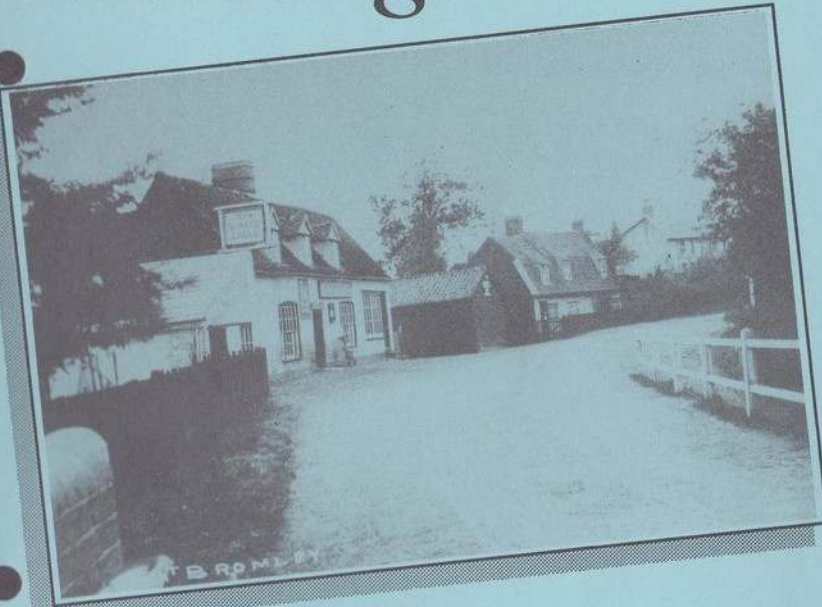


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The Bromley Messenger January 1997

With the New Year just under way the church celebrates the Epiphany of our Lord that is the revealing of the true meaning of Jesus to the world. The story of the wise men has inspired many imaginations. This has resulted in a somewhat rich tapestry of legend that has become interwoven with the plain biblical account. As Christians read the 3 passages in the psalms which recorded how "The kings of Tharsis and of the Isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts" they saw three exotic personages. Melchior, the old king of the West with a white beard, Caspar the handsome brown king from the East, an Arabian and the imposing ebony black Balthasar from Africa. The star which appeared and shone so brilliantly did not stand alone but was soon to be surrounded by the moon and a circle of stars which moved along with the Epiphany Star like a guard of honour. Moreover, the lesser stars paid tribute by bowing down and dimming their light as the special star made its way through the heavens. In our own day T. S. Elliot, caught up in the story, pictured the difficulties of that journey, the set backs and disappointments, the hardships and the perils that were encountered on the way. So he writes:

"A cold coming we had of it Just the worst time of the year
For a journey and such a long journey: The way deep and the weather sharp
The very dead of winter "

The danger in our own intensely rational era is that the Epiphany story makes little impact and fails to engage our hearts and minds. This is a great shame, because within this most beautiful and romantic episode of the Gospel there is a great spiritual depth that we need to hear at the beginning of a new year. As the wise men brought their offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh so Christians are called to offer their treasures such as they are and kneel before him willing to receive God's gift of the very presence of Christ in our hearts. We need in the midst of our busy lives to look heavenwards and be willing to follow the prompting of the spirit in the knowledge that we do not travel alone and that God has promised to be with us in our joys and in our sorrows wherever that should lead. This is the spiritual birth that the Christ child calls us all to share. A very happy New Year to you all. *Fr. Trevor*

We thank GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL for sponsoring the January issue of 'The Messenger' and extend to them our grateful thanks for supporting our magazine this month and throughout the year.

The following is an extract sent by C.A.R.D. to Mr Paul Heiney at 'The Times' on 15th November, 1996

"We write on behalf of the residents of West Tendring, an area to the east of Colchester in North East Essex. West Tendring is an attractive rural area consisting of high grade agricultural land and numerous small villages. This traditional way of life will cease to exist if Wimpey Homes and the District Council get their way. CARD, a local action group, have been formed to resist destruction to the environment and the chosen lifestyle of its residents. Wimpey Homes have proposed a new settlement consisting of some 2000 houses and adjoining factory and retail units. In total, an area of approximately 300 acres will be covered in concrete and asphalt. As you will appreciate, a development of this kind, on a green field site, is a direct contradiction of stated government policy. This being to place industrial and employment opportunities adjacent to urban areas. The Tendring area has a stable population with sufficient housing stock. What it lacks is sufficient employment in the coastal towns of Clacton on Sea and Harwich. The Wimpey proposal is some 8-12 miles distance from these employment blackspots. On 15 October, 1996, at a meeting of the full Tendring District Council, councillors unanimously rejected the Wimpey Homes proposal. This vote follows an earlier rejection by Essex County Council. The high profile campaign fought by CARD in the local press may have pressured some councillors to take this course of action. Imagine the surprise when members of CARD, attending the Tendring District Council Development & Planning Committee meeting on Monday, 11 November, 1996 witnessed councillors voting for a feasibility study in West Tendring, namely in the Frating, Great Bromley area, the centre of the Wimpey Homes proposal. Frating is already suffering from visual pollution from an extremely ugly high-rise factory unit - planning permission being granted by Tendring District Council. Wimpey Homes have stated, in a letter to District councillors, their intention to continue to promote the "The Three Green Project through the Structure Plan process to demonstrate the wider economic and social benefits for the whole of the Tendring peninsula". CARD's concern is the mounting pressure being placed on rural communities in general and the

villages of West Tending in particular. These are to be treasured as an important part of our heritage, representing a tradition dating back many centuries. The five communities most affected have their own individual identities supporting local schools, shops, churches, farms and village pubs. Rural populations for too long have remained silent and accepting, as landmark features and prime agricultural land has disappeared in the name of progress. CARD recognise the need for housing and employment opportunity in the rural communities for current generations and for those to follow. This does not mean exploitation of a natural resource and unsustainable development. In Tending locally elected councillors who have never lived in a rural environment, with no real interest, knowledge or understanding of country folk continue to make important decisions on our behalf. This might be acceptable if party politics did not play a part in the decision making processes - unfortunately this is not so. Planning and development should and must be above party politics. It is the right and expectation of all those who live in the villages of West Tending."

BROWNIES

Welcome to Laura, Emma, Devon, Lexy, Charlotte, Rosie and Crystelle who came to join

us this term. Goodbye and good wishes for the future to Lisa, Penny and Claire L.

Emily P, Sophie and Sharlene have become the Pack Sixers with Olivia, Daisy and Clare as their Seconds. Interest badges obtained this term have been 3 Cooks Stage I, 12 Agility, 1 Swimmer Stage I and 1 Hobbies badge. Very well done to everyone.

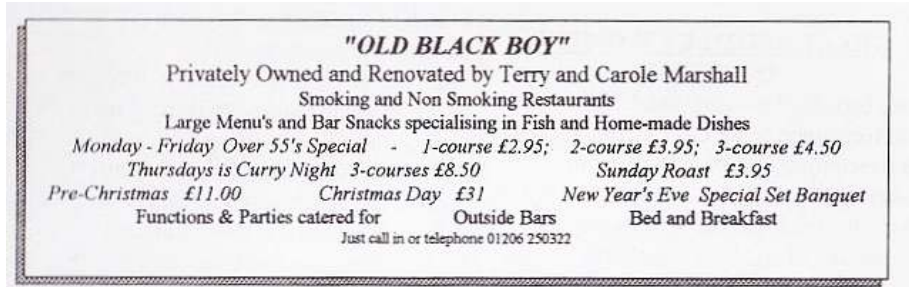
During the term we made a hoop-la which we took to the Guides Pumpkin Coffee Morning. Everyone made fish which will be going to London to help decorate Westminster Hall in February to become part of the national Thinking Day celebrations there. Eight brownies came with me to the County campfire held in Castle Park in Colchester: over 2000 rainbows, brownies, guides and rangers were present at that event. We have made - and eaten! - food, crafted table decorations, created invitations and Christmas cards, played games and sung songs. Seven of us went to London to the Guide Heritage Centre which was interesting and we rounded the term off with our open evening which was a great success - we made £31 profit thank you - with 12 brownies working hard for their Hostess badge and 7 brownies performing for their Jester badge. Thank you for everyone's support on the night. We now look forward to the new term which begins on Thursday, 16th January at 5.30pm. *Brown Owl*

DIARY DATES

- 8 Jan WI meeting, Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
- 8,9,10,11 Jan Ali Baba, Gt. Bromley Pantomime Group, Village Hall
- 14 Jan Deadline for 'Copy' for the Messenger to Editor, please
- 15 Jan Roof Repair meeting, 8.00pm
- 16 Jan Brownies new term starts, 5.30pm .
- 21 Jan Millennium Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 Jan P.T.A. Annual Quiz, St. George's Primary School, 8.00pm
- 26 Jan Finger Buffet Lunch, Dedham, 12.30pm

GREAT BROMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Rita Baxter, President, chairing her first meeting since being elected, had pleasure in welcoming sixteen guests, from Dedham, Bradfield, Erdelega, Mistley and Elmstead Market WI's plus a sprinkling of our own members' husbands, to the Christmas Meeting held on Wednesday, 5th December. Thanks were given to all, especially to Jean Wright, who helped at the ' Christmas Sale on 30th November. Our share of the money raised was £387.35p. A letter from Mr Snell, who has been kind enough to audit our books for many years, had been received saying he is willing to do so next year. Essex Federation Quiz Forms, always mind teasing, are now available and don't forget subs (£13) are due next month. Jill Frostick is to be our delegate at the 80th County Meeting on Monday, 14th March in Brentwood, there are places for other members as well. Multi-vitamins to the February meeting please ready for taking to this. The Group Carol Service is on 17th December in Lawford Church, Marjery West is our reader and the collection



will be split between the Children's Hospice and Lawford Church. We had some jolly good eats washed down with something sparkly and were then entertained by David Padwick's mixture of song, jokes and Christmas cheer. One of our WI guests gave a well earned thank you to the committee for organising an enjoyable evening.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 8th January, 7.30pm at Seven Rivers. Mr Sutton on Roumania. Competition - a Home Made Toy. Other toys for Mr Sutton are welcome. Tea Helpers, Jean Hammond et moi. *Pippa Hardy*

GREAT BROMLEY GARDEN CLUB

This will be my last report for the Club as it is with sad regret it has had to be closed. As with most things today the costs of running the Club meant it is impossible to continue financially, Over many years we have enjoyed many Speakers and Social events, notably the recent visit to Mr and Mrs Burton to hear about Lapidary. At Hearts Delight Nursery we saw and learnt a lot about seed planting and I am sure we have all learnt something useful at the meetings. To all the members past and present we say a BIG THANK YOU for your support. Lawford Garden Club meet every third Thursday of the month at Ogilvie Hall where anyone wishing to join will be welcome. Our last social gathering at the Village Hall was a very happy occasion, with goodies to eat, quizzes to play, and ending with jolly carol singing, with Mrs Biddis at the piano. To everyone - Happy gardening in 1997. *Vicky Griffiths*

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1997 DIARY of ANNUAL EVENTS - GREAT and LITTLE BROMLEY

FEBRUARY 13th Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 7th WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at Ardleigh

8th - 9th FUN WEEKEND (BBC Children in Need) for HD families

APRIL 19th Friendship Club SPRING SALE

MAY 10th GARAGE & PLANT SALE at Ilex Farm in aid of the Flower Festival

24th, 25th & 26th Little Bromley CHURCH and GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND

25th Great Bromley GARDENS OPEN DAY

JUNE 6th ESSEX POLICE CHOIR at St. Georges Church

14th June Seven Rivers will be holding its FETE plus 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS which may well go on into the evening. These Celebrations will give us the opportunity to thank individuals and organisations for their tremendous support over the years and we sincerely hope that the people of Great and Little Bromley will help us to make this a very special occasion.

14th & 15th St. George's Church FLOWER FESTIVAL

28th FARM OPEN DAY at Park Farm .

JULY 12th TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW at Lawford

20th VILLAGE BARBECUE

SEPTEMBER 6th - 7th BBC Children in Need FUN WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 13th Seven Rivers Cheshire Home COFFEE MORNING

29th CHRISTMAS FAYRE in aid of Church Roof Appeal and the Village Hall

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Last season once again proved to be a successful one for Great Bromley & District Cricket Club both on and off the pitch. The Club finished third in Division Two of the Lancaster Garages League which was enough to receive promotion to the first Division for the only time in the Club's short league history. Last summer was one of the more successful league campaigns and promotion means that such illustrious opponents as Colchester & East Essex, Elmstead, Eight Ash Green and Tattingstone will be visiting Great Bromley next summer. With the pavilion extension and interior furnishing now almost complete, everyone connected with the Cricket Club can feel justifiably proud of what has been achieved over the last 12 months on and off the field.

Next season will also be important for another reason as for the first time in the Club's history, Great Bromley & District Cricket Club will be fielding a Second Eleven. The Second Eleven will be competing in Division Six of the Lancaster Garages League with some friendlies mixed in. The forming of the Second Eleven is an important step forward as last season saw some club members, especially the younger ones, missing out on regular cricket and in some cases leaving to play elsewhere. The new team is for the benefit of the younger members and also for other players who simply wish to play and enjoy cricket on a fairly regular basis. As with any fledgling team, the Second Eleven will need plenty of help and support so if any readers are interested in playing some cricket next season or want some more information then please do not hesitate to contact me (01206 823689) and I will answer any questions that you may have.

In November the Cricket Club holds its Annual Dinner and Awards night at the Black Boy. After an extremely enjoyable meal, the awards were presented to the following winners by the President's, Dick Hayward, wife, Gwen.

Douglas Wenden Trophy (Batting) Pip Allam

Bowling Trophy Matt Pirie

Fielding Cup Simon Fielding

Tubby Austin Shield Pip Allam and Matt Pirie

Clubman of the Year Bill Kempster

Peter Brinkley, Pip Allam and Matt Pirie all received trophies in recognition of them all scoring centuries during the season. Small gifts were also presented to the Tea Ladies as a token of appreciation for all their efforts in watering and feeding the cricketers during the summer.

Finally please note that the Cricket Club's A.G.M. will be held on Thursday, 13th February at the Village Hall starting at 8.00pm. The new Second Eleven will be discussed among the other usual items so any prospective new members for either team are welcome to come along and introduce themselves. *Fraser Eadie*

A meeting of the MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE will be held on Tuesday, 1st January in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Len Christodoulides



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GENERAL SYNOD 25-29 November, 1996

General Synod started with a report on the Agenda. It was felt that it would be better to have three sessions so as to even out the amount of reading that Synod members have to absorb and also because of the heavy schedule there was no time to debate moral issues of the day. Over 100 answers were given to written questions of which there were several on Thought for the Day, given by Anne Atkins, condemning the Gay Service at Southwark Cathedral. Tuesday began with an address by the Anglican Observer at the UN. followed by legislative business. The general feeling following a debate of Ethnic Minorities was that they should be more fully integrated into the community. In the evening there was a debate on Clergy discipline, in which new rules were approved, replacing archaic ones. Gross inefficiency is now to become an offence. On Wednesday following the business there was a debate on the admission to Holy Communion before Confirmation. This was agreed subject to the Bishops' consent. Both the Draft Churchwardens Measure and the Draft Pensions Measure were approved with the Church Commissions retaining control for the moment over the Pension Funds as there would be loss of interest if a new fund was set up now.

There was a debate on the Cathedrals measures, which will remove the distinction between Deans and Provosts. They will have less power and be replaced by a Cathedral Council with the Diocesan Bishop as Visitor, but not Chairman of the Council. At a meeting of the Advisory Board of Ministry, who look after Theological Colleges, I queried why standards varied. The Bishop of Hereford gave a reply covering most of the colleges and pointed out that ordinands had now to cover more subjects. A motion was approved at a debate on Jubilee 2000 which sought to write off a lot of the third world debt. The Turnbull report is to go ahead with minor modifications. At a lunchtime Alpha meeting I was surprised that many of the 100 present knew nothing of it and said that it had done wonders for my daughter and had also gone down very well in the parish of Lawford. The Porvoo declaration was formally approved and Synod was addressed by the Archbishop of Uppsala. After this there was a debate on Animal Welfare and the motion was carried approving the prohibition of veal calves in crates. Friday was given over to financial and liturgical business and on a private member's motion it was decided to look at alternatives to reading Banns of Marriage in Church

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- 1 pint milk
- 3 large egg yolks
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 40g butter
- 1 tbs flour
- 450g cooked turkey, minced
- 225g cooked ham, minced
- 60ml stock
- 2 tbs tomato puree
- 6 tomatoes, peeled and sliced
- 85g strong cheddar cheese, grated
- salt and pepper

Fry onions in butter, stir in flour, add meats, stock and puree. Season, and cook a few minutes. Spread in ovenproof dish, cover with tomato slices. Make custard by heating milk and pouring onto beaten egg yolks, return to pan and stir, without boiling, till thickened. Leave to cool. Pour the custard over top of meat, sprinkle with the cheese and bake 30 minutes 180C till cheese is browned. *Jill Frostick*

JEAN and ROBERT HARDING thank everyone who sent greetings, love and good wishes as well as donations to the Church Roof Appeal to the extent of over £600 in lieu of presents, for their 50th anniversary; 49 of those years having been happily spent herein Great Bromley. Deo Gratias.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mr and Mrs Looser will be entertaining us in January with a talk and slides of the River Stour. There is no competition! We wish a happy and peaceful 1997 to this troubled world of ours.

Mildred Purkis

HAPPY NEW YEAR

COPY for the February edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY please. *Leonie Henderson, Editor*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
5 January	J Wests	A Wild & J Harding
12 January	B Welham	H Brown & S Rampling
19 January	J Harding	J Wests
26 January	A Fairley	B & J Welham

THE SWAN INN, GREAT BROMLEY

My first indication that there was a house of this name is in the Church Rate for the parish in 1802. The entries read

28	Sheldrake Edward	£2-12-0	(£260)
8	Ditto	for Swan Inn	-12-0 (60p)
43	Ditto	for Late Nunns	£3-4-6 (£3.22 ½)

The first column gives the rateable value of the property. So where was The Swan Inn?

John Appleby

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE on 30th November was once again a success. £387.35 went to each Village Hall Association and also to Great Bromley Women's Institute. Thanks to all who supported and helped at this annual event in any way at all. . *J. Wright*

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11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Gt Bromley

Plough Sunday

12th January 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Eucharist and Baptism Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh

19th January 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Family Eucharist and Baptism Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Gt Bromley

26th January 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh

Weekday Eucharists Tuesday 9.30am and Thursday 7:30pm at Ardleigh

Wed 12:00 noon Gt Bromley Fri 11:00 Gt Bromley(S Rivers)

TODDLERS SERVICE AT ARDLEIGH

Wednesday 15th at 2:00pm

I am always pleased to hear of any who would like their children baptized, or who would like to confirmed or baptized as adults, or who are thinking about getting married in the Parish Church

The Bromley Messenger February 1997

Our imminent move has probably come as much a surprise to many in the united benefice of Ardleigh and The Bromleys as the invitation to consider becoming vicar of St. Peters-in-the-Fields, Bocking did to Royce and myself. However being a priest does mean being open to the guidance and leading of the spirit even when it is unexpected. After prayerful consideration we believe that we are following the prompting of his spirit in the new direction which has been revealed to us and look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to the new opportunities and challenges that we will face in 1997 in the busy parish of Bocking. Of course we also feel sad that we will be saying goodbye to those that we have got to know and love in the Parish. It has been especially a privilege to exercise my priestly ministry alongside families at times of joy such as baptisms and weddings and in the sadness of life such as funerals. Even though we have only been here for three years because of all the different events, services and activities that have happened it in fact seems a lot longer! We are thankful that so many things that we thought of and planned with care within the parish were realised. Our thanks are due to all who supported and helped us. It is with a sense of achievement that we prepare to leave. As I look back I realise how quickly we were able to settle in and get the feel of the villages and in the words of a bishop of a rural diocese come to understand how these particular villages work - for each one has its own character, its own hopes and fears, and its own feeling of identity. Thank you all those who made us welcome in our early time here. These days there is a pattern of relationships that stretches within the whole cluster of villages in the Tendring area, on the outskirts of Colchester and indeed into Suffolk. We feel that we have begun to be a part of this network and hope that many friendships will remain. *Fr. Trevor*

MATERIAL for the March edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1997 please.

The 'Messenger' this month is sponsored by PERSONAL and CLUB DONATIONS from Great and Little Bromley and we gratefully thank everyone for their continued support of the magazine.

DIARY DATES

10 Feb Open Gardens Day Meeting, Hollies, 8.00pm
13 Feb Cricket Club A.G.M., Village Hall, 8.00pm
18 Feb Copy for 'The Messenger' to Editor, please
20 Feb Friendship Club Meeting, Village Hall, 2.30pm
20 Feb Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
21 Mar 3-Course Supper with Speaker & Cabaret, Village Hall, 7.30pm

CAROL SINGING around the village raised £125. This was donated to the St. Helena Hospice to be used in the Art Therapy Department for parents and relatives. AND we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the wonderful hospitality offered to us on both evenings. Thanks to Royce and Jean.

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our next meeting on Thursday, 20th February Mrs Elaine Whitmore will be giving a talk on Edwardian dress. *Vera Biddis*

GARDENERS CORNER for FEBRUARY

Pot Plants: Do not over water, it is better to leave them until they flag then give a good watering from the bottom.

Clematis: Early flowering need only to be lightly pruned. Summer flowering need to be pruned hard to leave approximately 3' 6" of growth.

Roses: Make sure roses are well firmed in as holes round the stems at ground level, very often caused by wind rock, will damage the bushes.

Bedding Plants: All half hardy flower seeds can be planted at the end of the month in a cool greenhouse but if you can give a little heat so much the better.

Chrysanthemums: Cuttings can now be taken from the stools which were rested during the winter.

Vegetables: For those who want to grow a few early potatoes, now is the time to place seed potatoes on end - eyes uppermost - in a tray in a frost free shed or garage. Why not try one in a large pot or bucket using "Growbag" compost. *Frank Griffiths*

GREAT BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Are you 60 years 'young' or maybe 60 plus? Why not join us every THIRD THURSDAY in the month at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. A coach is available at various pick-up points, as near as possible to your home - at no cost to you. You will receive a VERY WARM welcome and be able to make new friends.

We have Speakers, Musical entertainment and a Christmas Dinner, also OUTINGS during the year, the first one this year being to the RAF. MUSEUM at Duxford in May. We hold a SPRING SALE in April. The subscriptions are £4.00 per person which includes tea and biscuits at each meeting. If you require any further information please 'phone Mrs Biddis on 01206 230506. We look forward to seeing you. In the meantime we wish a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members and to readers of the "Messenger". *Vicky Griffiths*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 February 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Rickards

Sunday 9 February 11.00am Balls Green Sister E Colley

Sunday 18 February 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Revd S Coleman

Sunday 23 February 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs A Austin

KITCHEN CORNER

A warming dish for a wintery day

Pork and Red Cabbage Bake

1 tbsp olive oil

550g pork shoulder meat, diced

2 tsp cumin seeds

1 onion, chopped

450g red cabbage, shredded

1 cooking apple, chopped

1 tbsp brown sugar

1 tbsp wine vinegar

25g raisins

$\frac{3}{4}$ stock or water + stock cube (vegetable)

Heat oil in flame-proof dish, and brown the meat slightly. Add cumin seeds and onion and fry 2 minutes. Stir in rest of ingredients and bring to the boil. Cover and cook in moderate oven 180C for 1 hour or till meat is tender. Serve with jacket potatoes and other seasonal vegetables.

