cricket Club have had a tough baptism as newcomers to the Lancaster Garages League second division. At the time of writing Gt Bromley have lost all three of their opening league matches but remain confident that the losing sequence can be reversed as the club finds its feet in this higher standard of cricket. In the friendlies the club has been more successful with four victories having been recorded and only one defeat suffered.

During the end of May Bank Holiday the Cricket Club embarked on their annual tour to Rutland with a party of 14 descending upon the picturesque town of Uppingham. Three matches were played with Gt Bromley defeating Oakham and Uppingham and losing to Houghton on the Hill. As usual the tour was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part even if the majority of the tourists looked a little bit worse for wear on their return to Essex!

Whilst on the subject of social events I would like to remind everyone that the Cricket Club are again holding a HOG ROAST and Raffle at the Black Boy on Saturday, 23rd July. Tickets are priced at £5 or £15 for a family of four. Side attractions include a bouncy castle as well as a Punch and Judy Show and a magician. Tickets are available from the Black Boy, Tony Huish (Tel 230568) or any other member of the Cricket Club. We hope we can count on your support.

*[Ads: RICHARD MOTHERSOLE and Jane Pleass]*

### ESSEX Local Government Review Submission of the Essex County Council (Summary)

#### THE PRINCIPLES

- Essex needs strong democratically accountable local government that is able to represent and promote the community interest of Essex people at regional, national and European level, whilst at the same time being responsible for service delivery at local level.
- The County Council has made a determined effort to identify a county-wide pattern of unitary authorities that would be able to plan strategically, deliver services locally, reflect community identity, be democratically acceptable and financially robust.

#### POSSIBLE UNITARY STRUCTURES

The County Council has examined the following possible unitary structures:-

##### **Two, Three and Four Unitary Authorities**

Two or three unitary authorities would be broadly acceptable for the strategic planning and delivery of services and would save money over the present two-tier arrangements. Four unitary authorities would also provide a marginal saving but would require increasingly complex joint policy and working arrangements for the planning and delivery of services. Such large unitary authorities would lack clear community identity and democratic accountability. They would be of a size where it would be difficult to represent local interest through a restricted number of councillors.

##### **Five or Six Unitary Authorities.**

Would generate additional costs that would never be recovered. Although being more acceptable on democratic representation grounds and superficially more local, they would still lack community identity. The unitary authorities would be a product of amalgamating separate areas

in an endeavour simply to reach an arbitrary population formula. At the level of five or six unitaries, the county is strategic and specialist services fragment into joint boards and the number of joint working arrangements becomes manageable. Effectiveness and efficiencies are lost and the strategic capacity is transferred from Essex and its elected representatives to Central Government and its regional offices.

### **Nine Unitary Authorities**

As the number of unitary authorities increases, so does the cost and there is the need for a plethora of joint arrangements at policy and working level. Nine unitary authorities would result in wholly unacceptable extra costs with no possibility of pay-back. It would produce a pattern of local government which has no chance of meeting the Commission's criteria of strong strategic local government which can play a proper role regionally, nationally and in the new Europe of regions. The costings supplied to the Commission on the Commission's own model estimate set-up costs of £39 million and ongoing annual costs of £19 million giving a total cost to the Essex Council Tax payer of £219 million over 15 years.

### **CONCLUSION**

The County Council is concerned that the 1974 reorganisation was intended to remedy the perceived problems of the times and provide a lasting solution. Yet within 20 years we are back again reorganising the last reorganisation. The County Council is not satisfied that abolishing the County Council and the 14 District Councils in a shire area as large as Essex and replacing them with a unitary system that has hitherto been restricted to the urban city areas of the country will produce the looked for improvements and will be lasting. The County Council fully endorses the Commission's conclusion that "*there are advantages to the existing two-tier structure. If it is to be replaced it must be with something better*". The County Council does not consider that any unitary pattern has been identified for Essex that will provide something better than the County/District pattern that currently exists, especially if this system were to be enhanced by a new working partnership between County, District and Parish which could be readily achieved once this divisive and time-consuming review is no longer an issue.

*Robert Adcock, Chief Executive, County Hall 14 April 1994 i-*

### BROMLEYS & LITTLE BENTLEY BRANCH of the N.C. CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Please note that the SUMMER CREAM TEA will be held at Park Farm on Sunday, 17th July at 3.00pm Tickets £3 from Henry or Ann Fairley

### ALEXANDRA ROSE COLLECTION

This information may well come too late for most readers, but there will be a collector calling at your home sometime in the two weeks from 18th June - 4th July, and not necessarily on 18th June as stated earlier. We hope you will be generous. A large proportion of the proceeds this year will come to the local branch of the Huntington's Disease Association for family support and welfare.

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Many thanks to all who helped and attended the Brightlingsea Coffee and Garden Morning, on a cool but dry day when £200 was raised. Several of the H.D. families were there which included a group from Woodlands Centre in Colchester. Our thanks to Mary and Ian Cook for their hospitality and hard work. Our group has booked a Stand at the Tendring Show on 9th July and everyone will be welcomed there. Do come and see us and we may have some little refreshment too. We will have some saleable goods as well as information about H.D. and how our group is trying to help families who have it. *Jean Harding*

### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The coach will leave Elmstead Market at 9.00am for the outing to "The Gardens of the Rose" at Chiswell Green, St Albans on Tuesday, 12th July. Mr Len Young will be talking to us about Royal Palaces at the July meeting.

The Competition - A Fancy Holder for a Flowerpot. *Mildred Purkis*

### GREAT BENTLEY FLOWER & DOG SHOW

Great Bentley Village Green on Saturday, 3rd September, 1994 at 2.00pm  
Entry forms available from Village Shops and Post Office

### GT. BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Table Top Sale - Saturday, 2nd July, 2.00pm. Tables can be booked by 'phoning either Dawn on 250708 or Nicky on 230229. Any Playgroup Parent who could help out on the day, we would be grateful. Last day of term is Wednesday, 20th July but we hope to have an outing on Monday, 25th July - ask Eve for details. *Nicky Robinson*

### METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 3 July 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr J Lunnis  
Sunday 10 July 11.00am Balls Green Revd J Robinson  
Sunday 17 July 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr D C Marshall  
Sunday 24 July 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs M Longley  
Sunday 31 July 11.00am Balls Green Mr M Abbs

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### SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND COFFEE MORNING

I am deeply grateful to you all for your wonderful support on 18th May - despite the dreadful weather. We raised £224 for this fund and the S.C.F. have asked me to say thank you on their behalf. My sincere thanks to you all *Rose F Field*

### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was a hint of Scotch Mist in the air at the Village Hall for our Members' Meeting on 1st June. Barbara Hall and her helpers organised a splendid evening which was enjoyed by members and visitors many of whom, joining in with the Tartan theme, were suitably attired. The Greyfriars Scottish Dancing Group gave a grand exhibition of their skills and the audience keenly joined in for several dances. Everyone was delighted that Mrs Wilkinson won the competition and Vera Biddis rounded off the evening playing some Scottish airs. Gill Newman, until recently a member of our WI and a past President, has become Mayor of Wivenhoe; everyone sends their best wishes for a happy and successful year in office. We go under the sea next month (Wednesday, 6th July - 7.30pm in the Village Hall) with Mr K Wade speaking on The Submarine Service. It's an Open Evening, so weigh anchor and sail along to join us. *Pippa Hardy*



9 June 1994

Dear Villager

### **WILLOW FARM/PYLON SITE**

You will, by now, know that Essex County Council's Gypsy Sites Group, at its meeting on 29 March 1994, did not agree with Tendring District's recommendation that Willow Farm should become a permanent gypsy site. Instead, the county decided that a gypsy site should be established at Grove Farm, Elmstead Market. In response to this decision, Tendring District's Development and Planning Committee is recommending to its council that it should appeal to the Minister for the Environment. It is likely, therefore, that there will be a public enquiry into the Grove Farm proposal.

It is to the great credit of Great Bromley that Essex County Council received almost 200 letters from the village, protesting against Tendring's proposal. Also, 555 people signed the petition. By any standard this is a magnificent response and you should know that the decision makers at Essex County Council were very impressed by your action. Your letters and signatures carried considerable weight.

You will also by now know that Tendring District's Development and Planning Committee wanted to earmark Willow Farm as a gypsy site in the district's ten-year plan and recommended this to the full council meeting on 19 April. Councillors, by a majority of 41 to 8, did not agree and directed the committee to reconsider its proposal.

The District Development and Planning Committee met again on 2 June, when it decided to remove Willow Farm as a gypsy site from the district plan. This major reversal for Tendring's Development and Planning Committee is the second important victory for Great Bromley in its gypsy site campaign. A third, important, matter is still outstanding and that is the private application by the owner to establish a gypsy site at Willow Farm. This must be resisted and if you have not already written in protest to the Director of Planning at Tendring's Council Offices, Weeley, please do so now, giving your reasons. I understand that Tendring's Planning and Development Committee will be considering this private application at its meeting on 11 July 1994 and your presence at that meeting in support of your committee could contribute to the ultimate success of our campaign.

In the meantime, we need to continue displaying our posters, which are a visible expression of our village's united opposition to a gypsy site. If you would like to have more posters, as I notice that some are now rather worse for wear, please let me know.

Many of you, perhaps, will not know that there is a gypsy camp on the grass verge of Mary Lane North. Members of the Gypsy Action Committee visited the camp and arranged for several gypsy families to be allocated a pitch at Colchester's official gypsy site.

**JAMES HEANEY**

**Chairman, Gypsy Action Committee**

*[Ads: L. KEMP and THE "ODD JOB" MAN]*

### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

In spite of the weather we had a most enjoyable evening on Thursday at our annual Cheese and Wine party. The "goodies", supplied by the members were delicious - many thanks to everyone, and the willing hands in the kitchen were much appreciated.

On Saturday we had a plant stall at the Seven Rivers Fete and were able to donate £90.00 to the Home. Once again sincere thanks to the helpers, also to Mr Leach who supplied the vegetable plants which proved very popular.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 14th July at Seven Rivers when our Speaker will talk to us on "home-made wines" - don't forget a SMALL glass for "tasters"! *Vicky Griffiths*

ST GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY

**The P.C.C. NEWSLETTER - June, 1994**

The first Parochial Church Council meeting with Fr Trevor as parish priest discussed a number of important practical issues. These varied from working out the ways for organising coffee that is now served after the service on Sunday mornings, to the celebration of the Eucharist with the priest facing the people. Satisfaction was expressed with the latest arrangements to cut the churchyard grass. Like many village churches St George's faces a great challenge as it strives to meet the costs of maintaining a beautiful medieval church and the costs of ministry.

**SERVICES IN JULY**

- Sun 3 July 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings .  
9.30am Family Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh
- Sun 10 July 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Choral Evensong
- Sun 17 July 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings  
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- Sun 24 July 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at Ardleigh
- Sun 31 July (same as 24th July)

Eucharists during the week

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh

Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh

Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers

*Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newssheet*

Daily 8.00am Morning Prayer

From the PARISH REGISTERS

Our congratulations to KEITH HUGHES and PATRICIA BALLANTINE, now Mr and Mrs HUGHES, whose marriage was blessed on 28th May.

The funeral of SYBIL BARKER took place on Tuesday, 7th June.

There was a Thanksgiving Service for DOUGLAS CLARKSON-WEBB on 10th June.

DOLLY STUDD was cremated at Colchester Crematorium on 2nd June.

May they rest in peace. Our prayer for concern is extended to their relatives.

## The Bromley Messenger August 1994

One of the familiar questions that are often asked when a new priest is appointed is what changes will he make. It can sometimes surprise people that those priests who clearly belong to the traditional catholic wing of the Church of England nevertheless so institute certain changes. This is perhaps because the work 'tradition' is given the wrong emphasis. Tradition is that body of truth doctrine and practise that is passed from one generation to the next. For Christians the essential truths of the Gospel that God came down to earth in the person of Jesus, that the scriptures are the recorded word of God and that Jesus' death and resurrection enables us to share the life of the Kingdom here on earth and eventually in eternity are unchanging. However, because Christians believe that the God gave and gives the Holy Spirit to lead the church into all truth certain things will change in different periods of the churches life and witness. This helps us meet the spiritual needs of those in our own age.

In the 19th Century and the earlier part of the 20th Century the worship found in Anglican churches was of awed reverence before the majesty of an all powerful, if somewhat remote, God. The priest stood with his back to the people representing and being a channel for the prayers and worship of the congregation. Increasingly both the Anglican and Roman Catholic church have believed that the Holy Spirit has led them into a different understanding. The source of Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, is now believed to be a celebration of the whole family of God - young and old - so that while the priest presides he does not overdominate.

To stress this understanding the priest faces the people as I now do at St. George's during the first part of the service "the ministry of the word". The priest mid-service sits at the side nearer the people so to focus more attention upon those reading the scriptures. In the sharing of the peace of Christ when each member of the congregation is asked to offer a sign of peace to their neighbour we try and affirm the fact that we are a family of God at St. George's - a family that needs and supports each of its members. To remind us of the central place of the Gospels in our faith I now hold up the Gospel book and process to the middle of the nave to read the passage appointed.

I find not infrequently that people are puzzled by church ceremonial or find it distracting or superfluous. In the future I hope to demystify what happens by explaining its purpose and meaning and show how it can enrich and deepen our faith. *Fr Trevor*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 Aug	WI Outing to Sizewell Power Station, Dunwich & Supper
25 Aug	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
3 Sep	Gt Bentley Flower & Dog Show
6 Sep	WI Senior Citizens Tea Party, 5.00pm
7 Sep	Playgroup & Toddler Group commences
10 Sep	Sponsored FUN Cycle Ride
19 Sep	Playgroup A.G.M., Briar Cottage, Briar Rd., 8.00pm
23 Sep	Police Choir in the Church, 7.30pm

## GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes of the Meeting held on 23 June, 1994

At the meeting held on 23 June it was reported that the private planning application for a gypsy site at Willow Farm is due to be discussed at the T.D.C. planning meeting on 11 July at Weeley at 7.30pm. The Gypsy Action Group asked for the Councillors' support by attending the meeting. Members of the public would also be welcome.

Mr West reported that part of the Village Hall is to be renovated and a new light will be fitted over the front door. The Parish Council have agreed to give financial support to this venture. A £500 grant was given to the P.C.C. towards upkeep of the Bromley churchyards.

It was reported that the garden surrounding the village sign needs further attention. The Parish Council will ask the Garden Club for assistance.

## ALEXANDRA ROSE DAY COLLECTION

The excellent total of £191.49 was collected through village efforts. This will result in £153.24 going to the local branch of the Huntington's Disease Association. This represents 80% of the proceeds, the remaining 20% going to the Alexandra Rose Day Association who provide the administration, collection boxes etc. Very many thanks to the collectors and the donors. The money will be divided between the Family Welfare Fund and the vital research still needed to treat, and hopefully one day, to cure this wretched hereditary disease.

## "ON Y'R BIKE"

Saturday, 10th September

Families and Solos - Do Join Us for a Sponsored FUN CYCLE RIDE through rural Essex visiting local churches culminating in a PICNIC and help your local church

For details or forms ring Mrs Yvonne Cobbold (230360) Watch this space for updated news

## THE CARDINALLS OF GREAT BROMLEY HALL - PART I

There have been many owners of The Hall, now The Seven Rivers, Cheshire Home. All have interesting things that can be related about them and their families and connections.

The Cardinalls came from Wenham in Suffolk. The first was William Cardinall, J.P., who bought The Hall and the estates in 1537 as well as the advowson (the right of presenting a Rector to the Parish) of the Church. He chose three incumbents, David Bennet, Thomas Milner and Thomas Briggs. William married Ioane, daughter of William Gurdon of Assington, Suffolk, and had a son William and three daughters, Fides, Rose and Jane. By his second wife, daughter of William Knightly, he had five sons and a daughter.

When William died in 1568, he owned land and manors in the Bromleys, Elmstead, Frating, Alresford, Bradfield, Piggotts in Ardleigh, Great Bentley and Wix. He was succeeded by his eldest son, also William, whose wife bore him an only daughter, so the estates devolved on William senior's second son, Charles. In 1607 William and Edward, his brother, sold the Manor of Great Bromley, (Church Hall or The Hall), as well as Cold Hall, another Manor.

Charles was an attorney-at-law; he lived at Braham Hall, Little Bromley. Charles married twice; first to Elizabeth Suckling in 1579, and then on her death to Bridget Bowes, a widow, nee Starling. He died in 1624, leaving two sons William (estates in Ireland) and Robert of Braham Hall, and two daughters, Mary who married William Sayer and Anne whose estates were at Wix. .  
(To be continued) *John Appleby*

**FOLLOWING ON** from the petition regarding Payments of Pensions and Allowances at the Post Office reported in 'The Messenger' in August, 1993 the Editor has recently received a letter from Mr Bernard Jenkin M.P. enclosing a copy of a speech made on 11th May by Peter Lilley,

Secretary of State for Social Security to the National Federation of Subpostmasters which sets out the measures Mr Lilley is taking to reinforce the Government's pledge to maintain a nationwide network of post offices and attack Social Security Fraud.

The speech explains that he is examining options for progressive action on three main fronts:

- extending the use of bar codes on benefit books
- installing computer terminals to verify payments over the counter
- eventually replacing order books with special payment cards.

Mr Lilley goes on to give the following assurances: “

- There will be a nationwide network of post offices, continuing to offer a range of services including benefit payment
- Every address in Britain will have mail delivered to it
- Everyone will pay the same price for the postal service, whether they live in Orpington or the Orkneys.

Whatever the decision on the status and commercial freedom of the Royal Mail, we want to keep the traditional links with Post Office Counters. One way we will do that is by guaranteeing that the Royal Mail will use Post Offices to offer existing services. We will guarantee that by regulation. But I am confident that in practice Royal Mail will use the services offered by post office counters, not through compulsion, but because of their positive attractions.”

The speech was welcomed by Colin Baker, General Secretary of the National Federation of Subpostmasters, who said, “This is tremendous news for sub-postmasters and a validation of our hard work and vital role the community”. Mr Baker also welcomed the indications that the future of sub-post officers “is more secure and that our contribution is valued”.

#### GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUPO

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-1100 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.40 Cost: £1.00 per session

Thank you to everyone who helped at, or came along to, our two fundraising events in June and July, the BBQ and fun afternoon which raised £100 and the Table Top which raised £155. We can all have a break now from cake making!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday, 7th September - both Playgroup and Toddler Group commences.

Monday, 19th September - Playgroup A.G.M., 8.00pm at Diana McLean's house, Briar Cottage, Briar Road, Great Bromley. All parents of Playgroup and Toddler Group children should attend to ensure the future running of the playgroup.

Wednesday, 19th October - the photographer will be coming to take the children's photos from 10.30-12.30.

And lastly, many thanks to Dinah Jones (Chairperson), Dawn Walker (Secretary), Diana McLean (Treasurer) and the committee for all their hard work this year. Should you wish to register your child for the new term, please phone Dawn or myself. *Nicky Robinson*

THE CHURCHYARD is referred to as "God's Acre" and it is our intention to keep it neat and tidy. To do this we pay to have the area cut, etc, and "the labourer is worth his hire". We are grateful to the Parish Council for generously giving a grant each year but now we are asking families whose loved ones' mortal remains rest in peace in the churchyard to donate annually towards the newly established Churchyard Fund. Will you assist, please? This money will not be used for any other purpose and enable us to continue to have an area of which we can be justly proud and thankful. Donations for this year and future annual amounts should be sent to Mr James Wild, Churchwarden, Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh. Mr George Kent, Crabtrees, Paynes Lane, Little Bromley, will be pleased to accept any donations for Little Bromley Churchyard. Please help. Why not make a donation on an anniversary?

#### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

To all SENIOR CITIZENS of Great Bromley You are invited to a TEA PARTY on Tuesday, 6th September, 5.00 for 5.30pm RSVP Vera Biddis (230506) or Jean Wright (230663) Transport can be arranged

Unfortunately, due to illness we were unable to hear about the submarine service at the July meeting. However, Mr Young stepped into the breach and gave us an excellent insight on his

professional life as a French polisher. Rita Baxter told us of the really enjoyable and well organised Triennial Meeting held recently in Birmingham. She was one of 10,000 W.I. members present and urged others to volunteer to be the delegate when the time comes again as it is an event not to be missed. No meeting in August but don't forget the Summer Outing on Wednesday, 3rd August. *Pippa Hardy*

ST GEORGE'S HAMMERBEAM ROOF APPEAL

The Leigh Singers' Garden Party was held at Grove House, Great Bromley by kind invitation of Mrs Jill Frostick, and was a great success. Over 90 people attended on a wonderful day and listened to a delightful programme of songs, some unaccompanied, ranging from Elizabethan through to Strauss and Negro Spirituals. Many thanks are due to the choir, the helpers for the wonderful strawberry tea, to the stallholders, and to the generosity of friends who in all provided £325 for the Roof Repair Fund. And thank you to Jill and family once again who have in the past few weeks between them raised nearly £1,000 for this fund.

The Repair Committee are also greatly indebted to the many people who contributed towards the Musical Evening held at Copley Dene earlier on, when the Cavendish Consort, which included guest baritone singer Bernard Jenkin M.P. entertained us so charmingly. The final total for that event reach £4,089 with further pledges. So far the total sum raised since the launch of the Appeal in May stands at £4,890.55.

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BROWNIES

Thanks to the kindness of the Pirie family the Brownies now have a new hut to go to in September (Thursday, 15th September at 5.30pm). During the holidays, with the help of some kind parents, we will be carpeting and furnishing it ready for the new term. As well as the main area there is a kitchen and a loo - we now have all mod cons. We welcomed this term Rochelle who has made her Promise and Emily as a Tweenie. Elizabeth has gained her Chess badge - Levels 1 and 2. Lisa has gained her Writer and Swimmers badges. The Agility badge was worked for one evening and was gained by Gemma, Lisa, Emily, Katie, Rebecca, Sophie, Beth, Emily, Elizabeth and Stefanie. Very well done to all of them.

The Brownies have been busy in other ways this term - they attended, and helped at, the June Family Eucharist at St George's, they visited Pedlars Wood at bluebell time and went to Brownie District Revels hosted this Year by Lawford when they all dressed up as circus members. The theme for the afternoon was 80 years of Brownies. On the last day of term we went and looked at our new hut. Happy holidays to everyone. *Brown Owl*

ADVANCE NOTICE

The 50 voice Essex Police Choir will be coming to sing in the Church on Friday, 23rd September at 7.30pm. Tickets, and further details, will be available soon from Leonie Henderson (231262).

### KITCHEN CORNER

This is the time of school holidays and picnic meals, so this month's recipe is for a good cut-and-come-again slab cake. You can bake this in an 8" round cake tin, or a square or oblong one if you want to cut it in fingers. Pippa Hardy gave me the recipe and it is a really easy one that keeps moist.

### MRS BRIGGS FRUIT CAKE

1lb SR flour 1/2lb soft margarine 1/2 lb sugar (brown or white) 3/4 lb mixed dried fruit  
2 eggs 1/2 pint milk

Rub fat into flour, add sugar, fruit, eggs and milk. This makes a fairly slack mixture. Put into a well-greased/lined tin. Bake approx 1 1/2 hours in a moderate oven. *Jill Frostick*

### ESSEX RURAL ACTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

**What is Rural Action** A new environmental grant which is available to rural communities who want to improve their environment for the benefit of local people.

**What sort of projects?** Any project that will benefit the local environment and the local people such as the clearance of the village pond, footpath through local woods, tools training for local volunteers, production of a parish map or village nature trail, local recycling scheme, village tree planting, churchyard conservation report etc.