Vegetarians could use soya chunks instead of pork. *Jill Frostick*

CARD Campaign Against Rural Destruction - January 1997 FACT OR FICTION

So often it is difficult to separate fact from fiction, as rumours continue to circulate around the villages of West Tending. Certainly it is a fact, that Tending District Council have requested a feasibility study for the Oasis Site, an area of open land to the East of Hare Green, Great Bromley. Certainly it is a fact, that Wimpey Homes were, and still are interested in developing a large area of land between Hare Green, Balls Green and Frating. What is also a fact, is that Tiptree Book Services have built a large distribution warehouse at Frating. What also seems likely to be true, is the fact that other developers are looking at West Tending for large scale development opportunities. What may only be rumour, but nevertheless extremely worrying is the possibility that land currently proposed for a 21 hole golf course at Little Bentley may change to residential development. Of even greater concern is the rumour that Outline Planning Permission is being sought for a second area of land in Great Bromley. This land, in excess of 300 acres, stretches from the A120 dual carriageway to Great Bromley Church and will probably include both housing and industrial units. Colchester Borough Council are planning to launch a major drive to promote Colchester and its surroundings, with the help of the East of England Investment Agency. There may be a need to ensure that this does not "overspill" into West Tending, resulting in a major development on a green field site. Finally, Hawk International of Brightlingsea are looking to move to Colchester Road, Frating onto a site between Tiptree Book Services and Cowies. The firm has submitted plans for an industrial building and offices for distribution and storage purposes. This can only increase the traffic in Frating, where many residents are concerned about the dangerous crossing by the Kings Arms Public House. Members of CARD fear for the future, but are determined to continue to resist any attempt to change the character of our rural communities.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Further to the article published in January's 'Messenger', below is a more detailed review of last season's individual performances. Last season was an impressive one for the Club's batsmen with four centuries being scored and the Club record for an individual score being broken twice. Five batsmen also recorded individual aggregates of over 500 runs, the top three are detailed below. PIP ALLAM led the way with the willow scoring 873 runs including a career best score of 112 not out recorded against Elmstead 2nd XI in a friendly. This was Pip's maiden century and his aggregate also included seven half centuries. Being top run scorer is a very credible achievement which is made harder by the fact that Pip also doubles as the Club's wicket-keeper and often has to open the innings after spending half the afternoon behind the stumps. PETER BRINKLEY was the second highest run scorer amassing 839 runs. Peter's total included a top score of 104 not out against Tollesbury in a league match and seven half centuries. MATT PIRIE was the third highest run scorer with 784 runs. Matt started the season with a bang as he smashed the Club's individual batting record with a bludgeoned 144 against Elmstead 2nd XI. Not content with that record innings, in the very next match against Bures the opposition bowlers were despatched all around Great Bromley as he bettered his club record by one run in the first league fixture. Matt finished undefeated on 145 and the Great Bromley innings total a club record 301-2! Matt's season aggregate also included two half centuries. The bowlers did not quite have such an impressive summer but still managed to contribute to the season's success. Great Bromley's leading wicket-taker was MAT PIRIE with 40 wickets. Matt's best bowling performance was against local rivals Ardleigh in a friendly where he claimed 6-19 off 8 overs. SIMON FIELDING was the second highest wicket taker with 35 victims. 33 of Simon's wickets came in league fixtures, a total made more impressive by the fact that the paceman only played in roughly half of the season's fixtures. Simon's best bowling figures were 5 for 20 off 10 overs against Boxted 2nd XI in a league game. TONY HUIISH was the Club's third highest wicket taker with 34 wickets. Tony's best bowling analysis was recorded against Silver End in a league match where he took 5 for 44 in 10 overs.

Great Bromley and District Cricket Club's overall playing record for last season, including all league fixtures reads: Matches played: 34, Matches won: 22, Matches drawn: 2: Matches lost: 10. The league record was: Played 21, Won 14, Lost 8. All in all it was a very successful summer for the Cricket Club and 1997 brings the fresh challenge of playing in the top division. This summer's cricket should prove to be exciting as well as enjoyable especially with the advent of the Second Eleven. The Club remains interested in hearing from anyone wishing to play cricket this season and would welcome any prospective new members at the A.G.M. The A.G.M. will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 13th February starting at 8.00pm. *Fraser Eadie*

CRICKET CLUB "100 CLUB" for 1996

Below is an up to date list of all the lucky winners on the "100 Club" draw.

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
1st	Rob Christmas	Kizzy Coppin	M Jenno
2nd	Mr R Prior	Ian Lawson	J Seaman
3rd	F Griffiths	Mrs G Wright	Mr G Smith
	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
1st	Mary Hart	J Whittaker	Terry Marshall
2nd	C Gosling	K Foley	Manjeet Mulla
3rd	Kizzy Coppin	A Lilleywhite	James Pirie
	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
1st	D Rudkin	Mrs J Stokes	James Wild
2nd	E Marsh	J Herring	W Kempster
3rd	T Tearle	M Johnson	M Hart
	<u>December</u>		
1st	Julian Rickman		
2nd	Mr R Petchey		
3rd	Gill Christmas		

At the time of writing there are still two draws left in this year's Club so do not worry if your name is missing. Congratulations to the above winners and good luck for the remaining draws. On behalf of the Cricket Club I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the "100 Club" for the past 12 months for their support and I hope that win or lose you will try your luck again in the "100 Club" in 1997-98. *Fraser Eadie. "100 Club" Co-ordinator*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 9th January, 1997. The County Council have stated that a permanent barrier will not prevent illegal gypsy encampments in Mary Lane North and they prefer to deal with the gypsies as and when a problem arises. The Parish Council will continue to fight for a permanent barrier at this location. "Kill Your Speed" signs have been obtained by the Parish Council and will soon be erected in the village. A precept request of £8,500 has been sent to the District Council for 1997-98 financial year. This is an increase of £1,000 from the current financial year. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 20th February, 1997 at the Village Hall.

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council and their comments have been forwarded to the Tendring District Council Planning Department.

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. New Car Park & Alterations to the forecourt The Parish Council had no objections. this application.

C & W Fencing - Willow Farm Change of use from Pig rearing unit to light Steel Fabrications - Mainly fencing and gates The Parish Council have strongly objected to this application as the access roads to the site are single track roads and are not suitable for heavy steel carrying vehicles.

T & C Marshall - "Black Boy" Public House Change in surface dressing of Car Park. The Parish Council had no objections to this application

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Little Bromley Parish Council was held on 8th January, 1997. The Parish Council have obtained some "Kill Your Speed" signs which will soon be erected at the village entrances. The Parish Council will request urgent implementation of the promised speed limit through the village from the County Highways Department.

"Tendring Trail Leaflets" will soon be available from the Post Office. These are a series of "free" leaflets detailing 48 walks around the Tendring Peninsula. A precept request of £700 has been sent to the District Council for the 1997-98 financial year.

GARDENS OPEN DAY

ONCE AGAIN we hope many gardens small and large will be open in the North end of the Village on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May in aid of the Roof Fund. Those living in the Burnt Heath area, Colchester Road, Waterhouse Lane and maybe a look into Park Road, who would like to consider joining in this are invited to a get together to talk about it at . Hollies, Colchester Road (opposite Morants Farm entrance) on Monday, 10th February at 8.00pm or to ring Jean or E Robert Harding on 01206 230425.

Playgroup

Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-12 noon .£2.25 per session

Toddler Group Wednesdays 9.45am-1 1.40am £1.00 per session

Playgroup began its new term on 13th January and are delighted to report that the majority of playgroup places have been taken. Themes this term include 'the alphabet'. Owing to the success of our Monday and Wednesday sessions and also because we will be participating in the 'Nursery Education Voucher Scheme' when it starts in April, playgroup will be Opening an extra morning per week. As from Easter we will also be opening Thursday mornings, 9.30am - 12 noon.

Anyone wishing to register their child please 'phone Nicky Robinson (01206 230229). We accept children aged from 2 years 9 months old if they are 'dry' and ready to be left by their parents and remember if your child is 4 years old they will be eligible to use the vouchers.

Dates for your diary: Half term - Monday 10th February

Easter Holidays - Monday, 24th March

Jane Calderbank

THE SWAN, GREAT BROMLEY

Yes, there was a beerhouse or public house called "The Swan" in Great Bromley. I have not yet discovered where it was. Do you know? If so let me know for the records, please. The Clerk of the Peace, Chelmsford, recorded the licensees and their sureties and these facts come to light.

Edward Sheldrake was the Licensee from 1796 to 1805. This possibly means that the house existed before 1796 and finished business in 1805. Sureties were as follows:

1796 James Baskett & Ann Brown

1797 John Duffield & Samuel Goodchild

1798 Rebecca Goodchild, widow & Sarah Gaynor, widow

1799 Ann Brown & James Baskett

1800 Thordas Webb & William Jennings

1801 James Baskett & Ann Brown

1802 James Basket & Ann Brown

1803 William Resker & William Kiddell

1804 William Keddle (Keddell) & Benjamin Havell

1805 Ann Brown & Henry Child

John Appleby

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CARPET BOWLS

The last meeting of 1996 was a social and buffet, enjoyed by about 18 members, the emphasis being upon fun rather than accuracy in the bowling. On 5th January four members played in a singles competition at Great Bentley and represented the Club admirably with some well fought games. Recently we visited the Colchester Outdoor Bowling Club, now based at Ardleigh, for a friendly match which resulted in a win for the home team 5-3. Their new club house has room for just two carpets and several of their players have mastered the shorter indoor length very well. Refreshments were served and it was a pleasant evening all round. We send 'Get Well Soon' messages to Pauline Keeble, Roger Kynaston, Ron Copp and Joe Cartham who have all been ill recently, a couple of them having a spell in hospital. We wish them well and an early return to their bowling. We welcome Heather Brown to the Club and although a newcomer to the game has established herself in the league match team. Good luck Heather. *Nancy Kempster*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

COFFEE MAKING

CLEANING

after 9.30am Service

2 February J Wests

A Wild & J Harding

9 February B Welham

H Brown & S Rampling

16 February J Harding

J Wests

23 February A Fairley

B & J Welham

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united with St Mary the Virgin Ardleigh

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Feast of the Presentation 2nd February 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Family

Eucharist Gt Bromley 11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Gt Bromley

9th February 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh

16th February 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Gt Bromley

23rd February 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley

11:00 Parish Eucharist and Baptism Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh

12th February 7:30 Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent Ardleigh

Weekday Eucharists Tuesday 9:30am and Thursday 7:30pm at Ardleigh Wed 12:00 noon Gt

Bromley (not on Ash Wed) Fri 11:00 Gt Bromley S Rivers

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The Bromley Messenger March 1997

As I write this month's article preparations for our move are well underway and the decoration of the Edwardian Vicarage at Booking is progressing. The family and I have now met the PCC. of St. Peter's socially, and so naturally we are looking forward to getting to work in our new situation - you can imagine how all sorts of ideas and projects are already forming in my mind. Jeremy will apparently be the first vicar's son to be a part of the fine choral tradition that is a particular feature of the church and will be going with the choir when they sing in Truro Cathedral in the summer.

While I look now to the future in a new parish it is also satisfying to reflect on my time in Ardleigh and The Bromleys because it has been a time when I was able to acquire much valuable experience for which I am truly grateful. I hope and pray that I will be able to put that experience to good use. Cities, towns, villages differ sharply in some respects but human nature, the raw material of priesthood and ministry, is the same wherever you go. As a priest it is fascinating to compare and contrast, and yet notice, great similarities between different Christian communities in differing contexts.

In the season of Lent, the church bids us enter a time of penitance. We pause and realise how flawed our lives are and how both as a village and individually we fail in some ways. This is not to make us feel inadequate or depressed but rather by admitting our failures through repentance we ask God to help us overcome our faults and strengthen and build upon all that is good within us. This is the glorious message of Easter.

In my final paragraph I would like to pay tribute to James Wild and Olive Sparling, your Churchwardens, who have supported me throughout my time with you. They have done a splendid work. The careful organisation of the parish church affairs and the detailed record keeping has been transformed as a direct result of their work of which few are aware. Moreover in dealing with not a few quite problematic areas they have shown themselves to have that warmth, sensitivity and humour which has been a source of encouragement and hope to us all. You are very lucky to have them. In their hands I have every confidence that the parish will be well managed as you look forward in due time to a new Parish Priest coming and bring you fresh vision and direction. *Fr Trevor*

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GT. BROMLEY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our meeting in February Mr and Mrs Looser took us on a very interesting tour of the River Stour, with slides and commentary pointing out the various landmarks on the way. A Musical Afternoon is arranged for our March meeting when Mr L Bleeze will be with us. *Vicky Griffiths*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meningitis Trust A COFFEE MORNING to raise funds for this trust will be held at the home of Mrs Sylvia Mangan, Byways, Chapel Lane, Great Bromley on 15th March from 10.30am-12 noon. All are welcome to attend.

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THE HALL, A Hundred Years ago

The Census tells much about the population of Great and Little Bromley from 1841 until 1891. 1891 is the last one released for publication. In 1891 Entry 64 records

The Hall: Robert Unwin Head Age 27 Brewer Born - Sheffield, Leominster
Alice Gertrude Unwin Wife 25

Sarah Pryor Servant 32 Parlourmaid Domestic Woolwich

Mary Daldry Servant 38 Cook Domestic St. Giles, Colchester.

Martha Wells Servant 28 Housemaid Domestic Needham Market

Entry 65 - Near the Hall:

Thomas Mews Head 40 Coachman Domestic Market (?)

Sarah Mews Wife 47 Hill(?)

Harry G. Bantick Boarder 20 Groom Domestic Ardleigh
Entry 66 - Near Hall

William Davey Head 36 Gardener Domestic Fornham (?)

Mary Ann Davey Wife 37 Bradfield

Of course there were others who worked on the Hall estate and lived in the village.

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LETTERS

I read with interest the January 1997 article by CARD, whoever he or she may be. It reminds me of the Tale of King Canute. The author should take time to go and ask the elderly non-car owners if they would like to take the bus to the local shop, (if it is still open) rather than walk or even cycle if one is able, in all weathers. I too would like to see rural villages as they were, living communities able to support themselves as self sufficient units. Not dormitory houses for a few claustrophobic people. *Peter Ollivant*

AGE CONCERN

Over the last few years the two existing Age Concern organisations in the Tendring area have been receiving enquiries for help and information from people living outside their constitutional areas. The volunteers working with Age Concern Clacton and Age Concern Frinton and Walton are very willing to offer advice and information over the telephone to older people living out of their area, but their Constitution does not allow them to make visits to older people in their homes to attend to their enquiries. As a result there is a very definite gap in services to older people across the rural area of Tendring and discussions are taking place on setting up Age Concern Tendring to try to fill these gaps. There will be an open meeting for people who are likely to be interested in helping to set up this service. If anyone is willing to help in this work please telephone George Kempster on 01206 230378.

Playgroup

Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am-12 noon £2.25 per session

Toddler Group Wednesdays 9.45am-11.40am £1.00 per session

The playgroup 'theme table' is as popular with the children as ever and with the continuing 'alphabet' theme, there is no shortage of ideas. On Monday, 10th March, we will be having a sponsored obstacle course for the children, all parents are welcome to attend. On 10th April we will be starting our Thursday morning sessions.

Remember if your child is 4 years old they will be eligible to use the nursery vouchers.

Dates for your diary: Wed 19 Mar - last session before Easter

Wed 9 Apr - Return to playgroup.

Please note there will be no playgroup on Monday 7 April. *Jane Calderbank*

WISHFUL THINKING

If I were granted magic powers to regulate the weather

The present pattern of the months would alter altogether.

I'd keep June, July and August to return four times each year

And banish all those other months with weather so severe.

No longer would there be the need to wrap up snug and warm

We'd only need a raincoat should there be a thunderstorm.

But thunderstorms don't oft occur, they just happen now and then,

Whereas wintertime goes on for months till goodness knows just when.

We could save no end on heating bills, maybe have some cash to spare

To spend on weekend breaks away in weather bright and fair.

Imagine sunshine every day, no frost or sleety rain,

But such daydreams are fantasies, - chill East wind blows again!

A.H.C.

CARPET BOWLS

On 1st February 17 members and their guests visited The Kings Arms at Frating for the Annual Dinner, which was much enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks to Chairman, Pat Petchey, for organising the event. League News: We have lost both, at home and away, to Thorpe and had a drawn match against Alresford, which has resulted in a drop in the league table for us. However, with 5 more matches to play we hope we can pull back, we'll do our best anyway.

Nancy Kempster

ESSEX VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Would you like to donate energy, expertise and some time to a worthwhile cause but do not know where your help and talents could best be used in a manner that interests you? There are hundreds of organisations located across the County serving the thousands of charities registered in Essex looking for volunteers. To register your interest contact the Essex Volunteer Line 0345 430430 or ask for the County Council's leaflet "Want to Become A Volunteer?" on that number.

GARDENERS' CORNER For MARCH

SPRING arrives "officially" this month on the 21st!!

Roses: Pruning should be completed this month removing approximately half of last year's growth.

Lawns: Now is the time to give your lawn its first cut, but remember to raise the blade so that it cuts about an inch off the top - your cutters must be sharp if the grass is wet.

Bedding Plants: Seeds planted last month should now be ready for pricking out into small pots or boxes when large enough to handle.

Tomatoes: Plant your seeds now in pots or trays in a cold greenhouse, if space is a problem try "TUMBLER" in a large pot or hanging basket.

Parsley: This is very easy to grow so why not try a pot on the kitchen windowsill.

Frank Griffiths

REGRETTABLY THERE WILL NOT be an OPEN GARDENS DAY in the village this year after all.

DIARY DATES

5 Mar W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

7 Mar Women's World Day of Prayer, Ardleigh Methodist Church, 2.00pm

13 Mar Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall

15 Mar W.I. Coffee Morning (for Meningitis Trust) , Byways, Chapel Lane, 10.30am

18 Mar Copy for 'The Messenger' to Editor, please

21 Mar 3-Course Supper with Speaker & Cabaret, Village Hall, 7.30pm

27 Mar Pantomime Group A.G.M., Committee Room, Village Hall, 7.30pm

10 Apr Playgroup starting Thursday morning sessions

29 Jun Farm Open Day at Park Farm

GT. BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

Annual General Meeting Thursday, 27th March at 7.30pm Committee Room, Village Hall All Welcome

Thanks to all members for their dedicated team spirit during the run of "Ali Baba" and to the public support given us. As a result we hope to donate £750 to St. Helena's Hospice.

B. Rowe, Secretary

CHILDRENS CORNER - DECORATING EGGS FOR EASTER

A coating of paste and paper gives a robust finish to a hen's egg which can then be decorated with a painted design.

First 'blow' the eggs - Make a hole at each end of the egg with a large needle. Make one hole slightly larger than the other. Place your mouth over the smaller hole and blow steadily, expelling the contents into a cup or basin.

Tear newspaper into pieces about 12mm square, coat the egg with wallpaper paste and apply the paper until the egg is covered. Allow to dry, then paste on a layer of 12mm squares of tissue paper. Paint the eggs with water-based paint, using floral designs or comic figures. Finish with clear varnish.

KITCHEN CORNER

Vegetables are cheap and plentiful at present, so let's make the most of them! Here are two quick and easy supper dishes.

Pan Haggerty

½ lb onions, 1 lb potatoes, 4oz grated cheese, 1oz butter, Salt & pepper

Peel and slice onions thinly. Peel and slice potatoes and pat dry. Heat butter in frying pan, put in a layer of potatoes, then layer of onions, then cheese. Season, put a lid on and fry very gently for about 40 minutes till cooked, finish by browning under the grill.

Eggs in Nests

Peel, slice and cook equal quantities of swede and potato then mash them together with milk and butter and seasoning. (If swede is disliked, use potato only, but you should try the mixture at least once!), Butter an oven proof dish and put in the mash, or use individual dishes if preferred. Make 'nests' with back of spoon and break an egg into each. Sprinkle all over with grated cheddar cheese and bake in hot oven about 10 minutes or until the eggs are set and the cheese lightly browned. You can use a grill if preferred. Stir in rest of ingredients and bring to the boil.

Jill Frostick

ST. GEORGE'S REPAIR FUND

UPDATE ON THE OPEN DAY AT PARK FARM ON SUNDAY, 29th JUNE

First, please note that the date for this has been changed from Saturday, 28th June to SUNDAY, 29th JUNE, in the hope that more people will be able to attend. The event will run for most of the day and thanks to the hospitality of Henry and Ann Fairley we hope to be able to ensure that it will be a grand affair, attracting a large number of people from the towns and around the district who would like to visit a working farm - something in which there is nowadays a great interest. There will be many animals and other attractions and we hope people will be prepared to help with supplies for a cake stall and a plant stall. It is rather soon to start baking cakes but not too early to start preparing lots of good PLANTS, so please think about this. Anne Clapham and Jill Frostick will be glad to supply pots for those who need them, and the latter has kindly agreed to organise the plant stall. Her number is 250263.

Volunteer help will be needed in many other roles - preparing the site, car parking, teas, ticket selling etc. If you are willing to help, please contact John Clapham (230790), Henry Fairley (250229) or Jean Harding (230425)

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 March 11.00am Balls Green Mr D Carter

Sunday 9 March 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Mr J Lunniss

Sunday 18 March 11.00am Burnt Heath Mission

Sunday 23 March 11.00am Balls Green Rev S Coleman

Sunday 30 March 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Mr R Austin

MATERIAL for the April edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1997 please. The COVERS for 'The Messenger' will be changing in APRIL so please let me have any changes to names, addresses, telephone numbers etc. for organisations, associations by TUESDAY, 18th MARCH

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Rita Baxter, President, welcomed members and guests to the February meeting. Members were thanked for bringing along multi-vitamins for Chernobyl which will be taken to the County Meeting on 14th March. There is still time for more, so bring them along to the next meeting - not in glass jars please. Grant Aided classes were discussed and it is hoped to set up Yoga classes for members. This year the WI movement celebrates its 80th anniversary and the County show will have this as its theme. Bright ideas are required for our entry in the Co-operative class!

Several years ago we won first prize and it would be great to have a repeat performance. There is a Coffee Morning at Byways, Chapel Lane on 15th March between 10.30 am and 12 noon in aid of the Meningitis Trust. Ian Rose gave a very good talk with slides on the Orchids of Crete, which was much appreciated. Next Meeting: Wednesday, 5th March, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Christiansen on "Something Different", Competition: "Something Different" and "Flower of the Month" (a flower from your own garden please). *Pippa Hardy*

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Ardleigh Methodist Church Friday, 7th March at 2.00pm Speaker: Mrs Hazel Martin (Alresford)

EASTER LILIES

Anybody wishing to give a donation towards Easter Lilies please contact Mrs Margery West at Church or .117 telephone 01206 230584

ST. GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB

Once again we enjoyed our sponsored sleep-over in the church on 8th November and raised £154.45. We donated half to church funds and the remaining half was used towards our later Christmas outing to Colchester Super Bowl and McDonalds. We went on 22nd January as the price dropped after the Christmas rush! We will be going camping again in June to the West Mersea Essex County Council Youth camp. *Chris Taylor*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
	after 9.30am Service	
2 March	J Wests	P Greenfield & M Bush
9 March	B Welham	O Sparling
16 March	J Harding	A Wild & J Harding
23 March	A Fairley	H Brown & S Rampling
30 March	J Wests	J Wests

FLOWER ROTA Fortnightly

15 February (LENT)	A. Clapham	10 August J. Frostick
30 March (EASTER)	P. Hughes	24 August P. Stennet
13 April	A. Wild	7 September P. Greenfield
27 April	J. Wright	21 September J. Thornton
18 May	H. Brown	5 October B. Taylor
1 June	V. Biddis	19 October L. Lennox
14 June	J. Jolly	1 November M. West
28 June	G. Gould	16 November B. Rowe
13 July	H. Atkinson	
27 July	Mrs Ritchie	

THE PARISH OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR united with St Mary the Virgin Ardleigh SERVICES IN MARCH

2nd March 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Family Eucharist and Baptism Gt Bromley 11:00 Family Eucharist and Baptism Ardleigh 6:30 NB No Evensong Gt Bromley
9th March 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 "Mothering Sunday" Eucharist Gt Bromley 11:00 "Mothering Sunday, Eucharist Ardleigh, 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh
16th March 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Eucharist Gt Bromley 11:00 Parish Eucharist and Baptism Ardleigh :30 NB No Evensong Gt Bromley

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 23rd March 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley 11:00 Parish Eucharist (procession with donkey) Ardleigh 6:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh
Tuesday 25th 2.30 Eucharist with the MU Ardleigh

Thursday 27th 8.00 Maundy Thursday ceremony with stripping of altar Ardleigh

Good Friday 10am Proclamation of the cross, Gt Bromley 11.30 Procession of Witness from school gates followed by stations of the cross (joined by RC community) Ardleigh

Easter - He is risen indeed Alleluia

Sat 29th 8:00 pm Traditional Easter Eve Ceremonies with the lighting of the Easter fire and blessing of the waters of Baptism. Gt Bromley

30th March 8:00 BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9:30 Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley 11:00 Easter Eucharist with choir from the Colchester Institute who will sing the Britten Missa Brevis setting. An uplifting and joyous occasion to mark Fr Trevor's final Sunday in the Parish. All are very welcome. Ardleigh

NB 5:30 Sung Evensong Ardleigh

The Bromley Messenger April 1997

In my final contribution to 'The Bromley Messenger' I would like to thank most warmly all those who came and supported the Mothering Day Family service. It was a joyous and bustling occasion in both parishes and one which I believe I will remember when I recall my time as Rector of Ardleigh and the Bromleys. I also continue to thank all those who have written or taken the time to express their appreciation of my ministry. It has been most moving an encouragement, and moreover one which helps me go to my new parish with a positive and generous Spirit. I hope that it will not be too long before a new Rector arrives and trust that you will all unite behind the wardens giving them the practical support that they need to keep the ship on course during the interregnum. If everyone does just a little it makes the task much less onerous. So please do assist your wardens and come forward to help when they ask. It was an interesting moment when I saw in both parishes my name in the list of Rectors and Vicars. As I looked at the various dates of office I could not help but imagine the historical background that each worked in and although we know how very different parish life must have been 50 years ago what must it have been like to worship in the churches before the Reformation and during that ferment which saw so many beautiful features of our churches spoiled. The span of human memory is very short. Few, if any, will have had any contact with the church in the early 20th Century and much that went on even then is forgotten forever. But our main role as Christians is not to preserve memories as much as keeping that legacy of Christian experience alive so that it can be handed to the new generation. It is my sincere prayer that your new rector will be given the grace to build you up in faith and continue that tradition of Christian witness in hope and trust in a God who wishes to share his love and joy with all people. *Fr. Trevor*

GT. BROMLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL REMINDER

Please note we are holding the Flower Festival at Gt. Bromley on 14th-15th June, to coincide with the Cheshire Home Fete. If you are willing to help in any way please contact Ann Wild.