**Who can apply?** Any community group such as Parish Council, Community Association, local society or local charity, providing that they are prepared to listen to and incorporate the needs of the local people.

**How much grant?** 50% of the costs up to a maximum of £2,000. Volunteer labour and gifts in kind can count towards your 50% of the total.

#### **What do grants pay for?**

- Training, eg tools training
- Materials, eg bridge components
- Specialist services of contractor of hire of equipment, eg dredging of pond
- Interpretation, photographic materials, promotional leaflets

#### **Who to contact**

In Essex we have formed a network of people who can help with Rural Action. You can contact any network member ,as shown below.

Rural Community Council for Essex (Grant administrator for Rural Action) - Lynda Cheney (0245 352046)

Essex Wildlife Trust (Secretary for Rural Action) - John Hall/Liz Holdsworth (0206 729678)

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers - Polly Clarke (0245 477582)

Council for the Protection of Rural Essex - Helen Clothier (0245 268667)

Diocese of Chelmsford - John Brown (0277 355692)

Essex Churchyards Conservation Group - Nigel Cooper (0376 511161)

Colchester Borough Council - Ray Martin (0206 712222)

Essex County Council - Gareth Gunning (0245 492211 Ext 51512)

Tendring District Council - Keith Tallentire (0255 255139)

The Essex Network is sponsored by the following national organisations:

Countryside Commission, SE Region - Sally Carr (071 831 3510)

English Nature, Essex & Herts Region - Nick Radford (0206 796666)

The Rural Development Commission

### GT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mr Ken Hazell will be talking to us about the fascinating subject of Antiques at our August meeting. During the programme he will value items brought along by members. The Competition - a chain necklace. *Mildred Purkis*

### METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 7 August 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr W Evans

Sunday 14 August 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd J Robinson

Sunday 21 August 11.00am Balls Green Mr A Redfern

Sunday 28 August 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr L Polley

## ST GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY

The P.C.C. NEWSLETTER July, 1994

At the PCC. meeting it was decided to present school leavers with a copy of the Bible as the most appropriate gift from the church. The PCC. also believed that in view of the high cost of maintaining the churchyard a churchyard fund be established to help us meet the required funding. It is hoped that the restoration work at St Mary's, Little Bromley will soon be fully completed.

### SERVICES IN AUGUST

- Sun 7 Aug 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings  
9.30am Family Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh
- Sun 14 Aug 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong
- Sun 21 Aug 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.0am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong
- Sun 28 Aug 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at Ardleigh

### Eucharists during the week

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh

Wednesday 9.30am Great Bromley

Thursday 7.30pm Ardleigh

Friday 11.00am Seven Rivers

*Saints and Holy Days as announced on the news sheet*

Daily 8.00am Morning Prayer

N.B. As Fr Trevor will be away from 17-31 August there will be no weekday celebration of the Eucharist from 17 August until 31 August. There will be a Eucharist on Thursday, 1st September at 7.30pm at Ardleigh.



## **The Bromley Messenger September 1994**

### **I BELIEVE?**

I followed with interest the recent case of the Rev. Anthony Freeman dismissed from his post in Chichester. There are a small number of priests that apparently hold the same views as this atheist clergyman yet have managed to keep their jobs. What he is saying is therefore not an isolated occurrence and it raises not a few theological issues. We can discover what the Rev Anthony Freeman believes by referring to his recent book "God with us". Key phrases within it are "a number of people are finding meaning in a non-supernatural version of Christianity", "more than that it is possibly the most authentic form of Christianity which can be found today" and "by re-interpreting the words of the prayer book I am able to use the prayers".

While such phrases and views seem on the face of it to be rather clever and radical it is important to be aware that Freeman, by equating Faith in God with a simple moral code of behaviour, is overturning the essence of the Christian faith which does look to a "supernatural" God who intervened in history and gave us Jesus who was born, died and rose again.

There is nothing new in atheism and Godless humanism. In Greek culture there were those sincere people who intellectually rejected a belief in God. What is new is the idea that the Christian faith and its prayer and worship should be used to help people realise that God doesn't really exist and that what has been believed and experienced by those within the church is irrelevant, illusory and outdated. This is the point where Freeman is weakest. He knows that if he were to write a new liturgy that put his views across unambiguously hardly anyone would come to church. He therefore uses the familiar words of Anglican worship that speak clearly about a supernatural God and a people who look to him for help but insists that he is "re-interpreting" them. In fact his re-interpretations are a re-writing in thought but not in letter. Nevertheless I am pleased that publicity has been given to this matter. It gives the church the opportunity to demonstrate that our belief in a "supernatural God" is arrived at through engaging with the doubts, the scepticism and the difficult questions which life poses for us, certainly not by avoiding them. Any reading of the Bible in depth will soon reveal that the men and women of faith who we hear of had many of the doubts, anxieties and fears that we have yet were brought in the end closer to God through them. "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven thou art there: if I make my bed in Sheol thou art there. Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." **Psalm 139** *Fr Trevor*

This month's issue is sponsored by THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE BROMLEYS. We are most grateful for the support. Material for the October edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 13th September please.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3 Sep Gt Bentley Flower & Dog Show
- 5 Sep Harvest Buffet Supper, Burnt Heath Methodist Church
- 6 Sep WI Senior Citizens Tea Party, 5.00pm
- 7 Sep Playgroup & Toddler Group commences
- 8 Sep Colchester Institute Road Show, Church Meadow 8.45-2.00pm
- 8 Sep Garden Club meeting, 7.30pm
- 10 Sep Sponsored FUN Cycle Ride
- 10 Sep FUN DAY, Hare Green Recreation Ground, 2.00pm
- 17 Sep Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Sep Playgroup A.G.M., Briar Cottage, Briar Rd., 8.00pm
- 22 Sep Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
- 23 Sep Police Choir in the Church, 7.30pm
- 25 Sep Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.15
- 29 Sep Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Schoolroom

### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our September meeting Mrs Neale will present the Little Oakley Handbell Ringers to entertain us, which 'sounds' very nice. The Competition - An unusual shaped Bottle. *Mildred Purkis*

### THE STONE CONNECTION

Those attending the St George's Harvest lunch will be pleased to know that some members of the Stone family will be with us for the occasion, after attending the Thanksgiving service. They will be staying in the village. They are celebrating their Golden Wedding with a return to their "roots".

### 25th SEPTEMBER PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS HARVEST LUNCH

Please reserve your tickets early as numbers must be limited. ' You can get them from Yvonne Cobbold, Post Office, Rectory

Sunday 25th September 12.15 for 12.45 at Great Bromley Village Hall

HARVEST LUNCH including Glass of Wine/Soft Drink

Adults £2.50, Under School Age Free, Children £1.00

Please bring your own knife, fork and spoon You may bring your own drink If you wish

It would be wonderful to welcome you to share in the Harvest Thanksgiving at Saint George's Church, Great Bromley at 9.30am before the meal.

### GREAT BROMLEY YOUTH CLUB

Unfortunately despite Diane's letter in the July magazine and the various notices around the village asking for a new Youth Club leader NOT ONE person has come forward to offer their help! I have decided to carry on running the club and Father Trevor has very kindly agreed to help on a regular basis. We open again on Wednesday, 7th September, 1994 5-6.30pm at the Village Hall for children from 10-15 years. We look forward to seeing you all again. *Chris Taylor*

*[Ads: RICHARD MOTHERSOLE and Jane Pleass]*

### From: THE CHAIRMAN, GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Resident,

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

I imagine that you will have received letters from Essex County Council and Tendring District Council about the local government review. Both ECC and TDC have taken diametrically opposite viewpoints with regard to the Commission's recommendations. Both authorities have stated their points of view in their letters to you; Essex wishes to retain the present system whilst Tendring wishes to become a unitary authority.

I thought you should know that your Parish Council wrote to the Commission several months ago stating that Great Bromley favours the retention of the present two tier system. Your Parish Council also believes that it would not be in the interests of Great Bromley for Tendring District to become a unitary authority. The Local Government Review Commission recommends the retention of the present system as being in the best interests of everyone in our community. The County's Director of Education has recently written to say that the two tier system is best for our primary and secondary schools and recommends its retention. As a school governor I agree with his recommendation.

In addition to the many services and amenities provided by the county, having Essex County Council as a second tier authority provides a safeguard for everyone living in the village. It is an authority to which we, as a village and as individuals, can appeal when we do not agree with the decisions of Tendring District Council. A very recent example, of course, has been Tendring District's desire to establish a gypsy site at Willow Farm. This would not have been in our village's interests; neither would it have conformed with Essex County Council's gypsy site selection criteria. You should know that Tendring District displayed flagrant bias in its selection process, so much so that it re-wrote the rules covering permanent gypsy sites in the district so as to ensure that the gypsy site would be established in Great Bromley and not in Elmstead Market. Fortunately, Essex County Council did not agree with Tendring's decision.

I strongly urge you to accept the Local Government Review Commission's and Essex County Council's recommendation and not Tendring's, and when you receive the Local Government Review Commission's leaflet you should reply, using the reply slip, by putting a tick in box 1, stating that you want "OPTION ONE". The more people who vote for option one, the more chance we have of retaining the present two tier system, which is in the best interests of our village.

Yours sincerely, *HENRY FAIRLEY*

*Chairman, Great Bromley Parish Council*

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Our branch Treasurer, Ellen Saines, and her husband, ex-Chief Inspector of Police, now an H.D. sufferer, had the honour of representing the ranch at the Buckingham Palace Garden party on 19th July. Princess Diana, our Patron, was not there sadly but they had a memorable day and saw several members of the Royal family. *Jean Harding*

IN AID OF THE HAMMERBEAM ROOF APPEAL  
ESSEX POLICE CHOIR at St George's Church 7.30pm  
on SATURDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1994  
Tickets £3.00 Adults, £1.00 Children,  
available from Mrs. L. Henderson, Mr S West 7 Gt Bromley Post Office

### LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on 21st July, 1994. The following matters were discussed:

- i. The Playing Field. The position here is most unsatisfactory, as we have no written agreement with Mr Tabor over the present land. Mr J Pleass is writing to all the local farmers to see whether any other suitable plot is available.
  - ii. Several people mentioned that the corner with Shop Road, Chequers Road and Ardleigh Road was very dangerous. Essex County Highways have promised to look into this and see what can be done.
  - iii. The flooding in Paynes Lane has been reported to Tendring District Council.
  - iv. Village Hall Fund. Fr Trevor Diaper has agreed to become a Trustee, and the trustees are going to look at the deeds to see whether the funds could be used for any other purpose.
  - v. The Elizabeth Warren Trust and the Church were also discussed (see separate notices).
- Date of the next meeting is Thursday, 29th September at 7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom.

*Bill Walker*

### LITTLE BROMLEY CHURCH - ST. MARY'S

Now that the Churches Conservation Trust (formerly the Redundant Churches Fund) have finished their restoration work, they have given their permission for the Church to be opened and used again for services (up to about six services a year are permitted with the approval of the Bishop) and other events such as concerts or flower festivals which the Trust will gladly allow. It is hoped to have a special re-opening service at either Harvest Festival or the Feast of the Annunciation in September or October. Details have not been finalised yet. At least one half of any collection made in the Church in future has to go to the Trust towards the upkeep of this Church.

Anybody wishing to visit this old Church, dating from Norman times, may do so, and keys are available at the Rectory or the Little Bromley Shop or New House, Little Bromley. We also require volunteers to spend a little time cleaning, sweeping or polishing. Anybody interested should contact me.

Histories of the Church are available at the Little Bromley Shop. *Bill Walker*

### ELIZABETH WARREN TRUST - LITTLE BROMLEY

This Charity, founded in 1809, has unfortunately been dormant for nearly 30 years, because under the 1917 Articles it was to provide warm blankets or clothing for the deserving poor of Little Bromley not in receipt of parochial relief. The Rev. Paul Richmond tried to revise its deed, but unfortunately, he retired before any scheme was approved by the Charity Commissioners. The deeds have now been thoroughly revised, and approved by the Charity Commissioners, and the Trustees may make grants for the general relief of the poor in Little Bromley up to £25 per person per year.

The Trustees are myself and Mr Roy Poulter. Fr Trevor Diaper has agreed to become a Trustee at the next meeting on 27th September. Any resident of Little Bromley wishing to be considered for a grant should apply to me, before the next meeting. *Bill Walker*

### ADVERTISEMENT

LOVING HOMES WANTED FOR THE FOLLOWING RESCUED CATS:

Very pretty and friendly, green eyed, black long haired female, approximately 1 year - 18 months old. Unwanted after giving birth to 6 kittens, which have now been homed. She has been spayed and is desperately in need of a permanent loving home.

Male and female neutered tabby cats. Owner could no longer afford to keep them. Must be housed together as inseparable. Permanent loving home only.

Three kittens, ready to go to permanent loving homes on 25th September.

Telephone Pat Peachey - 0206 393527 - evenings and weekends, if you could give any of these cats a second chance of a loving home.

[Ads: L. KEMP and THE "ODD JOB" MAN ]

In Aid of the Village Hall, Registered Charity

**BARN DANCE**

at Great Bromley Village Hall

Dancing to The Lantern Band (with Caller)

SATURDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 1994

7.30 until 11.30pm

Bar and Raffle

Tickets £5.00 including Supper can be obtained from Mr P Petchey or any committee member

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 21st July.

It was reported that more planting is to be carried out by "Dean Bros." in the garden surrounding the village sign. The Garden Club have tidied the site but this has proved difficult due to the weeds growing through from the adjoining plots. The Parish Council agreed to write to the estate agents and ask them to tidy these areas.

A letter has been received from Tendring District Council stating that the County Council are now instituting legal proceedings to evict the gypsies from Mary Lane North. It was brought to the Council's attention that bonfires lit by the gypsies have caused fire damage to nearby trees. The Parish Council will bring this to the attention of the County Council Highways Department. Mr S West, vice-chairman of the Village Hall Committee, gave his report. He said that the new tables and chairs are now in use. Estimates are awaited for the proposed building work.

Mr C Phillips, Hare Green Recreation Committee, gave his report. He said that the "Fun Day" will be held on Saturday, 10th September. The much needed funds raised from this event will be used for the play equipment maintenance, safety checks and insurance. He again thanked the Parish Council for assisting in the maintenance of the recreation ground which is looking very neat and tidy.

Mr D Pallett, County Councillor, has resigned. He has given advice and support to the Parish Council over several years and a letter of thanks will be sent to him. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 22nd September.

COLCHESTER INSTITUTE ROAD SHOW

We have arranged for this mobile information centre to visit Great Bromley on the first day back at school. It is aimed at anyone who would like to find out more about the college and the opportunities it offers. The road show is especially for us in the villages who may have difficulty in visiting the Institute on any of its open days or enrolment days. There are no age restrictions for those interested and staff on the information unit will be able to answer queries on the courses, the availability of funding for potential students and any other aspects of the institute. Colchester Institute has two main sites; at Clacton and Colchester and it runs full and part time courses in office technology, art, leisure, languages, computing, business and management as well as GCSE and A level courses and other topics areas.

We have booked the road show for Wednesday, 7th September and it will be in Church Meadow (by kind permission of Mr C.J.Pirie) before school from 8.45 am until 2 pm when it leaves to visit Little Oakley. If there is anyone who would like to visit the road show while it is here and needs transport then if they contact me I will arrange it. *Val Harris*

GREAT BENTLEY FLOWER SHOW on Great Bentley Village Green at 2.00pm

Exemption Dog Show at 1.30pm Craft Fair & Table Top Sale at 7.00pm

Outside Entertainments: Sheep-dog display - Clog Dancing - Children's Activities - Music - Stalls - Refreshments Show Secretary: Mrs Longcroft

Show open to all amateurs - Staging of entries 7.30-10.00am

### TO EVERYONE IN HARE GREEN.

Thank you very much for filling and returning the Greenpeace envelopes in July. I collected £56 in total. If there is anyone who still has an envelope and would like to make a donation please drop it through my door or telephone me and I will collect it and send the money in.

*Val Harris, Dairy Farm Cottage (Tel. 251691)*

### DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Exhibitions and Maintenance Grants for Educational purposes are offered to young people resident in Ardleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford St Mary. Application forms may be obtained from Christopher Barlow at 47 Butt Road, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3BZ - Clerk to the Governors. The closing date for applications is 21st October 1994.

### R E M E M B E R on 10th SEPTEMBER DO NOT FORGET YOUR BIKE!

Join our FUN CYCLE RIDE and bring the family. Cycle around Essex Churches and raise money for your local church. Why not plan your own route or join us finishing with a picnic in the Rectory Garden at 4.00pm. Contact me for Sponsor forms, Directories and Maps.

If you feel you cannot ride but would like to support your church, perhaps you could sponsor one of our riders. *Yvonne Cobbold*

### KITCHEN CORNER

This month I am passing on an excellent recipe from one of the W.I. Cookbooks. It is for baked ham, and is really easy and quite delicious either hot or cold.

VIRGINIA BAKED HAM - a classic American dish Serves 6

3lb ham, gammon or hand of bacon, 3 onions, 3 carrots, 5 celery stalks, 1 tbl of pickling spice, dark brown sugar, cloves, 1 can of natural pineapple juice

Soak ham overnight if preferred. Next day put in a pan and cover with water. Peel and chop vegetables and add to ham with the spices. Simmer for 15 mins per lb of ham. Remove from the liquor, peel off the skin and cover the fatty surface with brown sugar. Dot with cloves and place in a baking tin with the pineapple juice. Bake in a hot oven for 45 minutes basting frequently with the juice (210C, 425F)

If serving hot, pour the pan juices over the ham and serve at once. If serving cold, baste with the juices as it cools.

N.B. Do **not** spoil this dish by garnishing it with pineapple rings and glace cherries! *Jill Frostick*

### THE CARDINALS OF GREAT BROMLEY HALL - Part 2

As the Archivist for The Colchester Royal Grammar School, I was pleased to find that James Cardinall, (1603-1664), carried on the Essex line and was educated at the School. He was admitted to Grays Inn in 1622. He was married to Dorothy Welby of London and she gave him seven children of whom John (A) was the eldest, Dorothy married Samuel Clarkson, Charles was a dyer at Colchester, dying in 1682 leaving an only son, also Charles, who became a dyer, like his father, but died without issue in 1700.

John Cardinall (A) was also educated at C.R.G.S. and married Susan Latham at St Benet's, Gracechurch, London, in 1664. The family moved from Great Bromley to Tendring in 1669 and this village was the home of the Cardinals for several generations.

Of John and Susan's children, the elder son John (B) inherited New Hall, Tendring, from his cousin, James Clarkson, in 1725. He married Susan Begbit in 1695. A son John (C) (1696-1760) died without issue and a nephew, Clarkson, succeeded him.

Ann Cardinall, probably John (C)'s sister, married Thomas Thorrowgood D'Oyley, a Thorpe-le-Soken surgeon in 1765. He was a member of the Thorrowgood family of Kersey, Suffolk, and at Clacton-on-Sea there is a Thorroughgood Farm and also a Thorroughgood Road - thus preserving the family name and connection with The Tendring Hundred area. *(To be continued)*

*John Appleby*

### INDIAN MUSIC on 22nd July

A full moon was just one extra element of beauty when St George's Church celebrated music of a very different kind than usual, when Vajahat Khan, the famous Indian sarod player, accompanied by Sanjay on the tabla and Krishna on the tanpura, gave an entrancing performance of romantic and devotional ragas. To add to, rather than detract from, the wonder of the evening much of the performance was conducted by candlelight due to a power cut which

furthered the wonderful atmosphere. The performance was greatly applauded by the audience some of whom, new to the experience, had never before imagined the great beauty of Indian classical music. Many will have read the excellent review of the concert in the Essex County Standard and regretted that they did not come.

#### RECREATION FIELD FUN DAY - SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER

The annual Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 10th September, 1994 at 2.00pm on the Recreation Field, Hare Green. There will be Tombola, Teas & cakes, Raffle, Jumble, Table Top Sale and other Side Shows. All jumble you have will be collected. It is hoped that NADEEM SHAHID, the Essex County Cricket player who lives in Gt Bromley, will attend and open the event. We hope to have a cricket bat signed by the Essex team as 1st prize in the Raffle. This year our running costs have gone up yet again. The insurance cover for the play equipment etc, has gone up and we also have to pay to have an annual safety inspection of the equipment. Please support your Recreation Field by attending the Fun Day and parting with a little money. The facilities are there for all our children's use and I am sure you would not like to see it lost. Various other equipment such as tennis racquets and balls, badminton equipment is available from the Police House. A £5 deposit is required, returnable upon safe return of the equipment. The committee who run your Recreation Field would like to see more members. We only have a few meetings a year and one or two functions. Anybody wishing to add their support to the committee please ring me on 250374. Chris Phillips

#### BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

will be on Sunday, 11th September at 11.00am conducted by Mr Bob Gooch. Produce will be for sale at the close of the service. Proceeds for Church funds All are welcome.

#### BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE on Sunday, 4th SEPTEMBER at 11.00am

Monday, 4th SEPTEMBER - BUFFET SUPPER 5.30pm with Sale of Produce and ENTERTAINMENT by THE FRIENDSHIP PLAYERS Tickets £1.50 - Telephone 230585 or 230166

#### METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 4 September 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs G Watts

Sunday 11 September 11.00am Balls Green Mr R Gooch

Sunday 18 September 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd M Lockwood

Sunday 25 September 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Banyard

#### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Apologies for the non-entry in last month's 'Messenger', which was NOT due to the result of the "tasters" which Mr Gould and his friend, Roy, brought. The talk on wine and beer making was very informative, interesting and humorous and many of us learnt what mistakes we had been making and now feel sure we can enter in competition with them! When making wine it is helpful to freeze the fruit or berries first - this method breaks them down quicker when the boiling water is poured over. If you haven't tried wine making now is the time to start.

Our Speaker on 11th August was Mr Pearce on "pruning". It is always very helpful when slides are shown to illustrate the talk. Members of the Club have weeded the village sign site but it is a losing battle when we have to contend with the weeds from the "car park". It is intended to write to the Parish Council asking them to contact the owner thereof to have the weeds cleared if only on the side next to the site.

Our next meeting is to be held at the home of Mr and Mrs Headford, on 8th September at 7.30pm which will be a plant and cuttings evening, all proceeds to Club funds. *Vicky Griffiths*

#### SERVICES IN AUGUST

Sun 4 Sep 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings

9.30am Family Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist Ardleigh

6.30pm Evensong at Seven Rivers

Sun 11 Sep 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh

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6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Sun 18 Sep 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Thu 22 Sep 7.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving  
Sun 25 Sep 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh  
9.30am Parish Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving  
HARVEST LUNCH in Village Hall 12.15 for 12.45  
11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at Ardleigh

Eucharists during the week

Tuesday 9.30am Ardleigh

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Saints and Holy Days as announced on the newsheet

Daily 8.00am Morning Prayer

From the PARISH REGISTERS

The funeral of JULIA PORT took place on Thursday, 11th August.

The ashes of MOLLY HAYWARD were laid to rest in the churchyard on Tuesday, 16th August.

May they Rest in Peace.

## **The Bromley Messenger October 1994**

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON"

I have been especially struck by the way that living in the country seems to give the changing seasons a far greater impact than would be the case in a town. Summer this year gave way quite quickly to autumn. Now throughout October the cold starkness of winter will make its presence increasingly felt.