PLANT AND GARAGE SALE

This year we are holding a Plant & Garage Sale to raise funds for the Flower Festival, at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh on 10th May from 11.00am - 4.00pm. Tea and coffee will be available. If anyone has anything (large, small, old, new) they would like to donate or any plants please contact Ann Wild or Heather Brown

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GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The new cricket season will be starting at the end of this month and Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club again has a full and attractive fixture list to look forward to. The season will contain a large diet of league fixtures for both the 1st XI and 2nd XI. The Club's league commitment is significantly larger this season due to the advent of the 2nd XI and the friendly fixtures have been reduced to accommodate the increased number of league matches. Among the

friendlies this summer, we entertain our friends from Norfolk, Bacton, on their annual Tour and host the annual Chairman's Day lunch and match against Phil Allam's invitation XI. With the 1st XI winning promotion last season to Division One of the Lancaster Garages League, we look forward to entertaining and competing against some of the bigger clubs in the area. We have a local 'derby' against Elmstead 1st XI to look forward to as well as playing Colchester and East Essex at the Castle Park. All in all an exciting summer lays in prospect for both sides and with the club now boasting improved off the pitch facilities, it is hoped that on the pitch we can enjoy another summer of good weather and good cricket. For readers' information the first home fixture is on 26th April, a 2nd XI match against Birch and the 1st XI start on 10th May at home against West Mersea.

The club recently held its A.G.M. at the Village Hall which was well attended. The following list of Officers were elected for the coming year:

President	Mr D. Hayward
Chairman	Mr P. Allam
Secretary	Mr T. Biscoe
Treasurer	Mr M. Foley
Fixture Secretary	Mr F. Eadie
Captain 1st XI	Mr F. Eadie
Vice Captain 1st XI	Mr T. Biscoe
Captain 2nd XI	Mr W. Kempster
Vice Captain 2nd XI	Mr M. Foley

Martin Chater, Chris Fryer, Pip Allam and Matt Pirie were all elected as committee members. By the time of publication, the first draw of the '97-'98 "100 Club" will have been made. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in last year's competition and those who have joined for the coming year. Your support is greatly appreciated by everyone at the club. *Fraser Eadie*

HAS ANYBODY SEEN OUR CAT? She answers to 'MANDY' and is tortoiseshell with a white front and four white feet. Has she found a comfortable home which she prefers? That is her choice but we would like to know that she is all right. Any information - 250769 - please!

SO THAT'S ONE OF THE FAMILY!

Let us look again at the 1891 Census in Great Bromley. Entry 48 is of much interest to me. It concerns a dwelling near the Lodge and must be "The Gardener's Cottage" there. So who were the occupants?

Thomas Appleby	Head 45	Gardener/Domestic Servant	Born Colchester
Elizabeth Appleby	Wife 43	Domestic Servant	Lexden
Emily K(ate) Appleby	Daughter 21	General Domestic Servant	Lexden
Annie E. Appleby	Daughter 18	Domestic Servant	Colchester
Alice G. Appleby	Daughter 16		Colchester
Ethel B. Appleby	Daughter 7		Colchester

Thomas was my great uncle. He was born at Myland (some say Mile End but that is not the same as Myland, Colchester) and baptised at St. Michael's Church, Mile End, on 12 May, 1845. He and his family are entered in the 1851 and 1861 Census for St. Peters Parish, Colchester. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Wagstaff and she came from Lexden where Thomas worked and where there were many of the Appleby family including John Appleby who was both the Schoolmaster and Postmaster.

John Appleby

LITTLE BROMLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

A Festival of Flowers and Song will be held at St. Mary's, Little Bromley from Saturday, 24th - Monday, 26th May to coincide with the Manningtree Festival. Many local gardens will also be open. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, or donate vases of flowers, or flowers for pew ends in memory of family and friends, please contact Mrs Betty Gladwin (01206 322584). More details in next month's magazine.

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KITCHEN CORNER

A cold dessert for a Sunday lunch or dinner party. This is another WI recipe.

Danish Pastry

8oz plain flour, 2½ oz icing sugar, 6 oz butter, 2 egg yolks, vanilla essence

Make the pastry and leave to rest ½ hour in fridge. Then roll out into 3x 10" rounds. (equal parts weigh approx. 167g each)

Prick the rounds well and bake 10 minutes in a hot oven. Remove at once to a cooling rack.

When cold, layer with 2 lbs apple puree flavoured with lemon juice. Ice the top with 5 tablespoons icing sugar plus hot water. To decorate:- dip a teaspoon in redcurrant jelly and use the edge of the spoon to draw lines across. Feather the lines by "pulling" at right angles. If you want a smarter effect, use a piping bag. *Jill Frostick*

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

If you listen to RADIO ESSEX early morning programmes you will be interested to know we will have Etholle Pegrum with us at our April meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Our SPRING SALE is to be held on 19th April at the Village Hall commencing at 2.00pm. with various stalls - cakes, plants, jewellery, tombola, books, white elephant etc, with the GRAND DRAW and other raffles. *Vicky Griffiths*

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday, 24th April at 7.30pm in the Methodist School Room, Chequers Road, Little Bromley. Public participation is welcomed.

THANK YOU

The Coffee Morning held on 15th March raised a sum of £80.82 for the Meningitis Trust. Thank you for the contributions made and my sincere thanks to all those who helped with and attended this function. *Sylvia Mangan*

MATERIAL for the May edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1997 please.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PROPOSED BOUDGE HILL DEVELOPMENT

A Parish Council Meeting was held on 13 March which was attended by Mr R. Rix of Boyer Environmental Planning and Development Consultants. Mr Rix explained that the proposed development is aimed at providing housing and industry for the next century. The site would not be developed until the year 2005 and would consist of: 125 acres - housing, 40 acres - industrial land, 5 acres - village centre, 5 acres - school, 18 acres - playing field, 46 acres - country park. Access design has been researched by Highway Consultants. All access will be from the A120 and the new proposed Elmstead Market bypass. There will be an increased bus service for villagers and new residents. All existing footpaths will remain. One important design feature was to ensure that Great Bromley remains as a village. The new development would have buffer planting and recreation facilities for all to use. Following Mr Rix's presentation the Chairman opened the meeting for questions. It was stated that the land is owned by Mr Pirie, the County Council and neighbouring farmers. Mr Rix said that the land is between grade 2 - 4 agricultural land. The Elmstead Market by-pass would be elevated in part but there would be an underpass at Church Road. It would affect approximately 60 acres of land. Mr Rix said that there is a sufficient water supply for new development in the A12 corridor. Sewage treatment would not be a problem as there is a new sewer following the road at Elmstead Market- Mr Rix said that gravel extracted could be used. However, this has not been included in any gravel extraction plan.

The proposal has been submitted to the County Planner at the County Council and Tendring District Council. Members of the meeting felt that there is no need for more housing or industrial development in this area. Cllr Rosemary Smith said that anyone wishing to comment about the proposals being put to the County Structure Plan for 2001 - 2011 should write to:- Mr Singleton, Structure Plan Dept, County Planning Office, County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LF. The officer at Tendring District Council concerned with the structure plan is:- Mr Hornby, Council Offices, Weeley, Essex C016 9AJ

GT. BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 14 March, 1997. The Parish Council are concerned about the refuse being dumped by the gypsies parked at Strutts Farm. The Parish Council will notify Tendring District Council, Environmental Health Department. The Parish Council have asked the Natural History Museum to carry out a study of flora and fauna at Springhill Close. The speed of the traffic through the village is causing some concern particularly near the Cross Inn and at the school. The Parish Council will raise the concerns of the Parishioners with the Chief Constable at Chelmsford. The request for a footpath between the Black Boy and Elm Cottage is currently held on file by the Highways Department. They will shortly be prioritising all footpath requests. The feasibility of erecting a street map near the Village Hall is currently being investigated by the Parish Council There will be a Parish Council Meeting followed by a Parish Assembly on 17 April.

CARD Campaign Against Rural Destruction

By the time you read this article a number of new initiatives will have taken place, including a public meeting arranged by Gt. Bromley Parish Council. You may have attended this meeting to discuss the new "Boudge Hill Settlement" in Gt. Bromley. Many people will be aware that this is the second large settlement proposal for Gt. Bromley. The first being "The Three Greens" proposal from Wimpey Homes, about which much has been written in the Local Press and the Parish News in recent months. The Boudge Hill settlement would cover an area of over 300 acres of agricultural land between the A120 dual carriageway and Gt. Bromley Church. This development would include a mixture of residential and factory units. CARD want to assure all residents that the same vigorous campaign will be fought against this new threat to the landscape and way of life, as that waged against Wimpey Homes. CARD objects to ALL unsustainable large scale development in West Tendring.

CARD have clearly stated their position to Tendring District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Essex County' Council and will continue to campaign until this latest threat is thrown out by Essex County Council and Tendring District Council. The Council for the Protection of Rural Essex (CPRE) has discussed the industrialisation of the Oasis Site and the Boudge Hill Proposal with members of CARD confirming their opposition to both proposals and offering their support in resisting these unwanted developments. The pressure to build new residential units in Essex is enormous, the County Council have accepted the figures distributed by Central Government through Central Planning Guidance.

Demographic changes to the structure of the UK population has fuelled the demand for more houses. An ageing population, with an increase in single parent families, higher divorce rates and more young people setting up home on their own, has reduced the average household size. No longer is the traditional family the only viable economic unit for maintaining a household. Colchester Borough Council strongly opposes the number of houses Colchester has been allocated in the Draft Structure Plan, putting together a forceful argument against any such allocation citing increased traffic, the need to develop more town centre parking, new school places, increased queues in shops and other public amenities. It is reasonable to assume that Colchester Borough Council are very much in favour of any new development in West Tendring that would ease the pressure on Colchester. CARD believe that discussions have taken place between Colchester and Tendring District Council to persuade Tendring to accept a greater share of any new housing. This is not the stated policy of Essex County Council, who want to contain new development within the A12 corridor. Residents of West Tendring must be vigilant to ensure that this policy does not change. CARD believes that it will be a long, difficult struggle to prevent housing in West Tendring from being included in the Draft Structure Plan, but a fight that is worth every second of the time and effort involved.

Finally CARD would like to thank all of you who took the time and trouble to sign the letter and post to Tendring District Council, voicing your objections to the building of factory units on the Oasis site. Unfortunately we were not able to reach all households even though we printed over a thousand copies. The area is large and funds are limited. *Colin Sussams (01206 250516)*

COLCHESTER & DISTRICT HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

The Colchester & District Huntington's Disease Association is holding its Annual General Meeting by kind permission at the Seven Rivers Cheshire Home on Friday, 18th April at 7.00pm. The speaker after the business will be SUE WATKIN, Chair of the National Association and Vice Chair of the International Association of Huntington's Disease. We would be very pleased to

welcome any members of the village, and particularly those who kindly support our cause by collecting annually for the Alexandra Rose Day. Our Patron, Lord Braybrooke, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, will be presiding. There will be light refreshments. Contact Jean Harding (230425) for any further information

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting got off to a tuneful start with the unaccompanied singing of Jerusalem. Phil Burch reported on the Spring Group Meeting which is on 24th April at 7.30pm in the Ogilvie Hall. Tickets are £1.50. The President said how grateful we are to the Gt. Bromley Bell Ringers for the special ringing of St. George's bells on 19th February to celebrate the WI movement's 80th Anniversary. Three tickets at £3 each are available for Stour Activities "Poetry & Ploughman" on 7th May at the Ogilvie Hall, 12.30am - 2.00pm. The majority of members were in favour of the County Annual Meetings Resolution on the need for legislation, for health and safety reasons, on body piercing.

"Something Different" turned out to be a highly watchable demonstration on the amazing versatility of the handy, easily cleanable, durable "Daily" electric mixer and a cushion which will gently vibrate away aches and pains.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, 2nd April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Barbara Mitchell will give us an insight into Aromatherapy and Reflexology. Competition is "A Pair of Socks" (very appropriate!) *Pippa Hardy*

PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped with the 'sponsored obstacle course' on 10th March. A fun morning was had by all. The Playgroup theme continues next term with the 'alphabet' and our first Thursday morning session begins on 10th April.

We would like to wish good luck to Alf, Danny, Katie, Megan, Ross and Sam who are leaving us to start school. Dates for your diary: Wed 9 April - Return to Playgroup (Please note NO Playgroup on 7 April) *Jane Calderbank*

CARPET BOWLS

Two pieces of good news this month. Firstly, the members who were ill over several weeks during the winter have regained their health and are now able to be back regularly on club evenings.

Second, our annual fund raiser for charity held in March was again a success and £135 was sent to the British Heart Foundation. This event ably run by Pat and Jayne attracted 16 teams from within the league. Two Gt. Bromley members joined forces with two from Thorpe and were finalists. They ended the very interesting match as runners-up to Lawford, the winners, so the Brumbella Trophy didn't travel too many miles away. Pauline and other lady members with one or two friends, kept the tea and coffee flowing all afternoon, plus some very tasty refreshments. Well done to all who participated. One more league match to go for this season. We are at home to Little Clacton on 26th March. *Nancy Kempster*

SMILING

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled, I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about the smile and then realised its worth
A single smile like mine could travel round the earth
If you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the WORLD infected. *Anon*

GUIDES & BROWNIES

Gt. Bromley Guides and Brownies hosted Thinking Day when over 70 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from the Manningtree District gathered at the Village Hall, Great Bromley. Everyone had in their thoughts this year members of the movement in the Asia-Pacific rim and by creating during the afternoon food, costumes, music, dance, dragons complete with wooden archway and decorated backdrop the celebration culminated in a carnival. A story from the region was then read before the event came to a close with a renewal of the Promise. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day to make this event such a success. *Jazz and Brown Owl*

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DIARY DATES

2 Apr W.I. Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Apr Playgroup summer term begins . .
15 Apr Copy for May's 'Messenger' please to Editor
15 Apr Parochial Church Council A.G.M., Seven Rivers, 7.30pm
17 Apr Gt. Bromley Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Assembly
18 Apr Huntington's Disease Association A.G.M., Cheshire Home, 7.00pm
24 Apr Cricket Club 2nd XI match against Birch
24 Apr Little Bromley Parish Assembly, Methodist School Room, 7.30pm
24 Apr W.I. Spring Group Meeting, Ogilvie Hall, 7.30pm
10 May Plant & Garage Sale, Ilex Farm, Ardleigh, 11.00am .
10 May Cricket Club 1st XI at home against West Mersea
24-26 May Little Bromley Flower Festival
14 Jun Cheshire Home 40th Anniversary Fete

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

COFFEE MAKING after 9.30am Service

6 April B. Welham
13 April J Harding
20 April A Fairley
27 April J Wests

CLEANING

B & J Welham
P Greenfield & M Bush
O Sparling
A Wild & J Harding

FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly - 13 April A. Wild 17 April J. Wright

GARDENERS CORNER for APRIL

This is the busiest month of the year for gardeners. Sow hardy annuals such as California poppy, candytuft, corn flowers and marigolds to name just a few. Gladioli bulbs can be planted at the end of the month.

SUNFLOWERS Can be sown in 3" pots in a cold greenhouse, garage or shed, put them out on warm days but bring them in at night.

TOMATO plants can now be planted out in an unheated greenhouse but remember the frosts so have newspapers ready to place over them.

CUTTINGS can be taken from Geraniums and Fuschias from over-wintered plants, with a touch of rooting powder.

VEGETABLES Sow marrow seeds and runner beans in pots which can be planted out when danger of frost is passed. *Frank Griffiths*

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SERVICES DURING THE INTERREGNUM

There will be at least the main service of the Sunday Parish Eucharist each week. 9:30 at Gt Bromley and 11:00 at Ardleigh.

8:00am Sunday BCP Holy Communion will be arranged whenever possible but these will not necessarily follow the same pattern of location between Ardleigh and The Bromleys that has been the custom. Evensong will occur once a month on the second Sunday. at 6:30pm at Ardleigh.

CHECK THE CHURCH NOTICEBOARD DURING THE WEEK FOR DETAILS.

Midweek services will no doubt resume with the appointment of a new incumbent. Our Lay Reader Mr John Appleby and our Churchwarden Mrs Olive Sparling are licensed to take previously consecrated bread and wine to individuals and the various Homes in the locality. If you have any queries about weddings, funerals, or baptisms, or indeed other church matters please contact the wardens, i.e. James Wild or Olive Sparling

The Bromley Messenger May 1997

It is good to have this opportunity to talk panto at a time of year when most people are thinking of their summer holidays. The Village Pantomime Group contrary to popular belief does not get going in October and end in January. Already we have had our Annual General Meeting to make decisions on next year's show. Our script of "Jack and the Beanstalk" is being written by Dave Underdown who will also direct this year. We welcome Yvonne Cobbold as our new Treasurer following a career move to Bristol by our Treasurer of the last five years, Gavin Adcroft. Most of our faithful workers will be remaining with us for another year in their various guises. It takes a large team of dedicated people to put together our annual show from stage hands to lighting, prompters to choreographer - all essential to the final polished performance.

Last year our efforts were rewarded by an enjoyable production by cast, crew and audience alike. The icing on the cake being our £750 raised for St. Helena Hospice. They were most grateful as seen by the following letter:

"With thanks from St. Helena Hospice I write to thank the members of the Gt. Bromley Pantomime Group and all those who attended their production in January. Thanks to your generosity, a total of £750 has been donated towards the care of our patients and their families at St. Helena Hospice. This is a remarkable sum from a small village and we are extremely grateful to you all for such substantial support. Whilst we have received a grant this year from the Health Authority for around 20% of our total costs, we rely on the good folk of North East Essex for the large balance - thank you all so much for being a strong part of our caring community. We are very grateful.

Ian M Johnson, Fund-raising Director, St. Helena Hospice"

We have yet to decide on a charity for next year's fund-raiser so if anyone in the village knows of a worthy cause for us to consider please contact our Chairman, Stan West. We would also welcome a new wardrobe co-ordinator on our team as a vacancy has arisen for this post. We have a good selection of seamstresses to 'help out' but need someone with some artistic flair and imagination to help put colour and costume on to the stage. So, when you are stretched out on a sunny beach through the summer think of us as we are preparing yet another Christmas panto for your entertainment! *Nigel Rowe*

CHESHIRE HOME FETE SATURDAY 14th JUNE 1997

Official Opening - 2.00pm - Fly Past By The RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
Caribbean Steel Band : Strong Man Challenge : Bouncy Castle : Rides : Face Painting : Raffles
Co-operative Rainbow Majorettes : Magic Shows : Tea Tent : Beer Tent : Side Shows : Tombola :
Craft Marquee : Human Fly : Bungee Run : Boating on the Lake : Plant Stall
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OUR POLICEMAN in 1891

Again we can thank the 1891 Census, for details of our policeman. He was Henry Smith, aged 47, who was born in Wixoe, Suffolk. His wife was Ellen Smith, aged 44. She was born at Sturmer, near Haverill. Where did the Smiths live - opposite the present Village Hall where Mr and Mrs B Willgress live today. *John Appleby*

GARDENERS CORNER FOR MAY

Hopefully we have seen the end of frosts so now is the time to plant out your bedding plants. Tuberous begonias are on sale now at the nurseries - plant into 5" pots, keep soil damp and water from beneath. Plant up hanging baskets and hang up in the greenhouse or garage for a week or so to let plants become established. Rooted fuchsia cuttings should have their growing tips pinched out to encourage bushy plants. Plant out brussels sprouts and summer cabbage. For continuation of carrots, beetroot and lettuce, plant little and often.

Frank Griffiths

KITCHEN CORNER

Jill Frostick has been so kind as to suggest that I might usurp part of Kitchen Corner with this very simple recipe. It comes from Tuscany.

Braised Carrots

For Six people, trim and scrape 2 lbs of medium sized carrots. (larger carrots will serve, if split lengthways). Put them into a pan of cold water, bring to the boil, and continue boiling for ten minutes. Drain them and lay them in a buttered oven dish. Half cover them with stock, and sprinkle with salt, pepper, dried thyme and small chunks of butter. Bruise them in a fairly hot oven, basting occasionally, until they are tender but firm. Then eat them, drained of fall save a little their liquid.

The Tuscans call this Carote al Forno. It went well with Jill's delicious recipe for Spicy Leg of Lamb (Messenger. July 1996) *John Clapham*

Village Homes for Village People

ENGLISH RURAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION

2 & 3 bedroomed homes for rent to local people at Hall Road, Great Bromley

If you are in need of rented housing and have a close connection with Great Bromley, Little Bromley, Little Bentley or Frating, please contact (for further information)

Mrs Chris Moor (Rural Housing Trust/English Rural Housing Association

Lanham, Braintree Road, Little Waltham, Essex CM3 3LB tel: 01245 362428

A joint project between the Rural Housing Trust & Great Bromley Parish Council

GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

With the new season just about underway (weather permitting), the Cricket Club have already managed to secure the first silverware of the year. During the winter months, Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club compete in the Royal London Indoor Cricket Alliance league Division Two and its Knockout Cup competitions. After an undistinguished start in the League which left the team second from bottom at Christmas, an improved run of form left the team safe from relegation to Division Three and with interests in both the Tetley Knockout Cup (for all the teams in the league) and the Tetley Knockout Trophy (for Divisions Two and Three only). After disposing of Division One teams Midland Bank and eventual Division One Champions Hinton, the team not only reached the semi-finals of the prestigious Tetley Knockout Cup but also acquired the reputation of being "Giant Killers". The success in this competition was carried over into the Tetley Knockout Trophy where the learn also managed to reach the semi-finals, therefore giving the club for the first time in its short indoor history a chance of winning a cup competition. Both semi-finals and finals were scheduled to be played on the same day with Colchester and East Essex the opponents in the Cup competition and Wellair (Copford Cricket Club) the opponents in the trophy. The Knockout Trophy semi-final was played first and thanks to some assured batting by Matt Pirie and Peter Brinkley, Gt. Bromley wre the victors in a tense finish to set up a final against Chappel and Wakes Colne. In the Knockout Cup semi-final, a strong Colchester & East Essex side proved too good for Gt. Bromley and won through to the final in another closely fought match. The final of the Knockout Trophy was played in front of a large and enthusiastic gallery with the Chappel and Wakes Colne supporters being particularly vociferous. Gt. Bromley fielded first and at one stage were facing a difficult target to chase, but thanks to some accurate bowling by Peter Brinkley and Matt Pirie, supported by some outstanding fielding, Gt. Bromley pulled the game around and restricted Chappel to 83 all out. The Gt Bromley reply got off to a disastrous start with two wickets falling very quickly, However, Cometh the hour, cometh the man! as Captain Pip Allam strode into the arena and played the innings of his life, and along with another solid and undefeated knock by Matt Pirie, they both rescued the situation and guided Gt. Bromley to victory. Pip was rewarded with the official Man of The Match award and proudly led his team up to receive the trophy presented by John Childs, the former Essex and England cricketer.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures in May

2nd X1 3 May against Kelvedon League Start: 2.00pm

2nd XI 4 May Against Leavenheath Friendly Start: 2.00pm

1st XI 10 May Against W Mersea 1st X1 League Start: 2.00pm

2nd XI 18 May Against Hatfield Peveral League Start: 2.00pm

2nd XI 24 May Against Kirby 2nd XI League Start: 2.00pm

1st XI 31 May Against Clacton Ramblers League Start: 2.00pm.

The following people are the lucky winners for April's draw of Cricket Club's "100 Club".