Even those of us who long for the warm summer days and balmy evenings know that this rhythm of change and variation is something that is important for us to come to terms with. It is a vital part of being human and living in a world full of chance and change. In the life and worship of the church we have the liturgical calendar to help us explore the different aspects of the Christian faith. A calendar which has been built upon and mirrors the seasons of the year. Autumn when the leaves fall and we sense that life has gone full circle emerges as a time given to sober reflection upon things and people of the past. This is so important for without an understanding of the past we cannot understand the present or move forward into the future. Someone has written "The past is myself".

The Christian calendar at this time of the year begins again with what are called Sundays and weeks before Christmas. The themes and readings take us back to the origins of the human race and the world itself. We hear about the story of creation, about Adam and Eve's disobedience, about the exodus from Egypt and the earliest events in the life of God's people through Abraham and Moses. All Saints Day and All Souls gives us an opportunity to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before and to see in the pattern of their lives much of our own. Yet the shortness of life and the sense of loss that we feel for those no longer with us, or of opportunities missed needs to be placed alongside a confident rejoicing and hope in a God who cares for all his people and has prepared a place for those who place their trust in him. A God who brings life out of death and light out of darkness. *Fr Trevor*

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 Oct	St George's School Harvest Festival for the children in the Church, 2.00pm
13 Oct	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
13 Oct	Garden Club meets at Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
22 Oct	Grand Opening & Coffee Morning, New Guide-Brownie Hut, 10.00am
25 Oct	WI Stour Activities County Style Day at Ogilvie Hall, Lawford
29 Oct	A peal on the Church bells

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

'Outings' have taken the place of meetings during the summer. At the Tendring Show we had our own Stand with the help of generous local loans, and there we met friends and made useful contacts giving out information. We have been to tea with a friend at Mersea which we enjoyed in her garden, after watching the boats for a while. Another nautical occasion was at Harwich where 25 of us boarded the M.V. Brightlingsea for a splendid cruise finishing with fish and chips at the Old Bear. It was Lifeboat Day so the quay was *en fete*. A subsequent outing to Wrabness Nature Reserve Open Day was great fun but NOT much good for wheelchairs despite its claim to be suitable for disabled people. The autumn monthly meetings started in September at Seven Rivers. Please contact Jean Harding if you want to know more or would like to help. We could do with it.

### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our September meeting we were treated to the excellent photography of Mr Rose; the talk and slides on his recent holiday gave us a good look at the countryside and wild flowers of Norway. Hope all those who came to the Senior Citizens' Party enjoyed themselves. We had 48 guests - next time we should love to have a full house. The organisers of the Summer Outing to Sizewell were complimented and we managed a Highly Commended for our exhibit at the Tendring Show. Diary Dates: 9th October - cakes for the Hospice

10th October - Half-Yearly Council Meeting

25th October - Stour Activities County Style Day at the Ogilvie Hall, tickets from Margaret Bush  
*Pippa Hardy*



### GRAND OPENING of the NEW GUIDE-BROWNIE HUT and COFFEE MORNING

The 1st Great Bromley Guides and Brownies are holding a COFFEE MORNING on Saturday, 22nd October at 10.00am to show off our NEW HUT and also to raise much needed funds to buy essential equipment such as modern, safe fires, a cooker for the kitchen, lino for the kitchen and 100 and lots more. PLEASE DO COME ALONG and support us.

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25th August.

The Parish Council have written to the estate agents requesting that the land adjacent to the village sign be cleared. To date, no action has been taken. Mrs Elvin reported, however, that an enforcement order is in hand to clear the site of the old "Spread Eagle" car park.

The private planning application for a gypsy site at Willow Farm will be discussed by Tendring District Council at Weeley on 13 September at 5.30pm. The Parish Council will write and request that the meeting be held at a later time in the evening, as this will be more convenient for parishioners to attend. The eviction order to move the gypsies from Mary Lane North is due to be heard in court on 22 September, 1994.

M S West said that the Village Hall committee are to consider additional security lighting after two cars were broken into recently. Now that the new tables and chairs are in use, the old furniture will be disposed of, prior to the commencement of the building work.

£250 grant has been given to the bowls club towards the cost of a new carpet and Mr Kempster thanked Mrs Elvin for her help in obtaining the grant.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 September, 1994 and not as published on 22 September. The October Parish Council meeting will be held on 13 October.

### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Several members brought along their items for valuation by Mr Ken Hazell at our meeting in August, some of which were unusual and of great interest to him. Our October meeting celebrates our 33rd birthday and our own "Friendship Players" will entertain us. The competition - A paper weight. *Vicky Griffiths*

### LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER

Irene Wilkinson has for many years done a splendid job as our recorder, but feels she can no longer keep up this activity. Your Parish Council is looking for a volunteer to take over this position through the Essex Local History Recorders - Co-ordinator Mrs Jean Aberdour - Witham. Please contact Len Christodoulides (251264)

### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Once again we thank Mr and Mrs Headford for their hospitality on Thursday when we enjoyed a happy evening at their home. Lots of plants and cuttings were brought by the members and the Club's funds swelled very nicely - thanks to everyone. A "fun" competition "name that seed" (17 altogether) was really quite puzzling but it did prove that our members did study their plants quite seriously.

Did you know that the oldest gardener is 105 years old - how many seeds in his lifetime has he planted, I wonder?

Next meeting is on 13th October at Seven Rivers when our Speaker is Mrs Rudge on "Dried flowers" arrangements. Usual time 7.30pm *Vicky Griffiths*

### LEASING

Has your Club thought about buying some expensive equipment? NALC AND LOCAL COUNCIL LEASING PLC NALC (National Association of Local Councils) has negotiated special arrangements with Local Council Leasing Plc to provide additional funds, not previously available to local councils, for the leasing of equipment and, in some cases, property on competitive terms. NALC will provide advice and guidance to local councils to ensure that agreements are at 'arms length' and that packages are appropriate for individual, specified needs. Each leasing application will be treated as an individual case and councils should deal directly with Local Council Leasing Plc. Part of the NALC arrangement ensures NALC will be advised of all member council applications. NALC are pleased to be able to recommend this new source of finance.

## GYPSY SITE

Wednesday 14 September 1994

Dear Villager

I am pleased to say that at its special meeting on 13 September, Tendring's Development and Planning Committee refused the private planning application by the owner of Willow Farm to establish a gypsy site there. This is a significant victory for Great Bromley. It means that, for the present at least, we need not worry about the prospect of having a gypsy site at Willow Farm; our posters, therefore, need no longer be displayed. Your response to our appeal for you to write protesting against the private application exceeded all of our expectations. Tendring received no less than 110 letters and for many, of you it was the third time you had written.

Our village's victory did not come easily. We have few friends in Tendring's Planning and Economic Development office. Indeed, the bias displayed by some of Tendring's officials was unbelievable, had I not experienced it at first hand. It would also appear that some people regard Great Bromley as easy meat, as we are a small village. How wrong those people were!

Our campaign would not have been successful had we not had your magnificent support. We thank each of the 555 people who signed the petition and we specially thank all those stalwarts who collected the signatures on the committee's behalf. We are grateful to the Cross Inn at Burnt Heath, where scores of regulars signed the petition, and we thank all those people who displayed posters in their homes and who posted them throughout the village.

Your committee owes a debt of gratitude to those of you who carried placards on those occasions when we demonstrated outside the Council offices at Weeley, protesting against Tendring's proposals. It is also indebted to those who, by word of mouth, encouraged their neighbours to lend their support.

It would be remiss of me not to mention two villagers whose enthusiastic support and contribution to Great Bromley's victory was immense; they are Mrs Susan Rampling and Mrs Bernadette Worthington, both members of the Gypsy Action Committee, who undertook a huge amount of work on your behalf.

Great Bromley's victory was also a victory for common sense. As one councillor put it "I could not imagine a worse place for a gypsy site in Tendring Hundred". It was a victory, too, for the gypsies who described the area (Willow Farm) as resembling a concentration camp and who also said that they would never use it, if it became a gypsy site.

**JAMES HEANEY** Chairman, Great Bromley Gypsy Action Committee

## BELLRINGING

On Sunday, 29th October, a band of experienced bell ringers led by Simon Rudd, a former Tower Captain at Great Bromley, will attempt to ring a peal on the Church bells. If the peal attempt is successful it will be the first peal on the bells for over 10 years due to the problems associated with the Church Tower over the last few years. *David Wenden*

THE COLCHESTER INSTITUTE offered us the use of its Roadshow at short notice and the following report is "feedback" from their point of view. Next year we will be more organised for this event and maybe the Roadshow can visit different locations within the village so that anyone interested can call in on it. If anyone has any comments on this Roadshow I am willing to co-ordinate them or you can contact Ken Masters (details at the end of his article). *Val Harris*

## COLCHESTER INSTITUTE ROADSHOW

We duly arrived at Church Meadow on Wednesday, 7 September and 'settled in'. The Village Shop kindly offered to distribute leaflets to customers and we opened for business. It could hardly be said to have been busy - why? Perhaps many local people had already enrolled either with the Adult Community College at Grey Friars, or ourselves - after all, the combined prospectus should have been delivered to every household in late June. I suspect that there are many people who see that education or leisure classes could help change their lives in some way but regard them as impractical or remain unsure of what to do. Some common problems are:

**Transport** - local bus services may be very poor or non-existent in the evenings. Solution a. there are many 'part-time' classes during the day at both institutions. b. it is possible to study many subjects at the Institute by Open Learning' - a correspondence course with tutorial support (a very effective way of learning for many people) or through an open access workshop where you negotiate your own times.

**Cost** - tuition is completely free for those in receipt of a range of Benefits, and for their dependants. There is a small registration fee and there may be a materials charge. Highly subsidised travel is also available for visitors to the Institute.

**Guidance needed** - people might say 'my children are too young for me to do anything', without realising that with some clarity about direction this time is a resource to prepare for a new direction or to take an old one further. There is also nursery provision. Adults with qualifications can prepare for university in a year and a term without doing A-levels. These decisions needs talking over, and guidance is available from both institutions.

**People assuming that classes are full** - please don't assume this, even at this late stage. Contact the institution of your choice and if full, ring the other.

**'I'm too old, ill etc.** - this of course, may seem an insurmountable barrier, and sometimes is. Where, however, this is more an attitude of mind, may I remind you of the Adult Community College motto 'It's never too late to learn!'. We at the Institute feel the same, and many older students agree. NB. Special arrangements for those with disabilities can often be made.

**Not knowing what we do** - If you did not receive a prospectus through your door and would like one AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION 'phone (0206) 718000 (Colchester Institute or write to Enquiries, Colchester Institute, Sheepen Road, Colchester CO3 3LL; or the Adult Community College, High Street, Colchester C01 1KG; or telephone (0206) 42242.

We were made very welcome by the organisers in the village and thank them for helping us to offer this public service. A small number of people did receive information about a range of courses, and links were made with the Cheshire Home that could increase educational opportunity for disabled people; and an important request was received by us to provide some special provision for Chartered Surveyors. If anyone has any ideas how we might make Education Guidance, and our provision, more accessible, please write to me at Colchester Institute.

*Ken Masters*

*Head of Special Projects (Outreach)*

*[Ads as before for:*

*The Odd Job Man*

*Jane Pleass*

*L Kemp*

*Richard Mothesole]*



### TILLERS OF THE SOIL

When I was Clerk to the Elmstead Parish Council among other duties was that of Rent Collector for the Allotments. There were very few who wanted Allotments and one family asked to take on all the vacant plots but they asked me to wink an eye as they were not supposed to work on Sundays and they were expected to dig the ground with a spade whereas they needed and used a plough. We got on well! Among the Rules and Regulations for letting the seven Cottages and Two acres of land at Guildhall were the following:

"1. The Rent of each cottage with an allotment of one-third of an acre of land shall be £3 8s. per annum. The rents to be paid half-yearly to the Churchwardens.

2. The land is to be cultivated solely by spade husbandry, and not to be under-let.

3. No occupier will be allowed to crop more than half his land with any kind of grain, or to plant potatoes two years in succession in the same ground. No manure to be taken off the premises.

4. Any occupier, who shall be found guilty of dishonesty or poaching, or shall be a frequenter of the Beer or Public Houses, shall forfeit his land and cottage.

...

8. The occupancy of the cottages and land shall depend upon the morality, industry, and general good conduct of the occupier: and those who by honest industry are least chargeable to the parish, will always receive the greatest encouragement.

9. It is also to be understood, that no lodgers, male or female, shall be allowed

Signed Great Bromley, Oct. 22nd, 1851

Edward Norman Carrington Nunn, Saml. Cooper, Jun., Trustees."

Discipline, Politeness, Honesty, Sobriety and Hard Work were applauded. Dare we say – "I 'member them good owd days an' did it hu't 's"?

*John Appleby*

## GOOD NEWS FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO SET UP OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Funding is now available to NEW clubs wishing to provide permanent play and care facilities for children age 5+ in rural areas where they could operate on a few days a week or in holidays only. Proposed schemes must open all year round - for holiday schemes this must be at Christmas, Easter and summer and at half-terms and occasional days. They must be able to show that they are supporting working parents and they must be permanent. Clubs will have to register with Social Services under the Children Act and therefore cannot be "open access". For further details contact: Jill Lloyd, Kids' Clubs Network, Blue Chip Business Centre, The Old Exchange, Mill Lane, Gt Dunmow, Essex CM6 1BG Telephone: 0371 876884.

## KITCHEN CORNER

I have been asked by a reader to give a recipe for Spotted Dick. Mrs Beeton gives two recipes:

### CURRENT PUDDING

½ lb currants ½ lb suet 1lb flour

Mix with enough milk to form a stiff batter. Put into a floured cloth and boil gently 2 ½ hours.

Serve this with butter and sugar.

### HUNTER PUDDING

12oz flour 4oz suet 3oz sugar 6oz raisins 1 teasp baking powder ¼pt milk

Mix well, shape into a roll and boil in a floured cloth for 2 hours. Serve with custard or a sauce.

A simpler way would be to use: 8oz SR flour 4oz suet 6oz dried fruit 3oz sugar Milk to mix

Steam in a greased basin 1½ -2 hours.

### COTTAGE PUDDING

8oz SR flour 1 egg 4oz each of suet, sugar, dried fruit 4 tablesp milk

Mix to a stiff consistency and spread into a greased shallow tin. Bake hot oven for 30 minutes.

*Jill Frostick*

## METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 2 October 11.00am Balls Green Miss M Holdford

Sunday 9 October 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr D C Marshall

Sunday 16 October 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd J Robinson

Sunday 23 October 11.00am Balls Green Revd J Hardwick

Sunday 30 October 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd J Robinson

## ST. GEORGE'S GREAT BROMLEY PCC Newsletter September 1994.

At the last meeting of the P.C.C. it was agreed that the work of the church be discussed and planned through smaller committees dealing with Fund-raising, Pastoral Concerns and General Maintenance that will report back to the full P.C.C. This aims to increase action and reduce the tendency to talk and discuss rather than act.

### ALL SOULS DAY, 2nd NOVEMBER

This is the day when the church remembers with special prayers the faithful departed. It is customary to have a Requiem during which the dead will be remembered by name. If you wish a loved one to be remembered in such a way please put their name on the list that will be displayed in church from mid October or tell Fr. Trevor.

## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sun 2 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings 9.30am Family Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong at Seven Rivers

Sun 9 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh . 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sun 16 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings 9.30am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sun 23 Oct 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Communion 11.00am

Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Choral Evensong at Ardleigh

Sun 30 Oct (same as 23rd October)

*[Eucharists etc as last month]*

## From the PARISH REGISTERS

Our congratulations to Susan ROZIER and Jon BURNBY who were recently married in church. May God richly bless them.

## The Bromley Messenger November 1994

One of my first tasks this month in the magazine must be to thank all those who gave so generously of their time and from their larders to make our Harvest Luncheon such a success. It was a great pleasure to see and hear so many people enjoying themselves.

Events such as this remind us of an important aspect of the Christian faith - that God deals with us as a community and not simply as individuals. In days when villages were thriving rural communities with a common purpose and few people had cars there was a very strong sense of belonging to a place and being a part of that village. Although this is much less so today it still can be a feature of life in the country. In an age when people are encouraged to see themselves as individuals who have to battle hard in order to obtain a job and secure their rights, it is important that the many positive benefits of working, enjoying ourselves and being together are encouraged.

Moreover, that sense of being part of something greater than our own immediate family still does surface in a number of ways. In the services on Remembrance Day, many in our nation will gather together to recall those who fell in battle and gave their lives in the course of freedom.

Interestingly it was in the aftermath of the First World War, when so many young men were killed, that the very natural practice of praying for the dead became widely accepted. If a loved one went on a journey to a foreign land it would be natural for us to remember him; so if death is but a further part of a journey out of the world of time into that of eternity, we as Christians can be confident that our prayers will be used to help our loved ones who have died.

A number of people have asked me about the service at All Souls. This is simply a way of offering our prayers for those whom we have loved but see no longer. In the context of a Communion service, which celebrates the saving work of Christ, we read out the names of those who have died and ask that God in his mercy will grant to them eternal rest and a place at his banquet.

*Fr Trevor*

The Messenger this month is sponsored by R G GWINNELL, Funeral Directors, 24 High Street, Manningtree. We thank them most warmly for their support. Material for the December edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 15th November please.



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 Oct	Conservative Barn Supper, Brundells Farm
2 Nov	WI Annual Meeting, Village Hall
2 Nov	Playgroup Bonfire Night
5 Nov	Tearcraft Coffee Morning, The Chase, Chase Rd. East, 10-12
9 Nov	Christmas Flower Sale, Southview, Ardleigh Rd. 10am-9pm
11 Nov	Essex Police Band, Village Hall, 7.30pm
16 Nov	'Teeny Togs' clothes at the Playgroup, Village Hall, 9.30am
16 Nov	Christmas Flower Sale, Southview, Ardleigh Rd., 10am-9pm
17 Nov	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
21 Nov	'Off-the-Peg' Clothes Show, St George's School, 8.00pm
23 Nov	Cricket Club A.G.M., Village Hall, 8.00pm
3 Dec	Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm
9 Dec	Junior Christmas Disco, St George's School, 6.00pm
10 Dec	Christmas Bazaar, St George's School
21 Dec	Playgroup Christmas Party, Village Hall, 10.00am-1.00pm
31 Dec	New Years Eve Dance, Village Hall

## GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As our Speaker for November is unable to be with us our own Friendship Players will be helping us with a Sing-a-Long for that meeting. The Competition - A Slipper. One wonders what "treasures" that will produce. *Mildred Purkis*

## GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

With the cricket season now being a distant memory, Gt Bromley & District Cricket Club can look back and be well satisfied with their efforts this summer. Gt Bromley finished a very creditable fifth in the Second Division of the Lancaster Garages League, an excellent finish for the Club in its first season in this division, the highest the club has competed in. The final placing was even more impressive considering that by the end of July Gt Bromley were second from bottom and facing a quick return to the Third Division. However, a change of fortunes occurred and with the team showing improved form ten out of the last eleven League games were won resulting in the welcome climb up the division. It was a good season for the club's batsmen with two scoring over 1,000 runs each, a first in the club's history.

Captain Fraser Eadie led the way with an aggregate total of 1,200 runs including two centuries and six fifties. His highest score was 110 Not Out against Wivenhoe in the League. Matt Pirie was the second highest run scorer compiling a career best total of 1,020 runs. His total included a maiden century (two in total) and a career best innings of 108 Not Out against Leavenheath. Pip Allam was the third highest scorer with 648 runs and had three scores of fifty plus. Pip also recorded a career best when he carried his bat for 98 against Grasshoppers.

On the bowling front Tony Huish was the Club's most prolific wicket taker. Tony claimed 45 victims with a best performance of 3 for 14 against Clacton Ramblers in the League. Fraser Eadie was second highest wicket taker with 31 dismissals, his best return being 4 for 38 recorded in the same match. Young Rupert Mothersole in his first full season confirmed his potential as a good prospect for the future by being the third highest wicket taker with 30 victims. Rupert's best bowling performance came against a strong Kelvedon side in a League match when he took 4 for 41.

PLEASE NOTE that the Cricket Club will be holding its A.G.M. on Wednesday, 23rd November at the Village Hall. The meeting will start at 8.00pm and is an ideal opportunity for any prospective new members to introduce themselves to the Club.

## NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

at Great Bromley Village Hall

with ALLEN WARRENDER at the ORGAN - Music for Everyone

Please make up a party, and bring your own food and drinks

Information and tickets (£4.00) from Post Office

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## BROWNIES

We welcome Emily P who has taken her Promise and Emma and Georgina who have joined us as Tweenies. Katie has gained her Photographers badge and also with Elizabeth gained the Book Lovers badge. Emily has gained her Agility badge. Beth, Emily H, Katie and Rochelle went to Thorrington Scout Camp for a weekend during October on the Manningtree District Pack Holiday. The theme for the weekend was the Circus. *Brown Owl*

## GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-1200 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.45 Cost: £1.00 per session

At the A.G.M. on 19th September a new committee was elected - Acting Chairperson, Dinah Jones, retired and Linda Pearson has kindly filled the position of Chairperson. Diana McLean has stepped down to being a committee member with Kim Knowles taking over as Treasurer. Nicky Robinson has taken over from Dawn Walker as Secretary. Good luck to the newly elected officers. Welcome to anyone wanting to join the committee.

We will be having a bonfire night similar to last years, on 2nd November. .If you are interested see Nicky at Playgroup or ring myself.

On 16 November from 9.30am look through TEENY TOGS top quality end of range garments, same brand as sold in leading High Street stores at almost half the price!

Our Christmas Party will be on 21st December, 10.00am until 1.00pm. It will include a children's entertainer with balloons, bubble blowing and magic tricks. Then after lunch meet Father Christmas and receive a present.

WIN A HAMPER! Tickets £1.00 each. Available from any committee member. *Kelly Hazelton*

#### 1870 Recipe for Preserving Husbands

Take only varieties which have been reared in a good atmosphere. Most wives insist on keeping them in hot water, but this only makes them bitter. Even poor varieties can be made tender by garnishing with patience and well seasoning with smiles. Wrap in charity, warm with a steady fire of devotion, and treated thus husbands should keep for years and improve with age.

[Ads as before for: *The Odd Job Man; Jane Pleass; Logan Kemp; Richard Mothesole*]

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#### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

3rd December 1994 at Great Bromley Village Hall, 2.00pm

In Aid of Great Bromley Village Hall and W.I. Funds

Any items for Stalls and Raffle would be very much appreciated.

All usual Stalls plus free visit for children to see Father Christmas.

SEE YOU THERE.

ALL IS QUIET on the eastern front at Little Bromley. This magazine is also yours and it would be lovely to hear of news and events going on in Little Bromley. *Editor*

#### THE FONT AT GREAT BROMLEY

The Church Wardens Accounts of 1660's have many interesting things in them.

1663 - Feb 11 For meterals and workemanshep in seting up the fonte in all = 10s. 8d.

This font was given to East Donyland Church in 1933 when the present font was donated by Mr and Mrs Nicholl "in memory of a son and daughter".

In 1933 The War Memorial on the north wall of the North Aisle was a gift from Mrs Crossman of Great Bromley Hall together with a cupboard still in the North Aisle.

In 1934, sixty years ago, the New Vestry was dedicated, another gift from past and present parishioners.

The brass tablet from a monument slab in the church was fixed on wall of the South Aisle in 1934 and relates to John Hubbarde, 1537. The antiquarian, Mill Stephenson, noted that the brass was loose in 1898 and then could not be found in 1925 when an enquiry was made about it. Older parishioners may recall that it was rediscovered at the former Rectory.

Unfortunately, at the present time we do not know anything more about the other matrices (or blanks) for brasses which are in the church. Who took these away? Time and more research may give an answer.