1st Mr G Smith £25.00 2nd Mrs J Austin £15.00 3rd Mr A Pirie £10.00

Congratulations to the above and good luck to all the other members for the remaining 11 draws. Finally I would just like to thank everyone who has joined the "100 Club" for the new year, your support is greatly appreciated by everyone connected with the Club. *Fraser Eadie*

ESSEX POLICE CHOIR in CONCERT

Popular music for all

St. George's Church Great Bromley FRIDAY, 6th JUNE at 7.30 pm.

Tickets : Adults £3 Children £1 Tickets and Details from 230584

DOES ANYONE KNOW who the people are in the photograph on our cover standing outside Little Bromley Post Office & Stores? *Editor*

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

The annual Alexandra Day house to house collection in this district will be held in the first two weeks of June. It will be for the local support of those with Huntington's disease in the family.

We thank you in advance and hope that you will be generous. If anyone is prepared to help with the collection, please contact Jean Harding (01206 230425)

DIARY DATES

10 May Plant & Garage Sale, Ilex Farm, Ardleigh, 11.00am

15 May Gt. Bromley Parish Council Annual Meeting, Village Hall

17 May Coffee Morning. Balls Green Methodist Church, 10.00am

19 May Flowers Arrangers Meeting Gt. Bromley Church. 7.00pm

20 May Deadline for Copy to Editor. please

24-26 May Little Bromley Church Heritage Weekend

May Cricket Club fixtures - see Club news page 5

1-14 June Alexandra Day House to House collection

6 June Essex Police Choir Gt Bromley Church. 7.30pm

14 Jun Cheshire Home 40th Anniversary Fete

14-15 Jun Gt. Bromley Parish Church Flower Festival

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE MORNING with BRING AND BUY

Saturday, 17th May 10.00am - 12 noon For Church Funds

ALL ARE WELCOME

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 May 11.00am Balls Green Mr B Holden

Sunday 11 May 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Sister E Colley

Sunday 18 May 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Banyard

Sunday 25 May 11.00am Balls Green Rev S Coleman

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

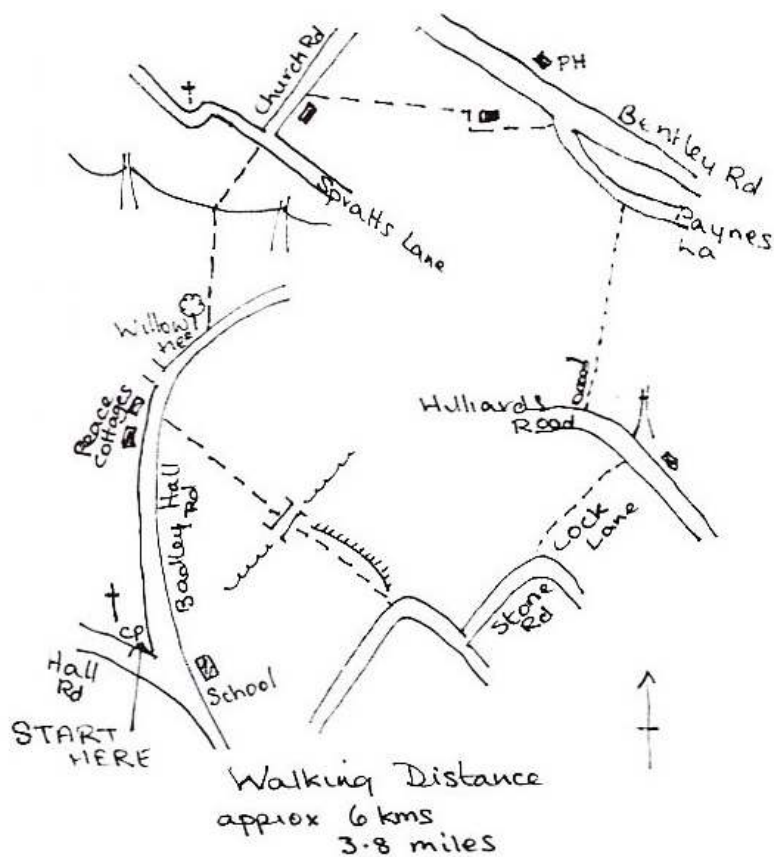
The next meeting of Gt. Bromley Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th May, 1997 at the Village Hall.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A very big THANK YOU to all our members who worked so hard at our Spring Sale on 19th April and many days prior to that. I'm sure everyone has heard of "JACK THE RIPPER", our speaker at the May meeting will be Mr Egerton who will, with slides, talk to us about this notorious case.

Vicky Griffiths

A walk through GREAT and LITTLE BROMLEY



Start the walk from Gt. Bromley Church, TM 084 263, (park in Church Meadow if you have a car) and turn left into Badley Hall Rd- Approx. 300 yds- along at Peace Cottts , TM 086 265. tum right onto a mid-field path.

Cross the bridge over the brook and continue following the edge of the field. Turn left at the bend of Mary's Lane. Follow road and turn left into Stone Rd. At a sharp right hand bend tum loll into Cock Lane which follow until you reach Willow Farm, TM 103 265, on Hilliards Rd. Follow the road to the left, past the Mast on your right and turn off right by the garden hedge before Hilliards Farm. Keep to hedge then continue straight across field to reach Paynes Lane, TM 102 273.

Tum left onto lane until junction with Bentley Rd. Turn left over a stile, pass south of pink Grove Cott. before turning westward crossing midfield towards the trees and the ruined building, TM 097 279, on Church Rd. Turn left.

At the junction the midfield path is straight ahead of you. It passes under a pylon and through a gap in the hedge corner before dipping to rejoin Badley Hall Rd by the willow tree, TM 087 267. Turn right past Peace Cottts again and back to Gt. Bromley Church.

BOUDGE HILL VILLAGE GT. BROMLEY

The letter below was received front Essex County Council (Planning) in reply to a letter from Major Heaney

“The Essex County structure Plan is currently being reviewed and updated by the County Council to roll forward the provision being made for development in the County for the period up to 2011. In due course, the Tendring District Local Plan will also have to be reviewed by Tendring District Council to reflect the strategic ' guidance set out in the structure Plan. This latter plan will set out development proposals in site specific terms. The Boudge Hill proposal is merely a developer's suggestion. There is no policy commitment whatsoever to the project from either Essex County council (as the strategic planning authority) or from Tendring District Council (as the local planning authority). The Government considers that development proposals affecting specific sites should be "development plan led" (i.e. should conform to the Structure Plan/Local Plan for the area concerned). The Boudge Hill proposal is premature since it has been published by the developer in advance of any adopted Structure Plan/Local Plan Review. Until such time as these reviews have been completed following established planning procedures, the Boudge Hill proposal will be vigorously resisted by both the County council and District Council.
Signed PJ. Amos for County Planner

Playgroup now holds three morning sessions per week and we have been pleased . with the response of our 'extra' morning. There are a few places still available. if anyone wishes to register their child please 'phone Nicky on 230229. We accept children from 2 years 9 months old.

Dates for your diary: Wed 30 April - Playgroup Coffee Morning

Mon 5 May - Bank Holiday - No playgroup

26 May - 30 May - Half term week *Jane Calderbank*

THANKS Steve and Linda Pinhey would like to thank everyone who helped to make a Cheese and Wine Weekend held on 12th and 13th April at their home such a great success. About £420 was raised to go towards Research into Hereditary Breast Cancer

GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL

I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Supper Evening held in the Village Hall on Friday, 21st March such a great success. To the ladies and their helpers who organised the excellent meal; and to Jean who achieved her ambition by selling two hundred pounds worth of raffle tickets in the Hall. To the "Bromley Buskers", and friends for the Cabaret, and to Bill for giving us such an enjoyable and entertaining After Dinner Speech. The magnificent sum of £1,300 was raised for Village Hall Funds. On behalf of the Village Hall Trustees our thanks to all who supported this event.

Peter Wenden (Chairman. Village Hall Trustees)

MATERIAL for the June edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson. by TUESDAY, 20th MAY, 1997 please.

FARM OPEN DAY SUNDAY 29th June

Arrangements for the Open Day at Park Farm are now well advanced. Essex County Council (supported by Essex County Newspapers and Ridleys Brewery) have agreed to publicise it in their coming leaflet about the 1997 Festival of the Countryside, and we hope to attract plenty of visitors. But we still need more volunteers of all kinds, so if you are willing to help please get in touch with Jean Harding (230425) or John Clapham (230790) or Henry Fairley (250229). Can you provide plants for the Plant Stall or cakes etc. for the Cake Stall? If so please contact Jill Frostick about plants (250263) or Ann Fairley about cakes (250229). We will need lots of both if the stalls are to be kept well-supplied, so perhaps some people might be willing to make cakes in advance and stockpile them in the freezer? Please help to take full advantage of Henry and Ann Fairley's hospitality and to make the event a rattling success.

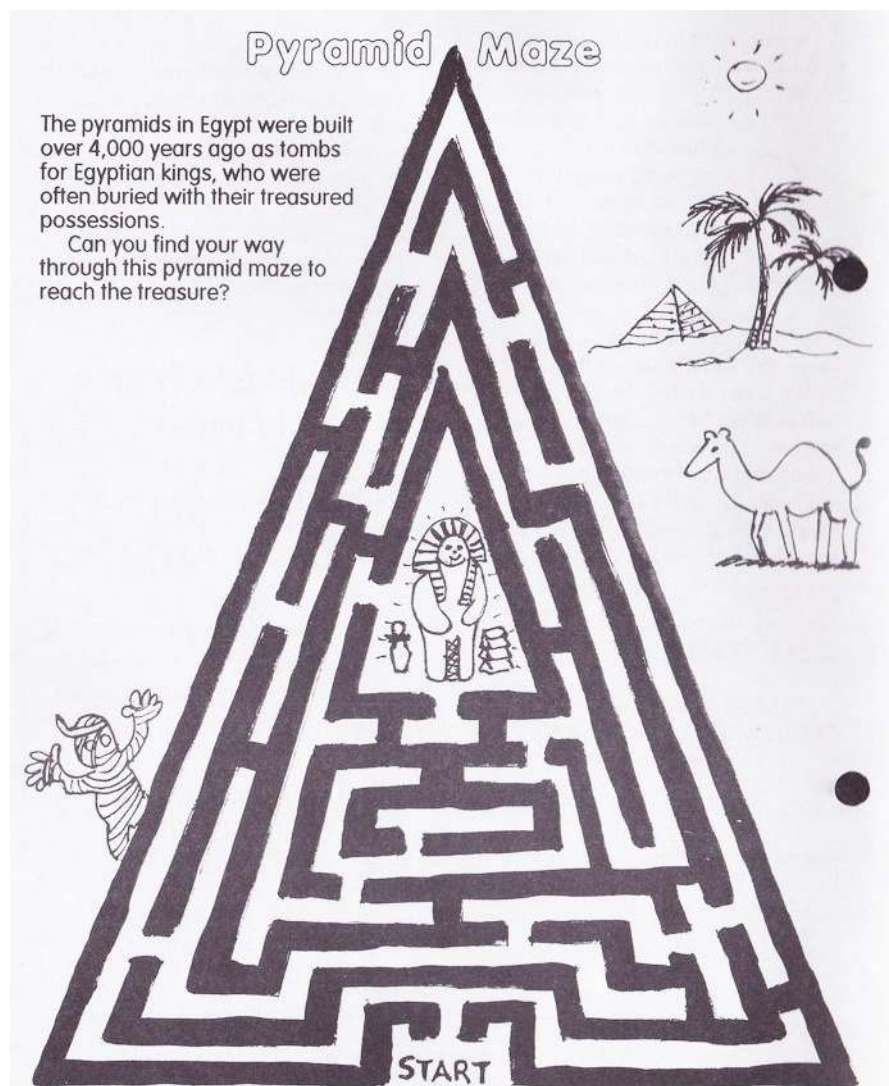
THE BROMLEY MESSENGER

Statement of Accounts

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	<u>1995/96</u>	<u>1996/97</u>
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Carried forward	151.76	204.36
Creditors	390.00	000.00
Donations	95.60	82.50
Advertisements	297.60	291.00
Sponsorship	555.00	950.00
Interest	1.42	4.33
Debtors	0.00	0.00
Total	<u>£1,491.28</u>	<u>£1,532.19</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing	1,257.08	1,242.06
Postage	8.73	10.55
Expenses	21.11	30.95
Debtors	0.00	0.00
(Loss)/Gain	204.36	248.63
Total	<u>£1,491.28</u>	<u>£1,532.19</u>
Honorary Treasurer	8 April, 1997	
L.B. Christodoulides MBE		

This year we have not had to seek any extra contributions from the Parish Council and we have managed to make a modest profit. Donations are still on the decline, currently supported by a few local Clubs and stalwarts. We start the next 12 issues with almost 11 issues sponsored, which includes our Printer who as always is so reliable. If you can find any more sponsors please let me know. As always Leonie Henderson has continued to do a great job as Editor with her increased effort on the art work. The delivery of your Magazine is still run very effectively by Ann Fairley, supported by her band of dedicated helpers. I am sure that you will all join me in giving them a big thank you for all their hard work in making the Magazine the success it has become. *And I would like to add a thank you to Len for his support both financially and otherwise and for all the effort he puts into finding sponsorship in order to keep the magazine coming to you each month.* - Ed

CHILDREN'S CORNER



BADMINTON CLUB

We are almost at the end of the season with just one more match to play. We have had a good season this year winning the Colchester Federation KO. Cup for the first time beating Clacton by 17 points in the final after handicap points had been added. In previous rounds we had beaten St. Mary Magdelene, Peveral/Rockateers, and Monkwick all from higher divisions. We joined the Colchester Federation League in the Mixed again this year and had some very close games. We managed to win 5 and lose 5 matches and ended 3rd in the table. In the Mens Division 5, we also won 5 and lost 5 finishing 3rd in this league also. In the Clacton Mixed League we have not done so well after being promoted to a higher division last season, we have only managed one win so expect to be relegated to the Lower division where we hope to have better success next year. An A.G.M. will be held during the early summer. Please contact Joy Golding for details (01206 251027)

PLANT AND GARAGE SALE

To be held at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh on 10th May, 11.00am-4.00pm. Please contact Ann(230679) or Heather (250349) if you have anything to donate and we will gladly collect before 10th May. Volunteers to help with this event would be greatly appreciated.

SOUND SYSTEM

Those of us who are a little hard of hearing will be delighted to know that the sound system purchased last year, from another church, has been put into St. George's Church. This system, put in place by Ben Welham, is only a temporary measure and will be used to ensure that readers with soft voices and children can be heard. *Olive Sparling*

ST. GEORGES PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

FLOWER FESTIVAL is to be held on 14th-15th June. The theme this year is 'Celebrations'. The church will be open from 10.30am-5.30pm. Refreshments will be available all day. Would anyone who wishes to have a pew end in memory of a relative or friend please contact Debby Rowe on 231067 before 1st June. We would be grateful for volunteers for cake making and helping to serve teas. Please contact Ann Fairley on 250229.

FLOWER ARRANGERS MEETING

All those who are flower arranging for the Flower Festival are invited to come along to the church on Monday, 19th May from 7.00pm onwards to discuss ideas for their arrangement. If you are unable to attend do please get in touch with Ann Wild.

	COFFEE MAKING after 9.30am Service	CLEANING
4 May	B. Welham	H Brown & S Rampling
11 May	J Harding	J Wests
18 May	A Fairley	B & J Welham
25 May	J Wests	P Greenheld & M Bush

FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly 18 May H. Brown

SERVICES IN MAY

Conducted by John Appleby

Sunday 4th May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt. Bromley

Sunday 11th May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am **Rogation Service** to be held at New House Farm, Gt. Bromley - home of George & Nancy Kempster. ALL VERY WELCOME 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh

Sunday 18th May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt. Bromley

Sunday 25th May 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh

If you have any queries about Weddings, funerals or baptisms, or indeed other church matters please contact the churchwardens, James Wild (230679) or Olive Sparling (230436)

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WEARING ANOTHER HAT!

In the 1950's Suffolk Local History Council set up a network of Local History Recorders across the whole county to ensure the survival of valuable material for future research. In 1981 Mr Donald Jarvis of Stock, Essex, organised a similar scheme for Essex. In 1993 Mr Jarvis retired and his successor Mrs Jean Aberdour of Wickham Bishops is now County Co-ordinator. Mrs Wilkinson was Recorder for Great Bromley for many years and on her retirement from the office I was approached by the Parish Council to undertake the duties. I was pleased to do so and have been Chairman of the Tendring Hundred Group set up in 1995. Mr Peter Herring represents Little Bromley. Every parish is represented and we are the only Hundred at present to have such a group.

The post is an *honorary* one. A Recorder must be interested in the community and gather information for future use by researchers. So I record all that goes on in the village either in the newspapers or from working among you. So I record the present history of Great Bromley as well as researching the past.

I am always pleased to act as a receiver of information and artefacts for what has been previously unrecorded about the parish. If an elderly person moves or dies maybe relatives regard his/her "treasures" as "rubbish to be cleared" - there may be many things to sort. Details of local trades, indentures, diaries, old tools, things dug up in the fields, old and new local photographs, electoral rolls, deeds, estate agents details, posters, tickets and programmes of local fetes and shows, details about transport in bus and train timetables, parish magazines (I supply both Chelmsford and Colchester Record Offices and the Local Studies Library, Colchester Public Library with a complete set of these each December), minute books and account books of organisations have "food" in them for the researcher of the twenty first century and beyond - these are the sort of things that the Local History Recorder must collate. Present day changes are recorded by photographs and camcorder.

I am a soft of post office for any historical enquiry about Great Bromley. I often have enquiries from people in Australia, America, and even from the Essex Record Offices at Chelmsford and Colchester. I have enquiries from relatives about a house where a grandparent lived. Builders sometimes ask the Recorder about the naming of new roads appropriate to the vicinity. Again, it is up to me to decide how far I wish to be involved.

You can help me. I am not seeking to take away your possessions but will appreciate it if allowed to see them and maybe copy or photograph them. I invite you to turn yourself into an honorary assistant as well as an unpaid detective - thus the name and history of the village will be preserved. My address and telephone number are on the back inside page of *The Messenger*. Perhaps you will knock my hat off! *John Appleby*

TENDRING STEAM & VINTAGE FAYRE Presented by the Rotary Club of Brightlingsea & District
Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th JULY 1997

Home Farm, Clingoe Hill, Clacton Road (A133), Colchester - Admission £4 - Children & OAP £2
Steam and Traction Engines, Vintage and Club Cars, Train Rides, Donkey Derby, Punch and Judy, Craft Tent, Trade Stands, Grand Holiday Draw. All Profits to CHARITIES

[Ad] N. B. & D. M. SMITH OIL FIRED BOILER HEATING MAINTENANCE SERVICE

'Sandown', 37 Wivenhoe Road, Alresford, Colchester, Essex CO7 8AD Telephone: 01206 823117

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Where is "Jack the Ripper"? Nobody knows, he was never found. Mr Egerton gave us a 'chilling' talk and it was interesting to see the slides of bygone views of London - very dark and sinister with no street lighting. A happier note at our next meeting on 19th June when we have Mr Barker to jolly us along with his piano playing. *Vicky Griffiths*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 1 June 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Mr MD. Carter
Sunday, 8 June 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd. B Gooch
Sunday, 15 June 11.00 am Balls Green Chief F Olufolabi
Sunday, 22 June 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Mr J Lunniss
Sunday, 29 June 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Rickards

What's hers is hers, but mine is mine in 1599

Michael Littlebury, husbandman, (from an old Bromley family) made his will on 4th March 1599. He left his daughters Joan and Grace, a milch cow each. The rest of his goods he left to his wife Faith for life and the goods that he brought to her were to be equally divided between the girls. But such goods as Faith had before they married he graciously allowed her to dispose of as she pleased. Wife Faith was made executrix but to ensure all was done in order Michael appointed William Ravens, the elder, as the supervisor of the will and ten shillings for doing so. Maybe Faith Littlebury's will will come to hand and we shall see what she did with her estate. *J Appleby*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH

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15th June	A Fairley	H Brown & S Rampling
22nd June	J Wests	J Wests
29th	B Welham	B & J Welham
FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly		
1st V. Biddis	8th G. Gould	14th J. Jolly

TENDRING HUNDRED SHOW SATURDAY 12th JULY 1997



GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The new Cricket season is now in full swing with both XI's having played their opening fixtures of the summer. Despite the weather for the first few matches being far from ideal, only one fixture has fallen victim to the elements. The 22nd XI, under the experienced leadership of Bill Kempster and Matt Foley, have made an encouraging start to, their debut season in Division Six of the Lancaster Garages League. The Seconds have won two and lost two of their matches so far. The 1st XI have had three matches so far of which one was abandoned due to rain. It has been a tough start to the Division One season with fixtures against defending Champions Tattlingstone 1st XI and local rivals Elmstead 1st XI. Although both matches ended in defeat for Gt. Bromley, the team put up two good performances which augurs well for the rest of the summer.

A note for the diary is 28th June when the club hosts the annual Chairman's Day Luncheon and cricket match. The two teams play for the Pine Family Trophy and with the Chairman, Phil Allam, refusing to reveal his 'star studded' invitational XI to the home skipper, a keenly and competitively fought match is anticipated. Change of Date Please note that this year's Hog Roast date has been changed to 9th August and will not be on 23rd August as advertised in the fixture lists.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures in June

1st XI 1 June Against Lt. Clacton - League Start: 2.00pm

1st XI 14 June Against EA. Green 1st XI - League Start: 2.00pm

28 June Chairmans Invitation XI - Friendly with Lunch at 12.30pm

2nd XI 29 June Against Bacton (Norfolk) - Tour Start: 2.00pm

The following people are the lucky winners for April's draw of cricket club's "100 Club". 1st Mr M. Taylor £25.00 2nd Mrs J. Kempster £15.00 3rd Mr PA. Allam £10

Fraser Eadie

DIARY DATES

31 May Hamilton Lodge Fete

14 June Alexandra Day House to House collection

4 June WI Members' Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

5 June Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

6 June Essex Police Choir, Gt. Bromley Church, 7.30pm

14 June Cheshire Home 40th Anniversary Fete, 2.00pm

14-15 June Gt. Bromley Parish Church Flower Festival

Gt Bentley Primary School Centenary Year Celebrations

19 June Friendship Club meeting

22 June Conservative Strawberry Tea, Little Bentley Hall, 3.00pm

25 June WI Members BBQ, 7.00pm

26 June Open Garden Evening, Little Bentley Hall, 7.30pm

28 June Cricket Club Chairman's Lunch & match

29 June Farm Open Day, Park Farm, Gt. Bromley, 10.45am

June Cricket Club Fixtures - see Club news page

5 & 6 July Tendring Steam & Vintage Fayre, Home Farm, Clingoe Hill

12 July Tendring Hundred Show

CAMPAIGN AGAINST RURAL DESTRUCTION

We are going through a period of relative inactivity with little to report on the Boudge Hill Development or the Oasis Site. However CARD are continuing to attend T.D.C. meetings at Weeley Council Offices to monitor any new planning proposals that would impact on West Tendring. Members of CARD have been able to draw breath and have taken the opportunity to plan a range of Fund Raising Activities for the coming months. Since CARD was formed in the Autumn of 1996 we have been fortunate in receiving several very generous donations from local Parish councils and individuals. However, printing, copying, postage *et al* have seriously depleted our resources and now is the opportunity to increase the available funds to continue the campaign which, if the fight to resist developers escalates and legal advice is required, will prove extremely costly.

Our first fund raising activity is an Open Garden Evening on Thursday, 26th June starting at 7.30pm in the grounds of Little Bentley Hall, by the kind permission of Mr and Mrs Palmer-Tompkinson. This event will provide a unique opportunity to wander slowly through these lovely gardens on one of the longest days of the year. Tickets costing £4.50 in advance will include Cheese and Wine, a plant stall, cake stall, and a raffle. Donations for the plant and cake stalls will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help please ring Ken Steers (plants) on 250442 or Colin Sussams (cakes) on 250516 for further information. Tickets can be purchased from the following CARD members: Ken and Colin as above; Jenny Wilson 252000; Sue Burnby 250647; Alena Holderness 250175; Martin Toole 252210; Rosalind Tovell 251492; Trevor Sibley 251655. Other fund raising events already arranged include the following: Saturday, 6 September - Cookery Demonstration featuring a well known local chef in Gt. Bromley Village Hall. Sat 22 November - Barn Dance. Fun for all the family in Gt. Bentley Village Hall December - Table Top Sale (afternoon) followed by an evening Quiz Nite. Watch this Spot for further details. Sat 7 March 1998 - Race Nite in Gt. Brantley Village Hall, a night to back the horses. Members of CARD look forward to seeing many friends, old and new, at Little Bentley Hall for a really memorable occasion, a night for residents of West Tendring to meet and greet each other.