*John Appleby*

#### PASSENGER TRANSPORT PLANNING

Essex County Council has published its plan for 1995-96 in the back of which is a list of minibuses and ambulances which can be hired by local organisations and also which taxi services can take wheelchairs. Anyone who is interested should contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

### BY SPECIAL REQUEST the ESSEX POLICE BAND

will again be appearing at the Village Hall on Friday, 11th November at 7.30pm. Many will remember last year's appearance of the Band which was a great success. Tickets are £4.00 (£1.00 for children).

May I also thank you for your support on 23rd September when the Essex Police Choir gave a concert in the Church under their Conductor, Norman Eastbrook. The Church was full and the singing enjoyed by everyone. £420 was raised towards the Hammerbeam Roof Appeal. Thank you also, to all those who helped to make this a successful evening. *Stan West*

### GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the October meeting we were treated to the tasty delights of "real" cheese brought along by Mr Appleby of Guntons - the excellent Grocers in Crouch Street, Colchester.

Members were asked to man stalls at the Christmas Sale on 3rd December and told that we would be running the Bring and Buy at next year's Spring Group Meeting. Also next year we are to host a County Style Day on 23rd May.

2nd November is our Annual Meeting with Judith Rose VCO, so hope all members will be there.

*Pippa Hardy*

### MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

were held on Wednesday, 1st September and 13th October, 1994. The Parish Council have written to Tendring District Council requesting that street name plates for Rectory Road, Brook Street and Ardleigh Road be provided.

Provisional funding has been agreed under the Low Cost Housing Scheme for the building of 6-8 houses in 1997-8. The Housing Needs Survey identified a total of 32 households in Gt Bromley with severe housing problems.

The Parish Council are endeavouring to find a suitable site in the village to locate a newspaper re-cycling bank. This will be on a trial basis initially and will be withdrawn in the event of misuse.

Three gypsy caravans remain in Mary Lane North and Mrs Elvin reported that there is a considerable amount of rubbish to be cleared and some fencing to be repaired. The Parish Council now intend to plant approximately 30 trees in Mary Lane North.

Mrs Elvin has requested two grants from Tendring District Council of £5,000 each to refurbish the Village Hall and to re-surface the car park.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 17th November.

### A TEARCRAFT COFFEE MORNING

will be held on Saturday, 5th November from 10.00am to 12.00 at The Chase, Chase Road East, Great Bromley \* Cards \*Presents \* Bring and Buy

Do come and support very poor people in Less Developed Countries *Ian and Sue Orriss*

### CARPET BOWLS

At the A.G.M. held on 16th September the officers of the Club, namely Chairman: Pat Petchey; Treasurer: Dick Wilsher; Captain: Ron Copp and Secretary: Jayne Bates were elected *en bloc* for the coming year. The Chairman welcomed two members who joined during the year - Margaret de Bretton Gordon and Nan Percival who have already settled in and proved an asset to the Club. The League season has begun and we have won one of the two matches played so far. We have entered for two competitions, both to be held at Braintree during November. With Club evenings and matches it is going to be a busy month.

### GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

On 13th October our Speaker, Mrs Rudge, gave a very light-hearted talk and demonstration on "flower arranging" with dried flowers and it was surprising how many different flowers one can dry, also seed pods and grasses. The flowers should be picked before they are fully opened. The November meeting is replaced by our Annual Dinner, the time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Welshwood Tavern. Any queries please contact the Chairman. *Vicky Griffiths*

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIED FLOWER SALE

9th and 16th November, 10.00am-9.00pm. Holly balls, decorations, wreaths, etc. Mrs Mead, Southview, Ardleigh Road, Great Bromley.



## ST GEORGE'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL: PTA NEWSLETTER

**The serious stuff** The A.G.M. was held on October 4th, 1994. Chair: Amanda Rowe, Secretary: Jayne Bates, Treasurer: Ruth Lawson

**What the PTA does** The Parent Teacher Association exists primarily to buy additional equipment for the benefit of the whole school. Over £1,600 was raised last year. Over the years money raised has been put towards the cost of computers in the classrooms, picnic tables, an assortment of books, cartridges for the photocopier and to pay for coaches for various trips.

**How the money is raised** We hold a variety of annual functions:

Monday 21st November, 8.00pm The Off-The-Peg Clothes Show at the School. Come and join in the fun.

Friday 9th December Junior Christmas Disco, 6.00pm at the School. Tickets £1.50 includes a drink and a snack.

Saturday 10th December Christmas Bazaar in the School Hall. Any donations of prizes gratefully received.

### **Also intend to hold:**

- Christmas Event for the infant school children in the school hall
- Quiz evening in January
- Barn Dance in June
- Still open to Fundraising ideas from parents. Please let us have your ideas.

Hope you will continue to support our events. Any Parents or Friends of the school who would like to contribute of their time or make a donation please contact Jayne Bates or Amanda Rowe.

### **METHODIST SERVICES**

Sunday 6 November 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr D Watts

Sunday 13 November 11.00am Balls Green Rev V L Cameron REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 20 November 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr L Warren SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sunday 27 November 11.00am Burnt Heath Miss M Holford ADVENT

### PRAM SERVICE

Our Pram Service had an encouraging start here at Gt Bromley. It usually occurs on the second Thursday of the month at 2.15pm finishing in time for the school pick-up at 8.00pm. It is a good way of introducing young children to the Bible - a relaxed and lively time with simple stories and songs followed by tea while the children play with some toys. Do come along: this month

Thursday, 10th November

### From the PARISH REGISTERS

Please pray for JOSEPH WADE whose funeral service took place last month.

JACK HERBERT FROSTICK. Died 9th August. Cremation at Colchester, 15th August. Ashes interred at Little Bromley, 18th August. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sun 6 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings 9.30am Family Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong at Seven Rivers

Sun 13 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Remembrance theme at Gt Bromley

11.00am Sung Eucharist with Remembrance theme at Ardleigh

3.00pm Burma Star Remembrance Service NO EVENSONG

Sun 20 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with BCP readings 9.30am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Family Service at Ardleigh 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sun 27 Nov 8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ardleigh 9.30am Sung Eucharist

11.00am Sung Eucharist at Ardleigh 6.30pm Choral Evensong at Ardleigh

Wed 2 Nov All Souls Requiem 7.30pm. A said celebration of Holy Communion during which the names of the Faithful departed will be read.

Eucharists during the week etc, as last month

## The Bromley Messenger December 1994

Christmas is surrounded by so much busyness and commercialism that it is quite easy for the religious dimension to become but a thin veneer upon a time of present buying and the visiting of friends and family, important as all those things are. What we celebrate at Christmas is the coming into the world of God's son as a God made flesh. The Old Testament contained plenty of laws and sound advice on how to live as a community. It tried to make people aware of their duty, to their family, their neighbour and all who lived in the vicinity. With Christ, however, we are shown in human form what God is like: we see in the stories of the Gospels God's love in action - healing, forgiving, restoring and making people aware of the real issues of life.

On Christmas day we remember that in an obscure village in Palestine God gave us his son, born of the Virgin Mary, trusting him to human parents. Since he grew up sharing the life of a family in Nazareth we can be confident that Christ knows what the strains and problems of life are. So at Christmas as we look at the crib and recall the events that surrounded Jesus' birth - the shepherds in the fields rejoicing; the choirs of angels; the inns, full of visitors, that could offer no hospitality - we should remember that we celebrate a God who wants to care near to ordinary people and enrich their lives with his presence. Come and join us and celebrate once again the wonder and joy of the Christmas story. A very happy and joyous Christmas to you all.

*Fr Trevor Diaper*

The Messenger this month is Sponsored by GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP. We thank them most warmly for their support. Material for the January edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by Tuesday, 13th December please. A Happy Christmas to all our readers.

### PANTOMIME GROUP

Yes, it's panto time again. This year we will be performing 'Puss in Boots' in the Village Hall, Wednesday, 11th January - Saturday, 14th January, 1995 including Saturday Matinee. Reduced rates for block bookings. This is always a very popular attraction in the village and tickets sell fast, so book early or you may not get your place on the front row! BOO, HISS! Telephone 230398 ("oh no, it isn't, oh, yes it is!!")


### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 Dec Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm  
7 Dec WI Christmas Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
8 Dec Garden Club Social Evening, 7.30pm  
9 Dec Junior Christmas Disco, St George's School, 6.30pm  
10 Dec Christmas Bazaar, St George's School  
12 Dec Infants Party, St George's School  
15 Dec Friendship Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm  
17 Dec Gaudeamus Choir, St George's Church, 7.30pm  
18 Dec Christmas Carols, Burnt Heath Methodist Church, 6.30pm  
21 Dec Playgroup Christmas Party, Village Hall, 10.00am-1.00pm  
31 Dec New Years Eve Dance, Village Hall  
1995  
11-14 Jan 'Puss in Boots' Pantomime, Village Hall

### GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Christmas Lunch is on 15th December, in the Village Hall. Please be there at 12.30pm for 12.45pm. The coach will start picking up at Frating at 12 noon. There will not be any competition for December. We wish the Bromley 'Messenger' and everyone a very Happy Christmas. Mildred Purkis

**Great Bromley Pantomime Group**  
present:



at  
**Great Bromley Village Hall**

Wednesday 11th January	7.30 p.m.
Thursday 12th January	7.30 p.m.
Friday 13th January	7.30 p.m.
Saturday 14th January	2.30 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

**TICKETS:**  
£3.00 ADULTS  
£1.50 CHILDREN

**Telephone: (0206) 230398**  
1995 Charity: Leukemia Research

 <p>LINDA PINHEY FORGE COTTAGE, HALL ROAD, GREAT BROMLEY, COLCHESTER, ESSEX, CO7 7TP. ☎ (0206) 230126</p> <p>WEDDING CAKES • NOVELTY CAKES CATERING • CROCKERY &amp; CUTLERY HIRE</p>	<p><b>TOP TO BOTTOM</b> <b>HOME CLEANING SERVICES</b></p> <p><i>We are two ladies offering a complete Home Clean on a weekly / fortnightly / monthly basis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPRING CLEANS</li> <li>• HOUSE MOVING CLEANS</li> <li>• ALL EQUIPMENT &amp; MATERIALS SUPPLIED</li> </ul> <p>Please telephone for Quotation 0206 869592</p>
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NEW YEARS EVE DANCE at Great Bromley Village Hall at 8.00pm  
with ALLEN WARRENDER at the ORGAN. **Music for Everyone**  
Please make up a party, and bring your own food and drinks  
Information and tickets (£4.00) from Post Office  
ANY PROFIT MADE FOR HALL FUNDS

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL P.T.A.