Colin Sussams

CONSERVATIVE STRAWBERRY TEA

Sunday, 22nd June at 3.00pm Little Bentley Hall Tickets from Henry Fairley

THE COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Thank you to all those who have rung me with information on our cover picture. I have had some interesting conversations with various people who knew Little Bromley Post Office Stores in the 1920's and have been promised some articles which I am looking forward to receiving and publishing. *Editor*

The following was received from Lynda Allam who writes: "My father, Mr Jack Jenno, who was Post Boy in 1926 at the age of 14 years, said the people in the picture were as follows: From left to right: Harry (Robert) Whitehead (on the bike); Miss Dolly Oxborrow (Mrs J Pinner); Mr Leonard Osborne; Mr Victor Walton. He thinks the picture was probably taken in about 1924/25

MILLENNIUM

There has been little success in the ad hoc meetings held so far. Only two representatives of Clubs turned up at the last meeting. A suggestion is that the event should be run by a Village committee rather than Club representatives. Are there any volunteers, or should we forget about it? Please contact me! Len Christodoulides (251264)

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME FETE and 40th ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, 14th June Seven Rivers will be holding their annual fete in the grounds of Seven Rivers Cheshire Home. This year the occasion will also mark the 40th anniversary of the Home. To mark the occasion, there will be a fly past of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight consisting of a Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane. There will be many other attractions and stalls.

Seven Rivers is one of many homes belonging to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation which itself will have been in existence 50 years next year. Since it started in Gt. Bromley, Seven Rivers has been extended a number of times and at present is a dual registered home with 18 nursing and 10 residential beds, which are all designated for people with physical disabilities.



The June edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by THE ROTARY CLUB of BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT and N.B. & D.M. SMITH. We gratefully thank them for their support of the magazine.

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is to be held on 14th-15th June. The theme this year is 'Celebrations'. The church will be open from 10.30am-5.30pm. Refreshments will be available all day. We would be grateful for volunteers for cake making and helping to serve teas. Please contact Ann Fairley on 250229.

HELP

Could anyone help me find a local football team who is willing to take my daughter on for football. She has been to Colchester United Girls training on a Thursday night since last May. It would help if it was on a Saturday or Sunday mornings but she is willing to train during the week as well. If anyone can help it would please her a lot. V Lofts (01206 397036)

PLANT AND GARAGE SALE Thank you to everyone for making the sale such a success. A grand total of £450 was raised for the church.

THANKS

After 10½ years as proprietors of the village shop we have now retired, and would like to thank all those residents of the village who have supported us so loyally and given us their friendship over those years. While we are looking forward to relaxing and taking up various hobbies we will miss you all, but hope to see you around the village. The new owners are Michael and Eileen Beckett, to whom we offer our Best Wishes, and we hope that ALL the village will support them, as without a shop the village would be dead USE IT OR LOSE IT.

With kind regards, Michael and Barbara Hall

ESSEX POLICE CHOIR in CONCERT

Popular music for all St. George's Church Great Bromley Friday, 6th JUNE at 7.30 pm.
Tickets = Adults £3 Children £1 Tickets and Details from 230584

JOHN APPLEBY - PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

The Rotary Club of Brightlingsea and District recently awarded John a Paul Harris Fellowship. Paul Harris was the Founder of Rotary in 1905 and as a memorial to his name, when clubs give a certain amount of money raised by members to Foundation Charities, they are able to give these awards to special people. John is one of these people, who is not only heavily involved in the Church, its peripheral activities and his hobby of local history, but has also raised many thousands of pounds for the Diabetic Association and still sits at the St. Helena Hospice overnight. We are extremely lucky to have such a person involved with our village, someone who well deserves such an honour.

FARM OPEN DAY SUNDAY 29th June

Please be sure to come to the Open Day at Park Farm and bring lots of friends. Advance tickets at reduced rates can be had from the Post Office Stores in Great Bromley and Little Bromley and from Newstrend in Ardleigh. Helpers (more of whom will be welcome) are invited to meet at Park Farm at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 25th June, to complete arrangements for the Sunday. In the meantime, pots can still be supplied by Jill Frostick (250263) and Anne Clapham (230790) for those who are able to supply the plant stall, and EGGS are available from Ann Fairley (250229) for those who are willing to make things for the cake stall. All net proceeds will go to the St. George's Repair Fund, and we hope for a sunny, happy and prosperous day. Please join in, and make the most of Henry and Ann Fairley's kind hospitality on SUNDAY, 29th JUNE, from 10.45 am. to 5.00 pm.

CARPET BOWLS

Another league season came to a close at the end of March, and after topping the table at the halfway point at Christmas, we finished a disappointing 7th out of 10 with 66 points. Our tally for the season was Won 6, Drawn 5, and Lost 7. However, there was consolation when Nancy Kempster and Jayne Bates won the Wagstaffe Pairs Trophy at Great Bentley winning all their 5 games. *Pat Petchey*

GT BENTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Calling all past members of staff, pupils, governors and friends of the school. Please join us for our Open Weekend/Bygones Exhibition Cream teas will be served.

Saturday, 14th June 2.00pm-5pm & Sunday 15th June 10.00am-4.00pm

If anyone has any old photographs, school reports or memorabilia and would be willing to loan them to us please contact Joye Watson (nee Saggs), Westwood House, Plough Road, Gt. Bentley

KITCHEN CORNER

June is the month for the fragrant and delicious elderflowers, which can be used in many ways, for flavouring ice cream or fruit salads, or to make delicately scented cakes or cordials. Here is a recipe to try:

Elderflower and Almond cake.

Ingredients 3 large heads of elderflower, 4oz SR flour, pinch salt, 4 oz caster sugar, 2 oz butter. melted and cooled, 2 oz ground almonds, Icing sugar

Line a 7" cake tin with non-stick baking parchment. Shake the elderflowers to dislodge any unwelcome wildlife (but do not wash). Trim off the main stems, and sit on the base of the tin with flowers uppermost. Sieve flour and salt; beat eggs with sugar till pale and fluffy. Add melted butter, then mix in flour and almonds to give a smooth batter. Pour over the flowers in the tin. Cook 350F for 30 mins until firm. After 5 mins. run a knife round the edge and turn onto a rack to cool. Dust with icing sugar.

A sweet treat is elderflower heads dipped in a scuffle batter and deep fried till crisp and golden (leave the stalks on so you have a "handle"). *Jill Frostick*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the May meeting the President congratulated Mesdames Wright, West and Warboys for coming first in the competition at the Spring Group Meeting held on 24th April. Members enjoyed the evening and Mistley WI will convene the one next year. On 25th June Rita Baxter is holding a barbecue for members, 7.00pm at her house. £2.50 each with a Bring & Buy + Raffle. RSVP to her please. Contributions for our Stall at Hamilton Lodge Fete on 31st May to Vera Biddis, Ann Jones or Rita Baxter please. Vera Biddis was chosen as WI representative for the

Seven Rivers 40th Anniversary Lunch on 14th June. Early notice - Doreen Petchey will be collecting Hospice Cakes on 5th October.

Stour Activities is holding another event on 17th July at Bradfield Village Hall. 10.00am-3.00pm. Travel, Embroidery and Photo Journalism are the subjects. Anyone interested in Computer Classes? Minimum 10 required for day or evenings.

Julie Allen VCO took us through this year's Resolutions, several "in house" ones and two public ones. We voted against banning Lindane (too little evidence at the moment) and voted for Agenda 21. Julie sincerely hopes that her title of Voluntary County Organiser (VCO) will not be changed to the suggested Federation Adviser - we all agreed it was a tactless suggestion!! Next Meeting - Wednesday, 4th June, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members Evening so we are in for a surprise. 50p on the door, Bring and Buy and the competition is for a Beaded Necklace. *Pippa Hardy*

GARDENERS CORNER For June

All bedding plants should be planted out. Keep the hoe going, remember weeds take as much water from the ground as your plants. Geraniums make a very good pot plant - use a 5" or 6" pot. Sow the seed now for wallflowers, sweet william, polyanthus and winter flowering pansy. Continuation sowing: lettuce, radish and carrot. Why not try mustard and cress in a shallow container using a folder piece of kitchen roll in the bottom - do NOT let it dry out. *Frank Griffiths*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on 17 April, 1997 in the Village Hall. The District Councillor, Mr Nigel Rowe, gave his report. He said that he is a member of the Area 2 Planning Committee at Tendring District Council and is also a member of the Gypsy Working Party committee. The aim of the Gypsy Working Party is to find tolerated sites for 2-3 caravans only. Tendring District Council are aware that large sites are not ideal. Mr Rowe said that he would arrange a meeting between the Parish council and Mr Bourne (Essex County Council Gypsy Liaison Officer) to discuss problems within Gt. Bromley. Mr Rowe said that he would monitor the Boudge Hill and Wimpey Homes development proposals closely. There is surplus housing in the Tendring area at present. T.D.C. are looking at small housing developments and infill.

Village Hall Mr Rowe reported that the hall is very well used. There are problems with roof tiles falling off and recently a flood under the main hall floor caused £5,000 of damage. Mr Rowe gave thanks to the Caretakers, Stan and Margery West, for their work throughout the year.

Hare Green Recreation Ground

Mrs Harris gave her annual report. Christmas boxes were given to the caretakers who tidy the ground, inspect the play equipment and report problems to the Parish Council. The hedge between Ash Grove and the recreation ground has been cut down to promote healthier growth. The new trees planted are all doing well although one has been damaged. The ditches require clearing which the Parish Council will have to arrange.

Boudge Hill/Wimpey Homes Development Proposals

There was nothing further to report at this stage.

Oasis Site The Oasis industrial site was not supported by either T.D.C. or the County Council. Mr Rowe said that the 18 responses to the feasibility study all objected to the proposal. Highway Problems Highway problems were brought to the attention of the Parish Council: 1. No Cross Road sign on the Colchester Road on the approach to the Bromley Cross Inn. (The Parish Council agreed to notify Highways.) 2. Cars Parking outside Selecta cars are obscuring visibility at the Black Boy Cross Roads. (Parish Council agreed to write to the garage owner.)

SERVICES IN JUNE.

Sunday 1st June 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt. Bromley
Sunday 8th June 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh
Sunday 15th June 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt. Bromley
Sunday 22nd June 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh
Sunday 29th June 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh

WEDDINGS - 26 April 1997 Neil Barford and Natalie Benson

The Bromley Messenger July 1997

I have been asked to write about the Parish Council for this edition of *The Messenger* so I will begin by answering some of the questions that we are often asked; if you have any further questions please send them to me via the Editor or to my home address. There are nine of us on the Parish Council some of whom have been councillors for a while and some who were elected two years ago. We all have jobs or are recently retired and we work in London or locally as farmers, accountants etc. We meet every month for an ordinary Parish Council meeting and every three weeks for a Plans Discussion meeting. All members of the parish of Great Bromley are welcome at our monthly meetings which are usually held at the Village hall and begin at 7.30pm; the meetings are advertised on the village notice boards about a week beforehand. If you have something to say or ask at the meeting we usually invite any member of the public to speak or you can write to us and we will read out your letter and discuss its contents at the next meeting. You can also telephone any of the parish councillors or the parish clerk if you have a point that you want to raise with us. We liaise with the Village Hall Committee, the District Council, Hare Green Recreation Field and CARD (Campaign Against Rural Destruction) through regular reports which are given at the monthly meetings.

Our money is raised through the council tax and we spend it frugally; at present we claim no expenses for petrol, telephone calls etc. and we employ only one person, our clerk who acts as secretary, who replies to queries, arranges the meeting agenda and other details, keeps our finances and does much more besides. The Parish Council has campaigned for, and achieved, a speed limit through Hare Green and is currently trying to establish a footpath along the Harwich Road to the Black Boy pub. We look after the recreation held and contribute to the cost of the grass cutting in the cemetery and the churchyard. The present members of your parish council are: Mrs V Harris, Major J Heaney, Mr G Kempster, Mr H Fairley, Mr G Cheeseman, Mr D Sparling, Mrs A Prior, Mr L Christodoulides and Mrs S Rampling and the parish clerk is Mrs S Shute whose details are in the front of 'The Messenger'.

Val Harris (01206 251691)

[Ads] ALL MECHANICAL & BODY REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN

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GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Over the Bank Holiday weekend of 25th and 26th May, the Cricket Club embarked on their Annual Tour to Rutland. Unfortunately this season's Tour was shortened by the loss of the Saturday fixture against Oakham School Masters, but thanks to former member Steve Foley, the vacant Sunday was filled with a game against his new club Godmanchester. The opposition fielded a strong side including two South Africans and an Australian and looked set to stroll comfortably home when the Gt. Bromley's reply to Godmanchester's total of 192-8 got off to a disastrous start. After being 9 for 4 at one stage, Gt. Bromley fought back to eventually win the match by 1 wicket and leave the normally vociferous Mr Foley gracious, but quiet in defeat! The Monday fixture against Uppingham Town was less exciting and ended in a defeat for Gt. Bromley by 6 wickets. This was not surprising considering the amount of "socialising" that took place the previous evening! Most of the tourists returned to Essex on the Tuesday once again having enjoyed the Tour, its cricket and the hospitality offered by our hosts in Uppingham.

On the League front, the 1st XI secured their first success of the season with a confidence boosting win against old rivals, Clacton Ramblers. At the time of writing, the team are third from bottom after having played only four games. The 2nd XI continue to shine under Bill Kempster's leadership and have won four of their seven games so far. This run of results leaves them handily placed in the top half of the 6th Division table.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures in July

2nd XI Sat 19 July Against Gt. Bentley League Start: 2.00pm

2nd XI Sun 20 July Against Pirates League Start: 2.00pm

1st XI Sat 26 July Against Maldon League Start: 2.00pm

The following people are the lucky winners for May's draw of Cricket Club's "100 Club".

1st Mr M Pirie £25.00 2nd Ms N Singh £15.00 3rd Mrs A Mead £10.00

Please don't forget: Gt Bromley & District Cricket Club HOG ROAST Saturday, 9th August at The Village Hall, Gt. Bromley 7.30pm to Midnight

THE HOUSE TO HOUSE collection in Spring Hill Close for Help the aged amounted to £8.33.

Linda Lamb

KITCHEN CORNER

A recipe this month for a simple lunch or supper dish preferably eaten out-of-doors! It comes from the WI book of "Main Courses".

Hampshire Potted Beef

450g lean stewing steak or shin; 150ml pale ale; 1 clove; 1 blade mace; 75g butter; 12g gelatine; salt and black pepper

Method: Cut any fat or gristle from the meat, and put in a casserole with ale and seasonings. Cover with foil and lid and cook in the oven 2 ½ -3 hours at 180C. (Or pressure cook 20 mins at high pressure or 6 hours in a slow cooker) When cooked, remove clove and mace, and strain off and reserve the stock. Melt the gelatine completely in a little stock then add the rest. Put the cooked meat through the fine blade of the mincer, stir in the stock and 50g of the butter. Press firmly into a suitable earthenware pot or similar. Melt the remaining butter and use to cover the surface. Chill well. Serve with jacket potatoes and a salad - Delicious! *Jill Frostick*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June Meeting. As is usual for Members Night it was a very interesting and enjoyable evening. Mrs Howell showed her collection of beads - mostly antique necklaces. She told us something of the history of glass making and some of the techniques used to make the attractive beads. She also spoke about gemstones, amber etc. and described the differences and how to tell the genuine articles. Lots of necklaces were passed round so that they could be examined. Most of these beautiful and varied pieces had been bought cheaply in antique shops. Super refreshments were served followed by a competition of guessing what 26 necklaces were made of. Ann Jones and Jill Frostick tied for first place - each won a long bead necklace.

July Meeting - the Committee will entertain(!) followed by an auction - so please bring something suitable along to be sold for our own funds. Competition: 6 Jam Tarts - and do not forget the BBQ on 25th June at Rita Baxter's, £2.50 per person. .

DIARY DATES

5 July Bellringers Striking Competition Final, St. Peters, Gt Totham

5 July Summer Barn Dance, Park Farm

5 & 6 July Tendring Steam & Vintage Fayre, Home Farm, Clingoe Hill

10 July Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

12 July Tendring Hundred Show 0

15 July Items for 'The Messenger' to Editor please

17 July Great Bromley Parish Council Meeting

19 July Village Barbeque, Church Meadow, 6.00pm

20 July Family Fun Day, St. George's School, 3.00pm

July Cricket Club Fixtures see page

9 Aug Cricket Club Hog Roast, Village Hall, 7.30pm

6 Sept Cookery Demo, Village Hall (CARD)

12 Sept Harwich & District Royal British Legion Band, Village Hall

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

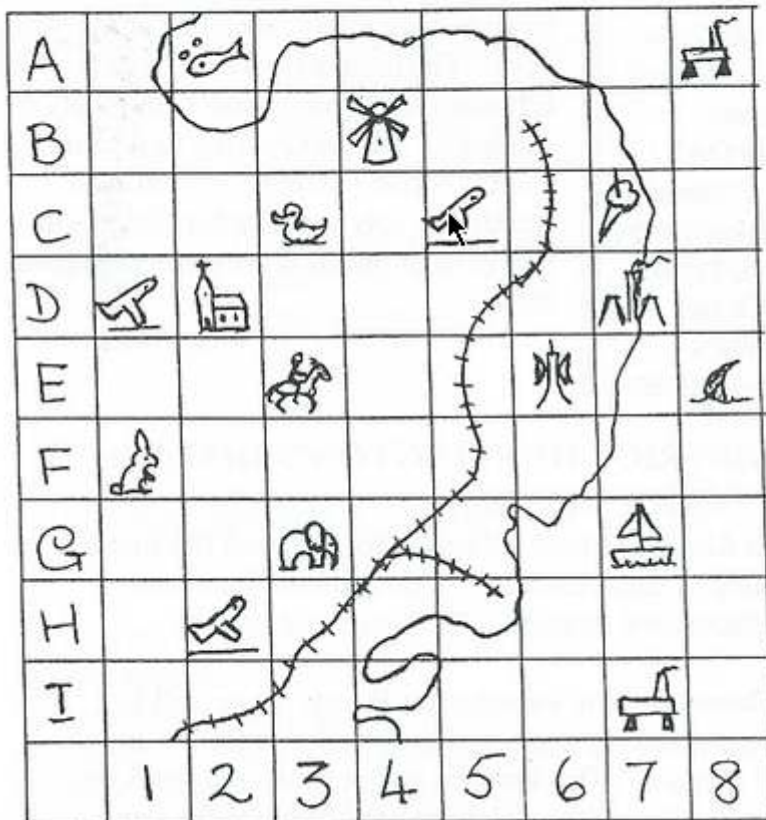
DUXFORD was a most interesting and nostalgic place to visit which to most of us brought back many memories of the War days. The members who went to Bury St. Edmunds had a happy day with plenty of sunshine. Our next outing to African Violets Nursery is July. At our next meeting in July we have Mr Burgess to talk to us on medical remedies of bygone days. *Vicky Griffiths*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

EAST ANGLIAN TREASURE

To find the buried treasure eliminate the squares through the clues. A packet of sweets for the first correct answer out of the hat from anyone 12 years and under received by the

Editor before 12th July.



As this is buried treasure it is not at sea or on the coast. As it is dangerous to play on railways it is not there. Although the zoo is a fun place to go the treasure is not buried on or directly around it, and there is no point going to the races as there is no treasure there. Under the antenna nothing will be found as is the case at the windmill. Finally nothing is buried in the flight path of the aeroplanes (i.e. in the same row or column)

COLCHESTER & DISTRICT HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

When you read this the annual Alexandra Rose collection for the local HID family welfare will have been completed in Great Bromley. I do want to thank most sincerely all who willingly collected and donated. The final result will be published next month. Local friends will also like to know that our 'Parachuting Wendy' as we call her, who, though carrying the HD gene, having had a positive predictive test result took part in a sponsored jump, is at it again! This time the young Mum and her 5 year old son, Daniel, decided to run together in the Colchester Fun Run for the same cause. Late maybe, but anyone admiring this plucky pair may still show their admiration by sending their sponsor money for Daniel or Wendy

PLAYGROUP

If anyone wishes to register their child please telephone Nicki on 230229. We accept children from 2 years, 9 months old. . We would like to say thank you to Nigel Rowe for putting up the fence. Goodbye to Laura and Helen and we wish them well. Thursday, 17th July is the end of term. We will return on Monday, 8th September. The summer outing is on Wednesday, 9th July. Thank you to Frank Watts and his wife for a lovely time on our owl outing.

St. George's School P.T.A.

SUMMER BARN DANCE 5th July at Park Farm It's not too late to get your Barn Dance tickets from Amanda (230398). Dancing to Icen Folk. Tickets £5 includes Supper If you haven't tried it come along. It's great fun. No skill required!

FAMILY FUN DAY 20th July at 3.00pm in the School Grounds including our famous GNOME HUNT Test your Skills in the fun and games Use our Bar-B-Q to cook your tea. We will supply salad and bread rolls. Tickets £5 per family or £1.50 each. Available from the school or any committee member.

GARDENERS CORNER For July

NOW is the time to cut and dry herbs such as sage, mint etc. Take cuttings from pinks and border carnations - root in a mixture of half peat, half sand - keep in a cool shaded place. Roses and bedding plants need to be dead-headed regularly. Sweet peas should be picked daily - do not let them go to seed or they will stop flowering. If large flowers are wanted on Chrysanthemums and dahlias, some disbudding is necessary. As the first truss forms on TOMATOES start feeding once a week using a high potash feed. Plant your SPRING CABBAGE this month - Durham Early is a good one. Your Winter CAULIFLOWERS should be ready for planting now for harvesting December/January. *Frank Griffiths*

VILLAGE BARBEQUE

To be held in the Church Meadow on Saturday, 19th July, 6.00pm 'till Late

Bar * Plenty of Food * Music * Family Entertainment

Adults £3.00 Children £1.50 Family Ticket £7.00

Make this a real family evening. The last barbeque was a huge success and this one will be even better! We are expecting people from The Bromleys, Ardleigh and surrounding villages and from Colchester. So get your tickets early from Yvonne Cobbold, Great Bromley Post Office or Little Bromley Shop. If it rains there will be enough tent area for adequate cover so do not be put off by any threatening clouds. Come and enjoy yourselves. Bring your family and friends. If you would like to be involved by helping contact Ben and Jean Welham.

The July edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the THE COLCHESTER BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL which was founded on its present site in Colchester in 1882. Colchester Boys High School is a thriving independent school for 370 pupils aged between 3 and 16 with a growing number of girls in the Prep and Junior departments aged 4½ to 11 and T. & F. MOTORS of Horsley Cross. We thank them both for their support of the magazine.

DID YOU ATTEND THE CONCERT

held in St. George's Church on Friday, 6th June? If not you missed a wonderful evening. Grateful thanks go to Stan West for arranging and organising the concert by The Essex Police Choir. A huge vote of thanks also to all the unseen and unheralded people who provided and served the refreshments. Everything contributed to an enjoyable and well attended evening and we look forward eagerly to the Choir's next visit. *Olive Sparling*

THE CONCERT GIVEN BY THE ESSEX POLICE CHOIR was a great success. Many have asked for the Choir to pay another visit. I would like to thank all those who supported the use; concert and all the ladies who made refreshments and helped to serve them on the night. I know the Choir enjoyed the eats. The sum raised at the concert was nearly £400. Some of this was donations. The money will help towards the organ which is badly in need of repair and cleaning. *Stan West*

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB HOG ROAST

Saturday, 9th August at The Village Hall, Gt. Bromley 7.30pm to Midnight

Attractions to include: Bouncy Castle for children * Tombola.

For Ticket Availability and Prices please contact: Nigel Rowe or any other Cricket Club Member

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on 15th May. Mrs V Harris was elected as Madam Chairman for the coming year. Maj or J Heaney (Retired) was appointed Vice-Chairman. Mr G Kempster, retiring chairman, was thanked for his work and efforts for the Parish during his term of office.

Mary Lane North: The Parish Council have been informed that a highway agency at Great Blakenham are responsible for maintaining land alongside trunk roads. The Parish Council will continue in their efforts to have the fencing repaired and the Spinney replanted where damage has been caused by travellers.

Hare Green: The play equipment has recently been inspected. It meets all the required safety regulations. The Parish Council will have an additional litter bin installed as soon as possible.

Planning Applications: The Parish Council have forwarded their comments to the District Council on the following planning applications: TEN/97/0433 - Mrs & Mrs Adams. "Risbys",

Frating Road, Great Bromley. Erection at ground floor and first floor levels. The Parish Council had no objections to this application. TEN/97/0480 - David Wood. The White House, Hillyards Road Erection of double garage/store/stable. External staircase. The Parish Council made no comment on this application. TEN/97/0522 - B Turner. Pond Farm, Gt. Bromley Conversion of coach house to groom's flat, open cart shed, external staircase and garden wall. The Parish Council had no objections to this application providing that the flat is used only for the purpose stated. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 17th July, 1997.

GT BROMLEY WINS A PLACE IN THE COUNTY FINAL

The local band of bellringers has won a place in the Striking Competition Final of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. It is to be held at St. Peters, Great Totham on Saturday, 5th July and the band hope to do better than their eighth place (out of 12 teams) of two years ago. To reach the final, the band came second to Kirby-le-Soken at the North East Essex District Striking Competition at All Saints, Great Holland on Saturday, 7th June. The band consisted of Stuart Bloyce, David Wenden, Sue Orriss, Bevan Willgress (Conductor), Barry Bloyce and Derek Bloyce, and they rang 240 changes of April Day Bob Doubles. If you are interested in learning the ancient art of bell-ringing, do come along to the church on a Friday evening at 7.45pm or contact David Wenden, the local Tower Captain. With responsibility for ringing both Great and Little Bromley bells at the Millennium, 12.00 on 1st January 2000 AD. , the local band needs a few more members. *Sue Orriss*

ST. MARY'S, LITTLE BROMLEY . HERITAGE WEEKEND

The beautiful Norman Church of St. Mary's, Little Bromley recently restored by the Churches Conservation Trust, was open on 24th-26th May to celebrate 900 years of Prayer. The Heritage Weekend, with a red, White and blue theme commemorating the Queen's Golden Wedding, was marked by three days of entertainment.

On Saturday we were entertained by the Little Bromley Occasional Singers directed by Jenny Derrick, with soloists Roderick Knott and Philippa Black, together with a line Organ Recital by Richard McGilligan.

Sunday was a day of informal praise and worship songs to a Guitar accompaniment, and on Monday the Leigh Singers led by Mrs Frostick gave a lively performance of popular songs. A profit of about £300 was shared between the Churches Conservation Trust and The Parish of The Bromleys. Many thanks to all who helped.

Visiting Little Bromley Church during their Heritage Weekend Mr N.C. Walton sent me a letter having picked up a copy of 'The Messenger '. Following on from the information already received regarding Little Bromley Post Office he informed me that he is the son of Victor Walton in the photograph. In the letter he writes that Leonard Osborne married 'Bessie', the daughter of Mr Grimsey, the owner of the property. He goes on to say that his father married Hilda Manning of Paynes Lane in 1917 whilst on leave from France. His mother's brother is still well aged about 92 years old. The Lt Bromley shop was the place to spend their halfpenny on a Saturday and he believes his grandfather was the first labourer to serve on the local Council. Mr Walton was christened in 1921 in Little Bromley Church by, he thinks, the Reverend Cope who was living in the Vicarage. He enjoyed the Sunday School Tea Party on the Vicarage lawn many years ago. Does anybody else have stories to tell or memories of Little Bromley of days gone by? If so, do please send them to me. - *Ed.*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
July 6th	J Harding	P Greenheld & M Bush
13th	A Fairley	O Sparling
20th	J Wests	A Wild & J Harding
27th	B Welham	H Brown & S Rampling
31st	J Harding	J Wests

FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly

13 July H. Atkinson 27 July Mrs Ritchie

ANN FAIRLEY would like to express her appreciation of the help that she received from all those who were involved in serving teas and making cakes for the Gt Bromley Flower Festival.

SERVICES IN JULY

Sunday 6th July 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt Bromley

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Sunday 20th July 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt Bromley

Sunday 27th July 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh

If you have any queries about weddings, funerals, or baptisms, or indeed other church matters please contact the churchwardens, James Wild (230679) or Olive Sparling (230436)

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CARD - Campaign Against Rural Destruction - LITTLE BENTLEY HALL OPEN GARDEN EVENING

Our first fund raising event was an open garden at Little Bentley Hall by courtesy of Mr and Mrs C Palmer-Tomkinson on Thursday, 24th June. Despite horrendous weather, the evening was a great success and a profit of over £300 was made which swelled our depleted funds. Watch out for future fund raising events - your support is vital. We must be ever vigilant against any further developments in our area, and we are well aware that Wimpey Homes at the very least are just waiting for opposition to die down, before they will attack again. We have heard that Tiptree Books are proposing two new applications, for what we do not yet know, but we will keep attending the meetings to keep abreast of developments. Anyone who feels they would like to join the group, would be welcome and need to telephone Jenny Willson on 01206 252000 or Sue Burnby on 01206 250647 - we are always looking for support and more people to cover the Tendring District Council meetings. It appears that the Oasis Site has now been declared a "non starter" which is a sensible decision by the Councillors at Tendring District Council. The Essex Replacement County Structure Plan is now out for perusal and CARD will be writing to the County before the deadline date of 31st July, 1997 to ensure that no further development is proposed in West Tendring.

GARDEN OPEN EVENING at LITTLE BENTLEY HALL

I would personally like to thank all those who helped in any way to make this evening a success, particularly those who turned up despite the weather. It was a pity that there wasn't more support from those for whom the Campaign was set up to represent. It was noticeable that those people at greatest risk from the proposed developments were least in evidence. I urge you not to be complacent. The schemes have not gone away: even if they had there would still be other developers waiting in the wings to get rich quick at the community's expense. Speaking of Communities, perhaps some of you are not aware that we, "as a Community" have successfully fought a plan by Tendring District Council to build an industrial complex on the Oasis site. It would be nice to think that we, "as a Community", could effect the same result of the Wimpey and Boudge Hill developments. CARD cannot do it alone! They need your help and support, so watch the "Messenger" for future events. *Ken Steers*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A most enjoyable meeting took place in July. Congratulations were given to the members who were successful in obtaining 3rd Prize in Class 2 at the WI Crossing Barns Show and to Jill Frostick for tying for the Staging Cup. Thanks had been received from Hamilton Lodge and Seven Rivers for helping at their Fetes and thanks were given to Rita Baxter for hosting a B-B-Cue which raised £35.

The proposed Computer Course will start in the Autumn and Erdelega have invited us to join them on a coach to the Carol Service on 12 December. Marjory West gave a comprehensive delegate's report on the recent Triennial Conference held in Birmingham. 10,000 members were present - now that's a lot of WI'ers! As it was our 49th Birthday meeting we were treated to a wonderful coffee cake and were royally entertained by some of our own talented members with the evening being rounded off by reckless bidding at an auction. No meeting in August but a Visit to Frinton Summer Theatre on 5th August to watch 'See How They Run'. *Pippa Hardy*

DIARY DATES

August Cricket Club Fixtures see page 6
5 Aug WI visit to Frinton Summer Theatre
9 Aug Cricket Club Hog Roast, Village Hall, 7.30pm .
19 Aug Items for 'The Messenger' to Editor please
21 Aug Gt. Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
6 Sept Cookery Demo, Village Hall (CARD)
12 Sept Harwich & District Royal British Legion Band, Village Hall
22 Sept Burnt Heath Church Harvest Supper
25 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall Tickets £6 (inc. supper) (CARD)
22 Nov Barn Dance, Gt. Bentley Village Hall (CARD)
12 Dec WI coach to Carol Service
Dec CARD Table Top Sale followed by evening Quiz Nite

COLCHESTER & DISTRICT HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

The result of the Alexandra Rose collection for the local branch of the HDA. amounted to £308.42 raised from Great Bromley. Once again, we thank all who participated. *Jean Harding*

WEDDINGS 7.6.97 Michael HARRIES and Caroline MALT

5.7.97 James MILLER and Katherine CLAPHAM

BAPTISMS 6 July Toby Troy Huish, Louis PHILBY

13 July Neil Matthew LOFTS

CHILDRENS CORNER - EAST ANGLIAN TREASURE

The buried treasure last month was hidden in E4 Sorry no winner as no entries were sent in. - Editor

ARC ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL for RESEARCH

"The Bromleys" Branch of ARC has closed after ten years of fund-raising for this very worthwhile cause. Recently, the Committee invited past Committee members and our regular helpers at our Coffee Mornings and Garden Parties to a get-together to thank them for their very positive help over the ten years of the Branch. Mrs Debbie Webb, Regional Organising Secretary, attended and presented the Branch with a Certificate of Thanks. The Committee would like to extend that thanks to all our friends who have supported the Branch over the years by attending events, ordering from the Christmas Catalogue and sending donations, all of which has helped make possible our wonderful contribution to Research of £10,000. Wivenhoe and Brightlingsea Branches and the Charity Shop in Crouch Street, Colchester would welcome your continued support of ARC through them. *Joan Landon - "The Bromieys" Branch Secretary 1987-97*

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB HOG ROAST

Saturday, 9th August at The Village Hall, Gt. Bromley 7.30pm to Midnight

For Ticket Availability and Prices Please contact: Nigel Rowe or any other Cricket Club Member

LETTERS

From Peter and Pauline Ollivant of Little Bromley Post Office & Stores

"As present custodians of Little Bromley Post Office it is very interesting to be able to put names to the faces on the photograph so kindly given to us by Mr John Osborne. One can see from the front cover we are trying to recreate as authentically as possible, the shop front to the early part of the century. It may also be of interest that the original fascia boards in the photograph are still in place behind the new one (to save maintenance). Alas the signwriting had disappeared."

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 19th June 1997.

Village Sign and Garden: Requests have been made to the Parish Council to re-site the Village sign nearer the village hall. The feasibility of this will be discussed at the next meeting. Quotes have been obtained to pave the existing garden area.

Black Boy Cross Roads: The visibility problems for motorists at the Black Boy Cross-roads have been brought to the attention of the Essex County Council Highways Department. Their response is awaited.

Planning Applications: Details of planning applications submitted to Tendring District Council will now be displayed at the Post Office. The Parish Council have forwarded their comments to the District Council on the following planning applications: TEN/97/0709 - B.W. Davies Erection of 3 car garage. The Parish Council objected to this application as the garage is too large. A 3 car garage would be almost as large as the house and therefore would not be in keeping with this property. The next meeting of the Council will be held on 21st August, 1997 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

On Saturday, 28th July, the Cricket Club held the annual Chairman's Day Lunch and cricket match. Once again the event proved to be very enjoyable for all concerned despite the weather's best efforts to put a "dampner" on proceedings. Over 90 Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, guests and players sat down for lunch and heard speeches made by the Chairman, Phil Allam, the Gt. Bromley 1st XI Captain, Fraser Eadie and Bill Pixie. The fact that a cricket match actually took place is entirely down to the Herculean efforts of Nigel Rowe and Bill Kempster.

Thanks to their efforts and those of their small band of helpers, a 20 Over-a-side match was playable. Both sides performed admirably in the soggy underfoot conditions to provide a very entertaining match which the Chairman's XI won in the last over.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures in August

1st XI Sun 3rd Against West Bergholt League Start: 2.00pm

2nd XI Sat 9th Against Tendring 2nd XI League Start: 2.00pm

1st XI Sun 10th Against Elmstead League Start: 2.00pm

1st XI Sun 24th Against Tattingstone League Start: 1.00pm

2nd XI Sat 30th Against Col. & E.E. 3rd XI League Start: 1.00pm

The following people are the lucky winners for June's draw of cricket club's "100 Club"

1st Phil Allam £25.00 2nd Gill Christmas £15.00 3rd Mr B Jones :£10.00

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It is not only "good to talk" but to have a "good sing-along" always lifts the spirits and it did not take long for us to join in to the piano playing of Mr Barker. At our August meeting we are being entertained by 'Im and 'Er.. Don't forget the competition - an unusual pen! *Vicky Griffiths*

GARDENERS CORNER For August

This is the middle of the year month for gardeners. SHRUBS Take semi-hard cuttings of flowering shrubs. LAWNS Keep the mower going - the grass is growing faster than it can be cut CUTTINGS Starts taking Pelargoniums at the end of the month. PERENNIALS Canterbury bells, wallflowers etc. can be planted out now for blooming next year. Runner beans should be picked as soon as they are big enough - do not let them go to seed. Try a few "All year round" lettuce under glass - they should be ready by the end of September. *Frank Griffiths*

The August edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the HOT LINE PRINTERS who each month publish our magazine so well. We thank them most gratefully for both the printing and their support of the magazine.

KITCHEN CORNER

Chicken served cold with a tarragon-flavoured sauce; either coat the whole bird or cut it into serving pieces first.

Cold Tarragon Chicken to serve 4-6 1

Chicken about 4lbs, salt, 1 onion peeled, 1 bay leaf, 1 sprig fresh tarragon

For the sauce: ½ pt. chicken stock, 1oz butter, 4 sprigs fresh tarragon, 1 oz flour, 2 egg yolks, juice 1 lemon, ½ pt. single cream, salt & cayenne pepper

Put chicken in large pan, cover with cold water. Add 1 teasp salt, the onion, tarragon and bay leaf. Bring slowly to the boil, skim well and simmer 1¼ hours or till cooked. Leave until quite cold then remove skin. Skim off any fat from the stock, then use ½pt to make the sauce.

Heat the stock with 2 sprigs of tarragon and leave to infuse 10 mins. then remove herbs. Melt butter, add flour and cook without colouring and gradually add the stock till smooth and thick.

Beat together egg yolks, cream and lemon juice. Add to sauce and stir over very low heat till thickened. Do not boil or it will curdle! When sauce is cooled to lukewarm, use to coat the chicken and decorate with remaining tarragon leaves. Chill well, then serve with hot new potatoes and crisp green salad. *Jill Frostick* .

VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS

Collection for this Charity in the Frating Road, Balls Green area raised £44.01. Many thanks to all who donated. *Jill Frostick*

GT BROMLEY BELLRINGERS come Eighth in Essex

The local band of bellringers equalled their position of two years ago in the Striking Competition Final of the Essex Association of Change Ringers. This was held on Saturday, 5th July at St. Peters, Great Totham, a much lighter peal than those here at St. George's. The judges commented on the very high standard of striking which was won by Dagenham followed by Chelmsford Cathedral. The local band, with one change of personnel, Philip Erith replacing Stuart Bloyce, had the disadvantage of having to ring first and thus set the standard. However, everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

The Leake Family and Great Bromley

For some years I have been researching, without success I must add, for the connection of the Leake family with our Village. There is a funeral certificate for Henry Leake of Southwark, London, and Bromley, Essex, which runs as follows:

"Mr Henry Leake, of the parish of St. Saviour's, Southward, in the County of Surrey, Gentleman, departed this mortal life on the 15th September, 1622, and was buried in the chancel of the church aforesaid, on the South side thereof, in the night-time, by torchlight. He was the eldest son of Mr Henry Leake, of St Olave's, in Southwark, aforesaid, Gentleman, and Alice, his Wife, eldest daughter of Thomas Bromfield, of St Saviour's, aforesaid. He married Bridgett youngest daughter to Mr Jo. Spencer of Gratton (Groton) in the county of Suffolk, Gent, and Agnes his wife, daughter to --- Claydon, of Ashton, in the county of Cambridge, and had issue by her two sons and six daughters, all living at the time of his decease - viz. Henry Leake, son and heir, Edward Leake, second son; Bridgett Leake, eldest daughter, married Tho. Cranley of Oxenbourne in Hampshire, Gentleman; Susan, fourth daughter, married to Philip Bowring, Gentleman and Ironmonger, of London; Anne, second daughter, married to William Greene, of Lynne, Merchant; Prudence, third daughter; Martha Leake, fifth daughter, Frances Leake, sixth daughter, married to George Burgh, of London, Gentleman. This certificate was taken the 18th of October, A0 Dmni 1622, by me Lisle Baxter, deputy to the Office of Arms for Surrey and Sussex, and is testified by the subscription of the hand of Henry Leake, sonne and heir to the aforesaid Henry Leake, deceased.
p'me HENRY LEAKE"

The Arms of Leake are -- Or, a saltire florette, and in chief a lion, Sable; impaling Argent, two gemelles between 3 SPREAD EAGLES sable.

In the pedigree this Henry Leake is stated to be of Bromley in Essex. It seems possible that he held the Bromley Estate but there is no mention of this anywhere to date. Also was the estate in Great or Little Bromley? Was it near the old Spread Eagle? The mother of Henry Leake, whose certificate is above, married as her third husband, the rich Sir John Spencer by whom she was the mother of Elizabeth, Wife of William Lord Compton, Earl of Northampton. So was Jo. Spencer of Groton, related to Sir John?

Richard Leake was born at Harwich in 1629. He was Master Gunner of England and father Admiral Sir John Leake, a famous admiral in Queen Anne's reign. His father was another Richard Leake, of Harwich, but whether he was related to the Leakes of Southwark, Bromley or Derbyshire is uncertain. The Manor of Thorpe Hall, was purchased by a Stephen Martin, of Mile End, London, in 1723. He was the brother-in-law of Admiral Leake and took the name of Leake in 1721. His son, Stephen Martin Leake, born 1702, was Garter King of Arms. He died in 1773, leaving three sons - John Martin Leake, was Chairman of the Tendring Hundred bench and of the Quarter Sessions. He died at Thorpe Hall without issue. Colonel Leake, the second son, was a Greek scholar and his collection of Grecian coins was donated to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. The third son, Stephen, was owner of Thorpe Hall, in the 1870's.

John Appleby

PARK FARM OPEN DAY

The grateful thanks of the St. George's Church Repair Committee go to each and every one of the many people whose efforts contributed to the holding of the Open Day at Park Farm on 29th June - the day on which the joyless weather which had marked most of that dreary month first relented. Special thanks are due to Henry and Ann Fairley, whose consent to the disruption of their lives made the whole thing possible. In purely financial terms, the outcome was less successful than had been hoped. Perhaps the competition of other events was too strong. The fact remains that a further net sum of just over £1,800 was raised for the Hammerbeam Roof Appeal. An even more important fact is that everyone who came to the Open Day seemed thoroughly to enjoy it and that this was particularly true of the children many of whom were wide-eyed with wonder at being allowed to come so close to horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, geese and other creatures. There was at least one adult visitor who also learned a lot. The happiness of the event was surely enough compensation for all those who so willingly involved themselves in its arrangement. The welcome addition to the Repair Fund was a bonus.

John Clapham

FLOWER FESTIVAL 1997

This year's Flower Festival was a most enjoyable weekend, a good crowd enjoyed the flowers which were wonderful. Very many thanks to all who supported us and to all who gave up their time to help make it such a success. The total raised was £1,500. *Ann and James Wild*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 3 August 11.00am Elmstead Mkt Revd S Coleman
Sunday, 10 August 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr P Bingham
Sunday, 17 August 11.00am Balls Green Mr L Warren
Sunday, 24 August 11.00am Elmstead Mkt. Revd M Parker
Sunday, 31 August 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr J Lunniss

BURNT HEATH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 21st September at 11.00am Preacher: ,Revd. Simon Coleman
Monday, 22nd September Harvest Supper Followed by Entertainment
ALL WELCOME

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

AUGUST	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
	after 9.30am Service	
3rd	A Fairley	B & J Welham
10th		P Greenfield & M Bush
17th	B Welham	O Sparling
24th	J Harding	A Wild & S Rampling

FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly

10 August J. Frostick 24 August P. Stennet

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GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

September is the final month of the cricket season and the month where Championship, promotion and relegation issues are settled throughout the Lancaster Garages League. The 1st XI has maintained its solid start to life in the First Division and is currently lying in sixth place. One more victory from the last seven fixtures should be sufficient to guarantee another season of top-flight cricket for the club. The 1st XI's 'run in' is tough however, with the final month of the season including fixtures against Colchester and East Essex (twice), Boxted and Tattingstone, all of whom are challenging for the 1st Division title. In the Sixth Division, Bill Kempster's 2nd XI continue to shine and presently lie on the fringe of the promotion race in fourth place. The Seconds have also maintained their promising start to their debut season and now have a settled squad of dedicated and keen cricketers.

On Saturday, 9th August, the Cricket Club held its annual Hog Roast at the ground, which was well attended. On a balmy summer's evening the guests were entertained by the classic tunes of MC. Merv Perry's disco whilst eating the succulent pork roasted by the Club's own 'Ready Steady Cook' maestro, Nigel Rowe. Many thanks to all the villagers and friends who attended and to Nigel for organising the event. Thanks also to the band of helpers that made the event again successful.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures in September

1st XI Saturday, 6th September Against Boxted League Start: 1.00pm

1st XI Saturday, 13th September Against Colchester & East Essex League Start: 1.00pm

2nd XI Sunday, 14th September Against Cavaliers League Start: 1.00pm

2nd XI Saturday, 20th September Against Colneside League Start: 1.00pm

1st XI Sunday, 21st September Against Grasshoppers League Start: 1.00pm

2nd XI Saturday, 27th September
Against Tollesbury 2nd XI League
Start: 1.00pm

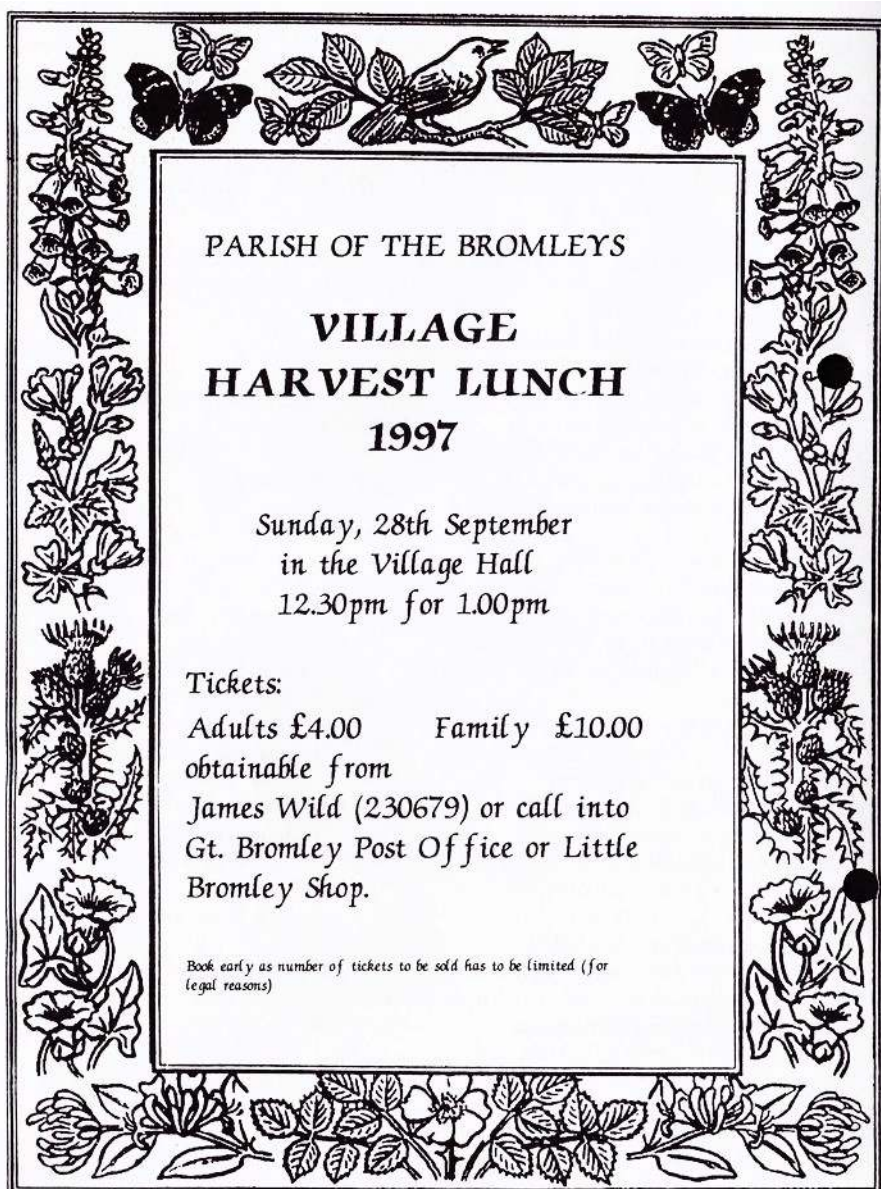
The following people are the lucky winners for July's draw of Cricket Club's "100 Club"

1st Mr G Kempster £25.00 2nd
Mr S De Costa £15.00 3rd Mr A
Wright £10.00

Fraser Eadie

PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH 1997

Sunday, 28th September in the
Village Hall 12.30pm for 1.00pm
Tickets: Adults £4.00 Family
£10.00 obtainable from James
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IT IS A PITY TO SPOIL A GOOD STORY

(East Anglian Daily Times, 29th July), but there were no tanks in Great Bromley during the last war - only light armoured vehicles on wheels - but these were never parked on the cricket field in the open, only under trees. Some were parked in the avenue of lime trees at the rectory.