The Christmas term is always busy and exciting for the children and we have lots of plans to help put us all in the festive mood for the big day on 25th December:  
Juniors Disco to be held on Friday, 9th December, 6.30-8.30pm in the School Hall. Tickets available from School, £1.00. A prize will be given to the Lucky Ticket holder. Snacks available to buy.  
Infants Party to be held on Monday, 12th December in the School Hall. Tickets available from School. £1.50 including entertainment from Lucy Lollipop and refreshments.  
Saturday, 10th December The Annual School Christmas Bazaar. Lots to do and buy including Tombola, raffle, lovely Christmas gifts for everyone - Not to be missed. Free entry.  
SPECIAL FESTIVE REQUEST: If anyone (individuals or small businesses) could donate a gift or raffle prize we would be most grateful (we can collect).  
Happy Christmas from the P.T.A. *Amanda Rowe*

GUIDES & BROWNIES

Our Coffee Morning was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity. The weather played its part too, being just damp until the Opening Ceremony, when the rain came down in sheets - very memorable. With donations we raised just over £600 and this we have spent already on heaters, blinds (which we still have to make up!), a cooker and kettle - most important, fire blanket, tables and noticeboards. We still have to get a piece of lino 6' x 9' for the kitchen. We really appreciated the support the village gave us and it shows that Guides and Brownies have a place in village life. Thank you all once again. Just a reminder of the times we meet - Brownies on Thursdays, 5.30-7.00pm for girls aged 7 and over and Guides meet on Mondays, 6.45-8.30pm for 10's and over. *Jazz and Brown Owl*

BROWNIES

Emma and Georgina have taken their Promise and we welcome them to the Pack. Also to Penny who joined us after Half Term. A rota of parents, who are being marvellous, has been started to help at meetings as Mole had to leave due to pressure of GCSE work. We also welcome Chloe who has joined us from Guides to help us while she does her Service Flash.  
The first half of the term was spent making our new hut 'homely', making posters and getting ready games and stalls for the Coffee Morning in our new Pirie hut. For these efforts and participation the Brownies have each received a Venture Badge. 11 Brownies took an active part in the Family Service in church and the whole Pack went to Dedham to support the team of six who took part in the Vivien Chapman Shield District event - won this year by Dedham Brownies. The supporters took home decorated biscuits they had made during the evening. We will be having a Christmas Party at our last meeting of this year on 1st December. The new term starts on Thursday, 19th January. We are always ready to welcome any girl aged 7 or over who would like to join us. Wishing everyone a happy Christmas. *Brown Owl*

## GUIDES

The Guides are thoroughly enjoying the comfort of the Pirie Hut and are looking forward to using the 'new' cooker. Emma has been voted the new P.L. of the Swallows and has not yet chosen her assistant. Both Patrols are working on Patrol Purpose Patches, that is, choosing activities for Patrol Time from four of the eight points we work on in Guides, then planning how to do them, completing them, and finally telling someone all about their efforts. Kate has worked away and completed her Green Trefoil and Chloe and Lindsay won the Vivien Chapman Shield for the unit by winning the Mani-Hike at the end of September. One Monday, Els and Jazz were unavailable, being in Hull, and two members of the District Trefoil Guild ran the meeting. This was enjoyed very much by both Guides and 'Leaders' and Kelly showed us her bit of crochet she had attempted. We have had great fun this term trying out the very serious activity of being disabled. Amongst other things we have tried being blind and feeding each other, deaf and communicating, armless and tying knots with our toes, and legless and manoeuvring. It gives a good insight into the lives of those who are not as able as we are. *Jazz*

## KITCHEN CORNER

Christmas is coming, so don't forget to make your puddings and cake in good time. They always taste better when matured for a while. Wrap cakes in greaseproof paper and store in an airtight container. Meanwhile, here are some ways to use the delicious winter vegetables which are now in season.

### Braised grated swede with Thyme

1lb swede, 1 onion chopped finely, ½ oz butter or marg, 1 tablesp chopped thyme  
¼ pt stock, freshly ground black pepper

Heat oven to 350F (Gas Mk 4). Grate swede. Melt butter in flameproof casserole, and soften onion, then stir in swede and thyme. Season with pepper, pour in stock and bring to the boil. Cover and put in oven for 45 mins. Good with any roast or grilled meat.

### Beef with Grated Root Vegetables

8oz carrots + 4oz swede + 4oz parsnip. weighed after preparation and coarsely grated  
1 lb minced beef, 2 medium onions chopped finely, ½ pint beer or stock or a mixture  
1tbsp chopped thyme, 2tbsp chopped parsley, 2tbsp Worcester sauce, fresh ground black pepper.

Heat a wide-based flame-proof casserole in high heat with no fat. Put in the mince and stir round till starting to brown. Add onions and cook on lower heat stirring for 2 minutes. Mix in grated vegetables, pour in beer or stock and bring to the boil. Add seasonings, cover and cook 30 minutes on a low heat.

*Jill Frostick .*

## GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

Our Annual Dinner was held at the Welshwood Tavern on 10th November which gave us a wonderful opportunity to be together to let our hair down with plenty of laughter and good humour all the evening. A Social Evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Kempster will be held on Thursday, 8th December at 7.30pm - see you there. *Vicky Griffiths*

## SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

We are in need of woodworking tools of all sorts. If you have spare ones in your garage or shed, our residents would be pleased to put them to work. Tools can be handed into the home at any time. Thank you. Mrs G Sleightholm (Homes Manager)

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH TEA-TOWELS are on sale in the Post Office and in the Church. Look out too for notelets featuring the Church. We are hoping to have a further supply of model churches at £15 each in time for Christmas - all in aid of the Repair Fund.

## GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual Meeting was held on 2nd November. Jean Wright, President, introduced Judith Rose, V.C.O., who was with us for the evening to Chair the latter part of the business. June Willgress reported on the recent County Meeting she had attended as delegate. There are 11,674 W.I. Members in Essex, 1,200 of whom were present at this Meeting. Next year's subscriptions will be £12.00 and a new book "Essex in Living Memory" is to be published next year - contributions are needed, see your Essex News for details.

The Treasurer's, Committee and President's reports were given and the Competition Cup presented to Jean Wright. The new Committee members are Mesdames Gwen Barrell, Vera Biddis, Rita Baxter, Mary Clarke, Anne Jones with Jean Wright re-elected as President. Judith Rose gave us an entertaining insight into the organisation needed to be a model at W.I. Fashion Shows.

REMINDER - Members please support the Christmas Fayre on 3rd December. Christmas Meeting - Wednesday, 7th December, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Bring 2 plates - one full of food - and a wine glass. Guests welcome. *Pippa Hardy*

THANK YOU to all those parents and young people who made the sleep-over in church such a success - £100 was raised for church funds and much fun was had by all who participated.

DRIVER REQUIRED for disabled person, own transport. To attend concerts at the Barbican or Festival Hall. All expenses paid. Male, female or married couple. I do not need looking after, just a driver. PLEASE contact Mr Smith - 0206 231428

### ESSEX POLICE BAND CONCERT

Anyone who is interested in any kind of music, be it Pop, Classic or even Jazz could not fail to be uplifted when relaxing at the Village Hall and listening to the Band, on Friday, 11th November. The second visit of the Band proved even more popular than last year and it certainly showed how much people enjoyed it when we were able to say "FULL HOUSE". Sincere thanks are due to the audience for their support, Nigel Rowe for the lighting, Mrs West, Mr and Mrs Jones and Mrs Baxter for their catering for the Band, also Mrs Biddis and Mrs Hurst for their extremely good effort with the raffle, not forgetting all the donators of raffle prizes. *Stan West and Frank Griffiths*

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### FINDS AT GREAT BROMLEY

In April 1937 an illustrated report was published about some sherds found, with bones, in May 1936, in a pocket of black ash-like earth, about two feet by two, at Park Farm, Great Bromley. The ware was extremely coarse and in form and quality was like that found at Twitty Fee, near Danbury, Essex, a few years earlier. The site belonged to the Late Hallstatt, Iron Age A culture, and presumably indicates one of the scattered settlements of people who entered England by way of the river estuaries. Keep your eyes open there must be more finds like this about. Do let me know if you do find anything which gives us more information about Great and Little Bromley. *John Appleby*

### **BURNT HEATH METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

18th December at 6.30pm Followed by Mince Pics and Tea All welcome

### GT BROMLEY & FRATING PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Times: Monday & Wednesday 9.30-12.00 Cost: £2.00 per session

Toddler Group Times: Wednesday 9.45-11.45 Cost: £1.00 per session

The Bonfire Night on 2nd November was a great success having raised £75. Thanks to Nicky and Ken Robinson for the kind use of their land and the hard work they put in before and on the day. Also thank you to anyone who made a donation in the box which went towards the fireworks. Don't forget the Christmas Party on 21st December, 10.00am until 1.00pm. It includes Adrian the Entertainer with lots of balloons, bubbles and magic tricks after which we will have lunch with a chance for you to win a hamper (tickets £1.00 each) and the opportunity to meet Father Christmas and receive a present, all for £2.50. Forms will be ready in a few weeks (available from Playgroup). WATCH THIS SPACE!

Important dates: 21st December is the last day of Playgroup and Toddler Group. We will be back on 16th January, 1995 and we hope to see some new faces in the New Year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at the Playgroup. *Kelly Hazelton*

## GAUDEAMUS CHOIR

On Saturday, 17th December at 7.30pm there will be a concert of Advent Carols and seasonal music performed by the 'Gaudeamus' singers and organist, Anthony Roberts, in St George's Church and is in aid of the Hammerbeam Roof Appeal. Tickets are now available from the Rectory (230344) - £3.50 for adults and £1.00 for children which includes refreshments. The choir has sung in the Cathedrals of Chelmsford, St Edmundsbury, Norwich and others.

*[Ads: the Odd Job Man and Pleass Thomson & Co as before]*

## PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 17th November. 40 trees of assorted varieties and 200 privet bushes are to be purchased by the tree warden, Mr Fairley. 30 trees will be planted in Mary Lane North instead of the 5 originally agreed and the remaining 10 trees will be for the school's use. The privet bushes are to be planted outside the school to provide a "natural" crash barrier as other road improvement schemes planned for this location have not been approved.

The Parish Council will write to the County Council Highways Department to complain that the service provided is still unsatisfactory. Specific problems to be brought to their attention include the loose road surface dressing and potholes in Rectory Road, Brook Street and Ardleigh Road. Street name plates have still not been provided and there is an ongoing traffic problem at the school. Mrs Elvin reported that the old "Spread Eagle" car park site has been cleared but not to a satisfactory standard; she will therefore pursue this further.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced our new County Councillor, Mr C Pearson, to the delegates present.

*[Ads: L Kemp, handyman and Richard Mothersole, architect as before]*

## METHODIST SERVICES

Sunday 4 December 11.00am Balls Green Rev J Robinson  
Sunday 11 December 11.00am Elmstead Market Miss S King  
Sunday 18 December 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd J Robinson  
Sunday 25 December 11.00am Balls Green Mr L Warren

## SERVICES during DECEMBER

Sun 4 Dec 8.00am Holy Communion Rite B with B.C.P. readings at Gt Bromley  
9.30am Family Eucharist at Gt Bromley  
11.00am Parish Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at Gt Bromley (not Seven Rivers)  
Sun 11 Dec 8.00am B.C.P. Holy Communion at Ardleigh  
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gt Bromley  
11.00am Family Eucharist at Ardleigh  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at Ardleigh

## Christmas Services

THE PARISHES OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, ARDLEIGH AND THE BROMLEYS

Sun 27 Nov 6.30pm Ardleigh - Advent Carol Service  
Wed 14 Dec 2.15pm Gt Bromley - Christmas Pram Service:  
simple telling of the Christmas story and carols for the toddlers  
Sun 18 Dec 5.00pm Gt Bromley - Christingle Service with carols  
6.30pm Ardleigh - Nine Lessons and Carols  
Wed 21 Dec 2.00pm Ardleigh - Christmas Pram Service (as above)  
Fri 23 Dec 7.00pm Little Bromley - Carols & Readings by Candlelight with refreshments  
Sat 24 Dec 5.00pm Ardleigh - Christingle Service  
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist at Gt Bromley  
11.00pm Midnight Eucharist at Ardleigh

Sunday, 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gt Bromley  
11.00am Parish Eucharist at Ardleigh

***Come and worship Christ the New-Born King***

Eucharists during the week [- as before]

From the PARISH REGISTERS

The ashes of WILLIAM LOCKE were laid to rest in the churchyard on Sunday, 30th October.

The funeral of MAUREEN ALICE STYLES took place on Wednesday, 2nd November.

MICHAEL HERBERT LEAH was buried in the churchyard on Friday, 11th November.

We remember them with thanksgiving and may they rest in peace.

STONE FAMILY

WE WERE VERY DELIGHTED to welcome Nancy Stone and her husband, Lewis Binford, at St George's recently. Nancy is researching for a book about the Stone family, and Lewis was described as 'perhaps the greatest living archaeologist' at a stimulating lecture he gave in Cambridge a couple of days later. We'll be seeing Nancy again!

*Jean Harding*