I was about 10 at the time, and, meeting Jardine in the garden, asked him for his autograph, which he refused. A day or two later he relented; he very rarely signed autographs and I have been offered £100 for mine. A cricket "match" was played, but probably with only a dozen players, so that everyone fielded and batted (one at a time). It is said that Jardine was out for a duck. *Gerald Gurney*

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GARENERS CORNER for September

ROSES Keep deadheading to get a late show of flowers. BULBS Daffodil, Narcissi and Hyacinth should now be on sale at the nurseries. For indoor flowering pot them up and place pots in a cool shady place outdoors. Winter flowering Pansy and Polyanthus can be planted in tubs and pots this month. GERANIUMS Take cuttings now and root in a mixture of half peat, half sand and keep where it is cool. SOFT FRUIT If you grow Raspberries and Blackberries cut out old wood after fruiting. As your vegetable plot becomes vacant dig over and cover with old carpet, black polythene or some such material to stop weeds growing - I have found this very successful. *Frank Griffiths*

C.A.R.D. Cookery Demonstration

"LIFE AFTER ROAST CHICKEN" by Colin Sussams

Senior Lecturer School of Hospitality, Colchester Institute

Saturday, 6th September at 7.30pm Gt. Bromley Village Hall Tickets: £2.50 at the door

Refreshments available All proceeds to Campaign Against Rural Destruction

GT. BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP for "Jack and the Beanstalk" 14th-17th January, 1998

READING SCRIPT Thursday, 25th September at 7.30pm

AUDITIONS Tuesday, 30th September at 7.30pm

Please attend BOTH meetings in Gt. Bromley Village Hall The Group DESPERATELY needs a "Wardrobe Co-ordinator" - we have an excellent team, please help! Nigel Rowe, Secretary

CARPET BOWLS

Club evenings are still well supported and Wednesday, 13th August was no exception when Chairman, Pat Petchey, organised a competition. Normal games were played with participants changing teams every five ends, with a tally of shots for each person at the close of play. The result was a one bowl each play-off between Linda Francis and Dick Wilsher. Linda won the toss and bowled first finishing well short of the jack. Dick just had to pass Linda's wood to win, but, being the gentleman that he is, promoted it instead leaving his in second place. Accident or design? Only Dick knows the answer! The trophy was donated by Pat and he presented it to Linda. An interesting evening. We hope to enter some teams for charity events in September and ' shortly after that, league matches start again. *Nancy Kempster*

THE HARWICH & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAND in CONCERT

Friday, 12th September at the Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets available from Stan West (230584) at £3.00 adults (£1.00 children) in aid of Village Hall Funds

MILLENNIUM There will be a meeting, open to any members of the Parish, to form an action committee to organise celebrating the Millennium in the Village.

Village Hall Meeting Room - Tuesday, 16th September, 1997 7.30pm L.B.C.

KITCHEN CORNER

A vegetarian dish which all will enjoy is ONION TART. Line an 8" pie dish with shortcrust pastry. Keep the trimmings to make a lattice tape.

Filling: 1 lb onions sliced, 1 tablesp. Flour, 3oz. grated cheese (mature cheddar or other strong flavoured cheese), 2 tablesp. Milk, 1 heaped tablesp. Butter.

Soften the onions in the butter, then stir in flour. Add cheese. Spoon into pastry case and level out roughly, then pour over the milk. Arrange lattice strips on top. Bake medium oven about 30 minutes. *Jill Frostick*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 7 September 11.00am Balls Green Revd S Coleman

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BURNT HEATH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

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Monday, 22nd September Harvest Supper Followed by Entertainment ALL WELCOME

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday, 28th September at 11.00am conducted by Revd. Simon Coleman The produce will be for sale at the end of the Service. All proceeds for Church Funds Followed by Entertainment ALL ARE WELCOME

The September edition of The Messenger is sponsored by the PARISH CHURCH of THE BROMLEYS. We are most grateful for their support of the magazine.

A NEVER ENDING OCCUPATION

Cleaning, cleaning, cleaning, always darn well cleaning

From early in the morning before the stroke of eight.

No time for chat or nattering and no broom handle leaning

To make things neat and tidy in a fairly decent state.

Sweeping up waste paper, O hear! what a caper,

Plastic packs and odds and ends and fag ends by the score

I really need no warning that by this time next morning

I'll get the brooms and brushes out and do it all once more!

In my imagination this cleaning situation

Just goes on for ever, it's a job which knows no end,

Like the huge waves of the ocean it's just perpetual motion

And when I clean the waste pipes it just sends me round the bend!

A.H.C.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Another successful outing when we visited the African Violets Nursery, where we had a most interesting talk on care and cultivation and a tour of the greenhouses showing the various stages from cuttings, into plugs and the final result. At our September meeting we are to be entertained by Mrs. Cohen and Friends. The competition is a music box. *Vicky Griffiths*

WHAT DID A CARPENTER CARRY IN HIS BAG in 1603?

The Ravens family were carpenters in Great Brantley in the Sixteenth and early Seventeenth Century. William Ravens, the elder, made his will on 6th March, 1603 and in it he left his son, William, £7, a Bible, a gun and a pewter plate. To his kinsman, Richard Frynd, he left 20 shillings, 2 axes, a handsaw, 6 wimbles, a square, a person and a hammer. To his cousin, William Marten, was left a twyble. The rest of his tools he left to son William.

William's wife, Elizabeth, was left all the rest of his goods, etc., but on condition that she as his executrix was bound to his trusty friend and neighbour, David Stene (or Stone) in the sum of £20 to carry out his last wishes which David was to supervise. He had a debt of 30 shillings he owed to his son William; his brother-in-law, Richard Morraunt, was due for 10 shillings; John Clark - 10 shillings; William Marten - 11 shillings; his brother-in-law £3 14s. 0d; his cousin,

named --- Fare 14 shillings which was covered by a pledge in pawn to him of a load of 5 foot pale to sell. However much did poor Elizabeth Raven get?

John Appleby

According to my dictionary: wimble is a gimlet, auger or brace (i.e. a hole making tool) twyble, twybill, twibile (O.E) - a kind of axe with two cutting edges formerly used for cutting mortises. Can anyone tell me what a carpenter's person is? *Editor*

DIARY DATES for September

Cricket Club Fixtures see page 1

6th Cookery Demonstration, Village Hall, 7.30pm

11th Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

12th Harwich & District Royal British Legion Band, Village Hall, 7.30pm

16th Millennium Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

18th Great Bromley Parish Council Meeting

19th 'Messenger' Copy to Editor please

22nd Burnt Heath Church Harvest Supper

25th Panto Group Reading Script, Village Hall, 7.30pm

28th Village Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1.00pm

30th Panto Group Auditions, Village Hall, 7.30pm

25 Oct Barn Dance, Village Hall Tickets £6 (inc. supper) (CARD)

22 Nov Barn Dance, Gt. Bentley Village Hall (CARD)

BROWNIES

The pack is full - we are up to 21 in number. Katie has come along to help us as part of her Guide Service badge and although, together with Nicki, Eleanor and the parent rota, we are managing quite well we still desperately need someone in uniform to share the responsibility. . We have had an energetic term one way and another. The Cheshire Home have let us use their grounds for outdoor games for which we thank them. We went to Walton-on-the-Naze on a sunny but extremer windy day and have also participated in Brownie Revels at Ardleigh. We planted up two pots for St. George's Church Flower Festival and joined up with the Guides for an evening which was great fun - pity more Brownies couldn't come. From the visit to the seaside we made photograph frames six of which were entered into the Essex Handicrafts Association exhibition at Chelmsford. All this as well as craft evenings, working for badges and playing games. Brownies is for girls aged from 7 years. Anyone wishing to join should contact me as there is a waiting list. The new term starts on 11th September. I look forward to seeing everyone again then. Brown Owl (01206 231262)

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR THE BROMLEYS united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh

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CHANGE IN ALL AROUND I SEE

As I become older I can more clearly remember things that happened in the 1920's and the 1930's and so too can others like me. Is there any place in the world where there is not change? Change is on the march in every industry and workplace and home, more now than it was twenty years ago. Let us look at the change for many in going to work. The travel to work distances have increased since the first half of this century when men had a longer journey to work than women. Male journeys increased while female journeys remained stable from the 1920's to the 1970's. Only in the 1980's and 1990's have female journeys to work distances increased significantly and it appears that the mode of transport is a key factor. There has been a massive increase in the use of the car and a decline in walking and bus use. Even the humble cycle has not any come into the forefront yet, in spite of the new cycle lanes provided. Why do people use a particular means of transport? At the turn of the century men had little choice. Speed came into the picture more for the women than the men as they needed to minimise the time spent getting to a place. From about 1890 to 1939 women, too, often worked for low wages and had to juggle carefully between domestic and working duties; a short, cheap, minimum-time journey was ideal for the ladies. Now things are changing and men and women alike are commuting. Is there any place in the world where there is no change? In Britain the tide of change is transforming the lives of many and yet the Bible is a closed book to most people in spite of it being freely available.

But it is Harvest Thanksgiving time again and you will be bringing your gifts of vegetables, corn, fruits, flowers, etc, and will use that modern item to carry them in, in many cases, - the plastic wrapping or carrier bag. Where have all the shopping baskets gone? The writer of Deuteronomy says "Thou shalt take the first of all the fruit of the ground and shall put it in a basket and the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar". Yes, we all have a wish to thank God for his gifts of every sort and so I bid you come to a place of worship in this parish and do so with rejoicing. Ways and methods may have changed but there is still, in our parish, the traditional Harvest Thanksgiving. I hope this never changes. *John Appleby*

BROMLEYS & LT. BENTLEY CONSERVATIVES Curry Lunch at Brundells Farm Sunday, 2nd November Tickets from Henry Fairley (250229)

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 21st August, 1997.

Speed Reduction The Parish Council are actively campaigning for a 40 mph speed limit through the village. A request for the speed limit to commence 50 metres on the Ardleigh side of the Lakewood development on Hall Road, and to continue through the village and up the Frating Road to join the 30 mph speed limit near the electricity sub-station, has been made to the County Council. (The Parish Council would prefer a 30 mph speed limit through the village but unfortunately 30 mph speed limits are usually applied in built up areas where there is a lot of development on either side of the road.)

"Black Boy" Crossroads At the request of the Parish Council the County Council have agreed to mark a "Keep Clear" area on the main road immediately outside the Selectacar Garage to discourage cars parking there as these cause visibility problems at the cross-roads.

Planning Applications The Parish Council have recently given consideration to the following planning applications and their comments have been forwarded to the District Council.

Oak House Farm Kindergarten Minor elevational changes connecting lobby to existing buildings. The Parish Council had no objections to this application, however there were concerns regarding road safety due to the increase in traffic to the site.

James Fairley Farms Ltd. Improvement to Pig Unit. Amended plans. The Parish Council objected to this application as there had been no meaningful changes in these plans. The original objections were restated. The next meeting of the Parish council will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 23rd October.

St. George's School P.T.A.

Annual Fire Swim

Leisure World 4th October at 2.00pm Look out for children with sponsor forms. Please give generously - every penny counts.

Christmas is coming Only 3 months to go! Let us ease your shopping worries. Borrow our card and gift catalogue. Contact Sue Skinner on 396673

We present with the Cricket Club Horse Race Night at the Village Hall 11th October at 8.00pm
Tickets £5 including Supper

MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

At a meeting held in the Village Hall on 16th September the following were elected to a Millennium Committee. Chairman - Mandy Gaffney; Treasurer - June Willgress; Secretary - Len Christodoulides, together with Jean Wright, Barbara Hall, Rita Baxter, Ann Jones and Linda Pinhey.

The Committee will have two objectives

1. To act as a co-ordinator in any events put on in the Village to celebrate the Millennium e.g. to enable events to be spread evenly over the year.
2. To put on its own events and, where possible, to raise money towards the "Millennium Lounge" to be built on to the Village Hall. It is hoped that other Village organisations will feel that the Lounge will be a very useful addition to the facilities at the hall, which can have a variety of uses eg. playgroup, cafeteria, and can be enjoyed by a large percentage of the residents.

The committee have already set into motion two events for the year 2000, namely a New Year's Eve Dance, and a Medieval Fayre and Banquet. Please support us in any help and expertise you can give, or at least attend the functions.

GT. BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

for "Jack and the Beanstalk" 14th-17th January, 1998

READING SCRIPT Thursday, 25th September at 7.30pm

AUDITIONS Tuesday, 30th September at 7-30pm

Please attend BOTH meetings in Gt. Bromley Village Hall The Group **DESPERATELY NEEDS** a "Wardrobe Co-ordinator" - we have an excellent team, please help! Please contact Nigel Rowe.

BARN DANCE

Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 25th October at 7.30pm

Dancing to the LANTERN BAND with CALLER Licensed Bar and Raffle

Tickets £6 (inc. supper) obtainable from 250617, 230506, 230585 and Gt. Bromley Post Office
In aid of Village Hall Funds

DIARY DATES

28 Sept Village Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1.00pm

30 Sept Panto Group Auditions, Village Hall, 7.30pm

1 Oct W.I. meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

4 Oct P.T.A. at the Annual Fire Swim, Leisure World, 2.00pm

11 Oct P.T.A. with Cricket Club Horse Race Night, 8.00pm

14 Oct Copy for November's 'Messenger' to Editor

23 Oct Gt. Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

25 Oct Barn dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 Nov Barn Dance. Gt. Bentley Village Hall, 7.30pm

29 Nov Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm

KITCHEN CORNER

A recipe for those who like dates. DATE & ORANGE SLICES

Pastry: 8oz plain flour 5oz margarine 2oz sugar 1 tablesp & 1 teasp water

Rub margarine into flour, add sugar and mix with water to a firm dough. Roll out square or oblong ¼ " thick. Trim edges, lift onto greased baking sheet. Prick well and brush over with water and sprinkle with sugar. Bake in moderate oven (250F 20-25 minutes. Cool, then transfer to a wire tray.

Topping: 8oz chopped or minced data 2oz margarine 5 tablesp orange squash

Place in a saucepan and stir over low heat. mashing dates well with a wooden spoon. Stir and cook 2-3 minutes. Leave to cool before spreading over the pastry. Mark in a pattern with a fork, cut in fingers and decorate with nuts if liked. *Jill Frostick*

TREASURER'S JOTTINGS

Some of our advertisements are coming to an end and the revenue they raise does account for some two issues to be produced. If you wish to advertise a business card (£21 p.a.) or if you can persuade someone to advertise please let me know. Local donations have reduced over the years but are still very welcome. *Len Christodoulides* .

C.A.R.D. BARN DANCE to SPIT AND POLISH

Saturday, 22nd November at 7.30pm Great Bentley Village Hall

Tickets: £5 ,£3.50 children (inc. chicken & chips) available from Committee members

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Playgroup

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.30am-12 noon £2.50 per session

Toddler Group - Wednesdays 9.45am-11.40am £1.00 per session

We are incorporating a Rising 5's session for all 4 year olds into the playgroup session, which aims to help recognition of colours, shapes, own name, numbers and pencil control. This term's theme is 'Air & Sky'.

At our September A.G.M. the elections were as follows: Chairperson - Kaye Mitchell; Secretary - Carolyn Prince; Treasurer - Nicki Halsey and the Committee. Sally Gildersleeves, Melanie Everett, Helen Steward, Alison Nevill and Suzy Podd

This was my final meeting as Secretary and I would like to thank the committee for all their help over the last year, which together with Carol and Jacqui, our Supervisors, has enabled us to continually improve the Playgroup. Anyone wishing to register their child from 2 years 9 months to school age should contact the new Secretary, Carolyn Prince on 01206 251858.

Nicky Robinson

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

29th November at 2.00pm at Gt. Bromley Village Hall.

This year the two Charities benefiting are Gt. Bromley Village Hall Association and St. George's Roof Repair Fund. We trust you will give us your usual support by donations of items for stalls and any offers to man stalls. As usual there will be a free visit to see Father Christmas for the children. If able to help in any way please ring 230663.

The October edition of The Messenger is sponsored by Great Bromley Parish Council. We are most grateful for their support of the magazine.

YOU HAD THE CHILDREN - NOW KEEP THEM

Ralph Wetherell of Little Bromley was on his death bed when he made his last will and testament on 24th October, 1568. He kindly left all his goods to his wife on condition she brought up his children and acted as his executrix. His wife's name is not given but was without doubt Joan Eastwall, singlewoman, who married Raff Wytherell, singleman, 5th June, 1551 as there are baptism entries in Little Bromley's Register reading –

Wyncken Wytherell, son of Richard Wytherell baptised 19th October, 1554. (Richard Whythenell married Joan Everyt, 2nd August, 1543, and is possibly a brother of Ralph) Johan Wytherell daughter of Raphe Wytherell and Johan baptised 1st July, 1556.

John Wvtherell son of Raphe Wytherell and Johan baptised 22nd April, 1559.

Elizabeth Wytherell, daughter of Ralph Wytherell, baptised 26th March, 1567.

Little Bromley's Burial Register also has these entries:

Richard Wytherell buried 11 January, 1559. Rychard Wytherell buries 13th December 1562.

Elizabeth Wytherell, infant, buried, 28th March, 1567. Raphe Wytherell buried 27th October, 1568.

Witnesses to the will were John Elye and Edmund Lavender and it was proved on 7th December, 1568. John Elly, widower, married Mary Payne, singlerwoman, on 3rd May, 1568. Did Joan marry again? It seems that she may be the Joan Wytherell who married Thomas Damyon of Little Bromley on 10th April, 1570. If so, she did her duty by her husband Ralph and also the children and herself. *John Appleby*

GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

By the time of publication, Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club's season will have been completed and the final league positions for both XI's will have been continued. At the time of writing, the 1st XI have virtually secured their First Division status with a fine recent home victory over Colchester & East Essex. Only an escape act of Houdini's proportions from the two Clacton sides at the bottom of the table can prevent 1st XI from plying their trade in this division next summer. After a confident start to the season, Bill Kempster's 2nd XI have had a mixed set of results which has seen them fall from the fringe of the promotion race to mid table in the Sixth Division. The 2nd XI have two games remaining so hopefully they can improve their position in what has been a successful debut season. A full round up of both XI's seasons will be in next month's 'Messenger'.

Date for the Diary: Please note that the Cricket Club and St. George's Primary School PTA have joined forces to put on a "Race Night" at the Village Hall on 11th October at 8.00pm. There will be a Licensed bar (subject to a favourable Magistrate's ruling) and tickets are priced at £5 which includes supper. Tickets are available from Phil & Lynda Allam (230375) and Julie Fahy (230691).

August '100 Club' winners 1st Brian Wright £25.00; 2nd Sarah Wilkinson £15.00; 3rd Karl Fleet £10.00 - *Fraser Eadie*

GARDENERS CORNER For October

This could be called the "tidying up" month. Cutting down all the perennials that have finished: removing canes and stakes etc. Once dahlias have been hit by frost. dig up, cut off the stems to leave about six inches then turn upside down to drain off. When the soil has dried clean it off and store in a frost free place - i.e. shed, garage or greenhouse. Shrubs can be planted at the end of this month so prepare the site by digging in well rotted compost and before planting sprinkle a little Growmore into the hole. Start to prune rambler roses and if you have a favourite rambler now is the time to take cuttings. *Frank Griffiths*

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A happy afternoon was spent being entertained by Mrs Cohen and friend on the keyboard, with songs and monologues which were very humorous- The cake recipe included a "large measure of Whisky" which was meant for the cake and not for "human" consumption!! At our October meeting the "Friendship Players" will be entertaining us. The competition is a Toasting Fork. *Vicky Griffiths*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the start of the meeting on 3rd September instead of singing Jerusalem one minute's silence was held for Diana, Princess of Wales. Thanks were given to those who helped with our stall at Hamilton Lodge which made £83.50, The programme sounds interesting for the Stour Activities Day in the Hewitt Hall on 21st October - Edward VII - His Life & Loves, Creative Embroidery and Journey Across Canada. 1998 Calendars and Diaries to be ordered at the next meeting please. Members were a great deal wiser about the wonderful properties of Aloe Vera after Monty Coomber's talk on the subject. This plant, a member of the Lily family, was used by the Egyptians for beauty products and in their embalming process. It was also used in wartime for wounds and burns. A good idea is to keep a plant in your kitchen so that the sap from a broken off leaf may be used if you burn yourself. Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1st October, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Speaker on ACWW (Associated Women of the World). *Pippa Hardy (with thanks to Jill Frostick for the notes!)*

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 5 October 11.00am Elmstead Market Mrs A Brook

Harvest Festival

Sunday, 12 October 11.00am Burnt Heath. Revd S Coleman

Sunday, 19 October 11.00am Balls Green Mr R Banyard

Sunday, 26 October 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd S Coleman

BALLS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held on Sunday. 28th September at 11.00am conducted by Revd. Simon Coleman

The produce will be for sale at the end of the Service. All proceeds for Church Funds Followed by Entertainment ALL ARE WELCOME

HARVEST FESTIVAL St. Mary's Church, Little Bromley Sunday, 12th October at 6.30 pm
Anyone wishing to help decorate the church with flowers and products would be welcome on Saturday 11th October. 11.00am - 2.00pm

Please note the key holders for Little Bromley Church are now: Mr P. G. J. Ollivant 01206 392125 Mr R. J. Middleton 01206 396776 Mr C. Smith Lt. Bromley Hall (next to Church) This has come about because Mrs Cynthia Walker and Mrs Betty Gladwin have moved out of the village. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely for all their help and time over many years. *James B. Wild, Churchwarden*

A SERVICE WAS HELD to mark the death of DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES on the evening of her funeral, Saturday. 6th September. 113 people attended and the service was led by John Appleby. £235 was collected with a donation of £100 sent later to swell the Princess Fund. If there is anyone else who feels that they would like to contribute kindly give your donations to either of the Churchwardens or to David Skinner, our Treasurer. The final amount raised will be sent off at the end of October. The Book of Condolences is still in the church if anyone would like to add to it. It will be closed and sent off at the same time as the money.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Supported by the BBC Children in Need Fund, the third Kids Fun Day for the children from HD families took place on a recent Saturday. Eight children from 5-10 years old, under the guidance of art therapist Jo Biny and with seven local volunteer helpers, had a day full of activity. This included a lively visit to "Go Bananas" and MacDonaldis as well as creative work with paint and clay. The last of the series, this time for 2-5s will be held in October. It is hoped that funding will continue in support of these children and we plan to extend it later to the 11+ age group with various and different activities.

THE CHURCH YARD FUND

The Churchyard Fund this year has had almost no income. I feel sure there are many who would like to contribute to the cost of keeping our Churchyard tidy and just need a little reminder - this is it. I do not wish this to sound like a threat, but I feel if the present trend continues the PCC. will have to seriously consider if they should be spending such a large portion of their funds on the upkeep of our Churchyard. Not so many years ago they used sheep.

James B Wild, Churchwarden

PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS VILLAGE HARVEST LUNCH 1997

Sunday, 28th September in the Village Hall 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Tickets: Adults £4.00 Family £10.00

obtainable from James Wild or Gt. Bromley Post Office or Lt Bromley Shop

ST. GEORGES PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

OCTOBER	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
	after 9.30am Service	
5th	A Fairley	O Sparling
12th	B Welham	A Wild & J Harding
19th	J Harding	H Brown & S Rampling
26th	A Fairley	B & J Welham

As you can see our list of helpers has been diminished by the West family moving away from the area. We would be very pleased if a few more people could find just a small amount of time to assist in the cleaning of this beautiful but dusty, church. We would love to have a really good start of the church year cleaning, which will be at the beginning of December. Also if anyone else from the 9.30 morning service congregation would volunteer to make the coffee once a month our three stalwarts would have a break. Many, many thanks to all our helpers - it all makes such a difference to our lovely church. - *Olive Sparling*

FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly

5 October B. Taylor 19 October L. Lennox

WEDDINGS

19th July, 1997 Satish Murthi and Nicola jane STUTTER.

16th August, 1997 Peter George SPARROW and Sandra Maureen BENNISON

SERVICES

Thursday 25th September	7.00pm Harvest Evensong Gt. Bromley
Sunday 28th September	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Harvest Evensong Gt. Bromley
Sunday 5th October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Harvest Evensong Ardleigh
Sunday 12th October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Harvest Evensong Lt. Bromley
Sunday 19th October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion (Gt. Bromley) 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh
Sunday 26th October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt. Bromley

If you have any queries about weddings, funerals, or baptisms, or indeed other church matters please contact the Churchwardens. James Wild (230679) or Olive Sparling (230436). STOP

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MR NICOLAS SPICER is aged 36 and a bachelor. He is currently Assistant Chaplain at Charing Cross, Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte's Hospitals in London where he has been since 1993. Before that he served two Curacies, one in Willesden Green. London diocese from 1989-93 and his title at Wesbury on Trym, Bristol diocese from 1986-89. Installation by the Bishop of Chelmsford will be held on 8th December.

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OUR ROD, POLE OR PERCH IN GOD'S ACRE

November when we remember those whose earthly bodies lie in our churchyards

Before metrication we had a wonderful array of land measures of all sorts, including the rod, pole or perch, chain, furlong and acre. Chickens roost on perches and, I suppose, the land owner was able to remove these and measure his holding. The Churchyard is known as "God's acre" and still in country parishes is used for burial of the dead. When the doctrine of the resurrection of the body was preached to our Saxon forefathers it became natural for them to wish to lay their dead in ground which they had come to think of as holy. The early missionaries came and preached in a village, a cross would be set up and Christian burials began nearby. "God's acre" later saw the erection of a church building, such as we have in The Bromleys.

Churchyards have found a place in literature. Do you remember Gray's "Elegy" or Tennyson's wonderful descriptive stanzas in "In Memoriam"? The graves around our church are reminders that it has been the spiritual home of past generations and is ours, too. Worshippers throughout the centuries said their prayers, sang praises and received the Sacraments in St. George's and St. Mary's. 1

One of my brothers was the licensee of The Black Horse near Milton Keynes, just off the M1. He kept pygmy goats. Some got out of the pub's children's corner and wandered into the next-door churchyard. You can guess the rest. To his amazement he was asked to continue to feed the herd there and save the parish money!

Maybe like me, you have photographs of when we had sheep on the area which is now the closed churchyard area opposite the church. Sheep also grazed in the Church Field where we park cars. Churchyards were once used for festivals, "church ales", a sort of extension of the market place; the training of the local militia; a common meeting place for gossiping and transaction of business, etc. etc.

Today we have to look again at "God's acre". If parishioners support the Churchyard Fund we may be able to keep on cutting the area. But what about the use of sheep again under controlled areas? I won't mind sheep grazing over my dead body. What do you think? REMEMBER Jesus was The Good Shepherd. *John Appleby*

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TENDRING CARERS SUPPORT SCHEME

You may have heard about the support that we provide for people in our area who are looking after a relative or friend at home. Since we started in 1992 we have given advice and practical help to over 380 carers. We support carers of any disability and of any age. One of our early forms of practical help was to provide volunteers to were willing to sit with the person being cared for while the carer goes out for an hour or two. This valuable time allows them to recharge their batteries by visiting friends, shopping or pursuing an activity that has been dropped due to the pressures of a caring life. Earlier this year we were successful in obtaining money from the National Lottery to extend the use of our valued volunteers. Our grant was to provide volunteers over the next three years to act as advocates for carers. This is not an arduous task and anyone who enjoys conversation and company can find it very rewarding. The volunteer acts as a good neighbour or friend who, through regular visits, can liaise with our staff and find answers to the problems that can appear insurmountable to carers. We urgently need volunteers in all parts of the Tendring area. As well as the advocacy role we often ask them to continue our sitting service. They are not expected to do any more than sit and chat as a friend would do. The time and type of help offered by the volunteer is entirely up to them. Training is provided for our volunteers and expenses such as mileage are paid. If you are interested in this rewarding and worthwhile activity please contact Malcolm Batty, Scheme Organiser, Tendring Carers Support Scheme, 61 Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, C015 1SD. Tel. (01255) 474410.

CARD BARN DANCE to SPIT AND POLISH

Saturday, 22nd November at 7.30pm Great Bentley Village Hall Tickets:
All Proceeds to Campaign A gains! Rural Destruction

LITTLE BROMLEY WILLS

Generous Gifts to Relations In 1570, John Perry of Little Bentley left by his Will "To my Sister Stone of Little Bromley, the gown that she now has in custody". It appears that Perry's sister-in-law was loaned a dress, possibly that of Perry's late wife. Alice Cartwright of Little Bromley, . widow, by her Will left "to Mother Stone, a cap, a kercher which I did wear on Sundays and 1 russet petticoat" William Basse, Rector of Little Bromley was a witness to the Will. *John Appleby*

DIARY DATES

6 Nov Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting
13 Nov Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Coffee Morning, 10.30am
20 Nov Friendship Club meeting
20 Nov Great Bromley Parish Council meeting
22 Nov Barn Dance, Gt. Bentley Village Hall, 7.30pm (CARD)
29 Nov Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm
8 Dec Induction of Revd. Nicolas Spicer at St. George's Church, Gt Bromley, 7.30pm
12 Dec WI coach to Carol Service
17 Dec Playgroup Party

LUNAR LUNACY

The moon shines bright at dead of night
And widely sheds her gentle light
Upon the scene displayed below
Lit up by her enchanting glow,
But when the nights are dark and cold
No parish Lantern we behold
Illuminating field and park,
Why can't it shine when nights are dark! A.H.C.

GARDENERS CORNER For November

There is still time to plant Spring bulbs - hyacinths, narcissi, crocus but your tulip bulbs should definitely be planted now. CHRYSANTHEMUMS: Cut back to leave a few inches of stem. AZALEAS, CYCLAMEN & POINSETTIAS: These will be coming into flower so start liquid feeding now and once every 10 days or so. PELARGONIUMS & FUCHSIAS: Bring them into the greenhouse for the winter, give them just enough water to keep them from drying out - on no account keep them too wet. ROSES: Can often be spoiled when you put them in a vase of water and within a day or two they wilt. Now Dutch scientists have discovered the problem is all due to bacteria in tap water. When the water was boiled and allowed to cool before being used for the roses, there was no wilting. *Frank Griffiths*

CAROL SINGING

See The December issue for plans to circuit the village with carols. Everyone is more than welcome to join us in singing well-loved carols, and to meet with the new and the older parishioners. This will probably take place during the week before the week of Christmas.

Playgroup

Our 'Rising 5's' sessions are up and running and going well. Playgroup was joined by Natasha Ward during October on two weeks' work experience. Our Christmas Party has been booked for Wednesday, 17th December when we will be entertained by "MAGIC MARVIO". We still have spaces for each day at Playgroup, so anyone wishing to register their child from the age of 2yrs 9mths, are welcome. ' Please call Nicky Halsey 01206 250652. Toddler Group is very popular and new faces are always given a warm and friendly welcome. Why not come along and see - your first visit is free! Toddler Representative is Melanie Everett (01206 391623) –

FUNDRAISING DAY

On Tuesday, 2nd December there will be a 'Hairdressing Day', with all proceeds to Playgroup and Toddlers:- £3.50 Shampoo & Set - O.A.P. £2.50 - Cut - O.A.P. £3.00 - Trim £4.50 - Re-Style £7.50 - Cut & Blow Dry 1£15.00 - Perms £25.00 - Acid Perm , £15.00 - Highlights £15.00 - Colour For bookings and any further information about the day, please call Hairstylist, Suzy Podd (01206 251075 or Mobile 04104 95205)

WANTED A friendly Spanish speaker who would be willing to engage in conversational Spanish with two beginners. Olive & Dennis Sparling (Tel. 230436)

FARM FRESH TRADITIONAL TURKEYS & CHICKENS Most weights available. Phil Allam, Bluegates Farm, Great Bromley.

NEW RECTOR

The Revd. Father Nicolas Spicer will be arriving in Great Bromley to take up residence in the Rectory in early December. He is looking forward to living in the country once again and will be Rector of The Bromleys and Ardleigh. We are very fortunate to have a young, energetic man to care for our pastoral needs and we feel that you will all take him to your hearts. The Induction Service for the Installation of Father Nicolas will take place on Monday, 8th December at 7.30pm in St. George's Church, Great Bromley. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. - *James and Olive*

PLEASE NOTE - The Essex County Councillor for Tendring Rural West (of which The Bromleys are a part) is Mr Kevin Hawkins of 13 Middlefield Road,- Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. Telephone 01206 392252 and not as stated inside the cover of the magazine. Mr Hawkins is a frequent visitor to the Parish Council Meetings should anyone need to see him or he can be contacted at the above number.

PARISH COUNCIL

I would personally like to thank Sandra Shute for her patience and perseverance with the Parish Council accounts. This year's new format was horrendous and the £5 spent on the training course was only 0.08% of our balance at 31st March. As so many parish clerks have resigned in frustration over the complex, inaccurate and incomplete guidance notes we are very fortunate to have someone with such fortitude. *Val Harris*

Great Bromley will be holding their next Parish Council meeting on 20th November. The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be on 6th November.

ESSEX VILLAGE of the YEAR & BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1997

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The November edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the R.. G. GWINNELL, Funeral Directors, of Manningtree. We are most grateful to them for their support of the magazine.

The Annual Calendar of Events for Gt. & Lt. Bromley will be published in January; please let the Editor know the date of your events by 9th Dec.

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME COFFEE MORNING

Thursday, 13th November 10.30am-12 noon at the Home Entrance (inc. coffee) £1 Residents' Handcrafts * Good as New Clothing ; Raffles Cake Stall and other Stalls

ALL WELCOME

ESSEX VILLAGE of the YEAR & BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1997

Village: Great Bromley
Marking: Poor - 1- 2; Fair - 3 - 4; Average - 5 - 6; Good - 7 - 8; Very Good - 9 - 10; Excellent - put +1 in Remarks Column

Village Facilities			
No	Category to be marked	Mark	Remarks
1	Notice boards	7	Good at Village Hall Fair at School
2	Playing Field	8	
3	Children's Playground	9	
4	Village Hall	6	Borders to entrance need weeding. Notice Board new and well kept.
5	Churchyards & Chapels	7	Very neat. Almost too tidy
6	Parish Council Cemeteries	-	
7	War Memorial	8	
8	Village Greens & Commons	7	
9	Village Shops	7	
10	Public Houses	7	
11	Village School	8	
12	Telephone Kiosks	6	
13	Bus Shelters	-	
14	Seats and Benches	6	The one near cross-roads needs the grass to be cut. Also tidy up near shop.
15	Public Car Parks	-	
16	Public Conveniences	-	
General Appearance			
17	Litter Control & provision of litter bins	3	Only 1 litter and 1 dog bin. More are needed
18	Streams & Ponds	-	
19	Footpaths & Verges	5	
20	Commercial Premises (Workshops, garages, offices etc.)	6	

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Mr Dungey from Essex Wildlife will be talking to us about BADGERS at our meeting on 20th November. Last month we celebrated our 36th "birthday" with a special concert by our own Friendship Players who also entertained at Seven Rivers where the residents and staff joined in with a little community singing. The competition for November is a SMALL animal ornament.
Vicky Griffiths

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

29th November at 2.00pm at Gt. Bromley Village Hall. This year the two Charities benefiting are Gt. Bromley Village Hall association and St. George's Roof Repair Fund. We trust you will give us your usual support by donations of items for stalls and any offers to man stalls. As usual there will be a free visit to see Father Christmas for the children. If able to help in any way please ring 230663.

KITCHEN CORNER

This month, a recipe from Scotland to make a delicious and nourishing soup for the colder days of winter.

Cullen Skink To serve 4

1 small onion, sliced; 1 tablesp butter; 1 lb smoked Finnan haddock; 4 oz cooked sieved potato; ¾ pt. milk Salt, pepper and chives; 4 tablesp cream;

Method: Soften onion in butter till golden, add fish cut into 4 pieces. Add ½ pt. water and simmer 30 mins. Remove fish, discard skin and bones and flake the rest. Stir potato and milk into the cooking liquor, add fish and reheat, season to taste. Add cream and chives just before serving. *Jill Frostick*

LOOKING BACK

We met and married a long time ago,
We worked long hours, the wages were low.
No TV, no wireless, no bath; times were hard,
Just a cold water tap or a well up the yard.
Our children arrived, no pill in those days
And we brought them all up - without the state aid.
They were safe to go out and play in a park,
Old folks could go out for a walk after dark.
No valium, no drugs, no LSD,
We cured our ills with a good cup of tea.
No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,
But we all felt so rich with a couple of bob.
People seemed happier in those far off days,
Kinder and caring in so many ways.
Milkmen and paper-boys would whistle and sing,
And most were so grateful for any small thing.
But now I'm alone I look back through the years
I don't think of bad times, the troubles and tears.
I remember the blessings, our house and our love,
And we shared them together. I thank God above.

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METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 2 November 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr R Rickards
Sunday, 9 November 11.00am Balls Green Mrs J Carter
Sunday, 16 November 11.00am Elmstead Mkt. Mr J Lunniss
Sunday, 23 November 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd S Coleman
Sunday, 30 November 11.00am Balls Green Miss M Holford

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

I thought you might like to hear how we got on! 13th September was a blustery day - in fact to a cyclist WINDY. Nicky Robinson and Nicki Halsey visited Lt. Bromley, Burnt Heath, Ardleigh, Lawford, Manningtree, Mistley, Bradfield, Wix, Gt. Oakley, Beaumont, Thorpe, Weeley, Gt. Bentley and back to Gt. Bromley. I visited the same number of churches and chapels (20) - St. Osyth, Jaywick, Clacton-on-Sea, Holland-on-Sea, Gt. Holland, Frinton, Walton, Kirby, Thorpe, Weeley, Lt. Clacton and back to my pick up at St. Osyth. A little disappointing to find several churches unmanned so a special thank you to those who manned our two churches, and also the people who sponsored us. As a result of our efforts a cheque for £3 80.00 has been sent to the Friends of Essex Churches, 50% of which comes back to St. George's. An excellent outcome from an excellent day. *James B. Wild*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

NOVEMBER	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
	after 9.30am Service	
2nd	B Welham	P Greenfield & M Bush
9th	J Harding	O Sparling
16th	A Fairley	A Wild & J Harley
23rd	B Welham	H Brown & S Rampling
30th	J Harding	B & J Welham

FLOWER ROTA - Fortnightly

1 November M West 16 November B. Rowe

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd November	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Gt. Bromley
Sunday 9th November	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh
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The Bromley Messenger December 1997

FE, FI, FO, FUM... I SMELL THE BLOOD OF AN ENGLISH MAN.

The beans are planted and the production of JACK and THE BEANSTALK is beginning to grow for your enjoyment from 14th January to 17th January at the Village Hall under the direction of David Underdown who has also written the script for the annual pantomime. As is our custom now the first night's proceeds will go in total to our chosen charity which this year is the International Breast Cancer Intervention Study otherwise known as I B I S. The group chose this charity to lend support to our long standing member Linda Pinhey who is the local fund raiser. This year, as with other years, we welcome several new faces to the cast ringing a new direction and enthusiasm to what has become part of the village since the group was started by the WI many years ago. Of course there is more to the show than those who are brave enough to appear on the stage and we are very grateful to all those who are prepared to put in so much work behind the scenes since October to put the Show together from the costumes to the scenery and finding those who will sponsor the programmes etc. In all some 50 people will have played some part in giving you the pantomime of JACK and the BEANSTALK on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Saturday 17th January for your enjoyment and we look forward to seeing you there. Tickets are now being booked by AMANDA on 01206 230398 so COME AND JOIN US. It will only cost you £3.50 for the grown ups and £1.50 for the children plus of course a little something for IBIS.

BE HE ALIVE OR BE HE DEAD,
I'LL GRIND HIS BONES TO
MAKE MY BREAD.

You have been warned so be
there or be square. Oh yes you
will!

Producer

INTERNATIONAL BREAST CANCER INTERVENTION STUDY (IBIS)

Linda Pinhey would like to thank all those who helped, and gave, so generously to the sponsored Pub visit held recently. Approximately £700 was raised to help fund the Tamoxofen trials to prevent Hereditary Breast Cancer. Well done everyone! The Bromley Pantomime have chosen this as their charity this year. All proceeds from the Wednesday performance will go straight to the Charity, so let's fill the Hall on Wednesday, 14th January for Jack & the Beanstalk

ST BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP PROUDLY PRESENT

JACK and THE BEANSTALK

at

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01206230398

CAROL SINGING

This year we are going to start carol singing at 5pm so that children (accompanied by adults!) can join in too. Song sheets and lanterns are provided but torches and warm clothes are recommended.

The two dues are: Monday, 22nd December: meet in Church Meadow , singing to all houses around the church area. Tuesday, 23rd December , meet in front of police station - singing to as many houses as possible in Back Lane East/ Chase road west/ Meadow close area. If you would like us to specifically visit a certain address or would like more information please contact Nicky Robinson on 01206 230229

1998 DIARY

IF I AM GIVEN ANY DATES I shall be publishing in the January 1998 'Messenger' the ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR GT. & LT. BROMLEY. So far nobody has given me anything. Organisations, Associations and individuals must know of events being organised - please let the Editor know the date of your events by 9th December, 1997!

CARPET BOWLS

The A.G.M. was held on 10th September when the Chairman reported on a good year. Attendances were good, on average, 15 per evening and the club is financially sound. Captain Ron Copp complimented everyone on getting to the top of the league by Christmas, but failed to understand why we finished the league season below the halfway position. He hoped it would not be repeated this year. He also congratulated Jayne Bates and Nancy Kempster on winning the wildlife pairs trophy at Gt. Bentley in April. The committee was re-elected en bloc. Beaumont visited us for the first league match on 24th September, the home team winning 6-2. Two away matches the following week resulted in a draw against Weeley and the return match at Beaumont, when the score was reversed and Gt. Bromley lost 6.2. The Club will have clocked up 10 years on 11th November; some of the founder members still play regularly. We have room for another 2 or 3 members, so if anyone is interested in playing Carpet bowls, contact numbers are 01206 250617 and 10206 230378.

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

A group of us are hoping to go to the Bromley Panto as usual. Meanwhile we get together for swimming once a month on Saturdays at Bentley Country Park, thus frequently uniting split families, and having a joyful friendly time for all. Volunteer helpers are always welcome. We are to be at the Bypass Nurseries Primrose Festival in February with a Stand to raise funds and awareness of HD. Any gifts for a Giant Tombola (surplus Christmas gifts perhaps?) would be gratefully received. We thank all local friends and supporters for their help this last year and send Christmas greetings. For any contact, please refer to Jean Harding 230425 or George Henderson, Treasurer, 231262.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

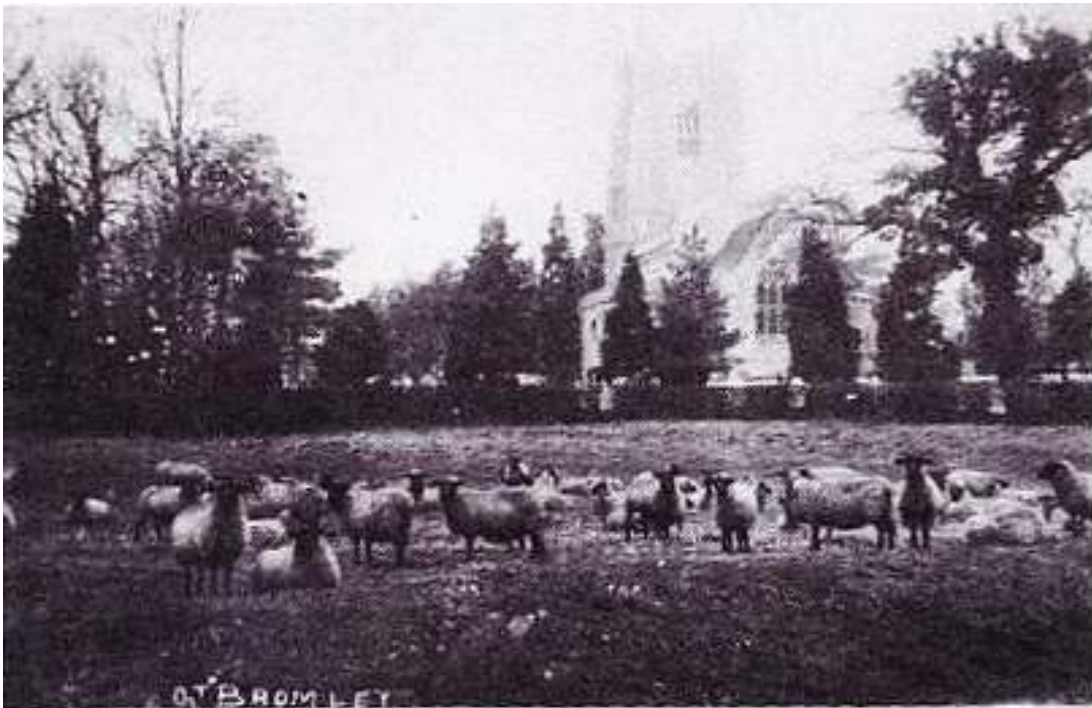
The Annual Meeting held on Bonfire Night was well attended. The President reminded members that the subscription £13.75 would be due in January and gave her delegates report of the recent Half Yearly Council Meeting.

Doreen Petchey read a letter of thanks from St. Helena's Hospice for our donation of cakes. Mrs Hardy hung her head in shame for forgetting to make her scones and promised a double amount next year. Beryl Hurst passed round her mother-in-law's Membership Card which she had been issued with as a founder member of our WI in 1948, a very fond keepsake. Sheila Gunson, newly appointed VCO, then chaired the Annual Business and afterwards gave a short talk on How to Become a VCO. Retiring Committee Members were thanked for all their hard work during the year. The Competition Cup was presented to Jean Wright with Heather Brown second and Jill Frostick third.

The new committee was appointed and comprises Rita Baxter (elected President for a second term), Ann Jones, Sylvia Mangan, Gwen Barrell, Heather Brown, Mary Clarke, Jill Frostick, Vera Biddiss, Tricia Mothersall, Marjory West and Paula Bradshaw. Are there any new Great Bromleyites who have never been to a WI meeting? Why not come and visit us, you will be made most welcome. Next Meeting - Wednesday, 3 December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall is Christmas Party Night. Please bring 2 plates, wine glass and cutlery. Guests welcome but please let Rita Baxter know for catering purposes. Competition - 4 Mince Pies.

ENTERPRISING THOUGHTS

The Cemetery and Graveyard are looking rather bad
It may well drive our new Parson mad.
At a meeting of the Council, and they're certainly not asleep,
They're seriously thinking of getting some sheep.
Sheep would be good at keeping it tidy,
as they don't work from Monday to Friday.
They keep at it all day and all night,
It would get our new Parson out of a plight.
So when the Council meet at the Hall,
They may suggest this is good for us all.
To save labour to cut all the grass,
Instead of sitting around and letting it pass. A. R.



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GARDENERS CORNER for December

Biennials such as Canterbury Bells, Wallflowers and Primroses do not like wet leaves resting on the crowns so make sure to keep them clear of debris. Potted bulbs can be brought indoors as soon as there is 1-2 inches of shoots showing - make sure they do not dry out. If you have delphiniums and lupins put down slug bait as on mild days slugs do damage to young green shoots. Sweet peas that have four pairs of leaves should have the growing shoot pinched out. As another year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and New Year with successful gardening in 1998. - *Frank Griffiths*

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel was a very happy occasion with delicious food and musical entertainment, and we look forward to our December meeting on the 18th which will be a "social" afternoon when Mr Davis on the technics organ and Mr Grant with his accordion will entertain us. - *Vicky Griffiths*

PLEASE NOTE MATERIAL for the January, 1998 edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson by TUESDAY, 9th December, 1997 please. We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas '

FARM FRESH TRADITIONAL TURKEYS & CHICKENS Most weights available. Phil Allam, Bluegates Farm, Great Bromley. (Tel: 230375)

DIARY DATES

2 Dec Playgroup Hairdressing Day

3 Dec Christmas WI Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

8 Dec Induction of Revd. Nicolas Spicer at St. George's Church, Gt. Bromley, 7.30pm

9 Dec Copy for 'Messenger' & 1998 Annual Calendar to Editor please

11 Dec. Gt. Bromley Parish council Meeting, Village Hall

12 Dec WI coach to Carol Service

17 Dec Playgroup Party

18 Dec Friendship Club meeting

22 & 23 Dec Carol Singing round Gt. Bromley

Dec CARD Table Top Sale followed by evening Quiz Nite

1998 14-17 Jan Jack & the Beanstalk - Gt. Bromley Pantomime Group, Village Hall

7 Mar Race Nite Village Hall (CARD) 5

The December edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP. We are most grateful to them for their support of the magazine.

Playgroup

We are pleased to announce that Playgroup now has a full attendance on Monday and Wednesday mornings until Easter. Thursdays still has some spaces available. If you would like to register your child for our Waiting List or Thursday mornings please call Nicky Halsey on 01206 250652. We have five children leaving us at Christmas - Lorna Carey, Alice Everitt, Mark Mullinger, Matthew Robinson and Bradley Rabett. We would like to wish them all well as they start their new schools. Playgroup will finish on 17th December after our Christmas party and we return on Monday, 19th January, 1998 when our theme topic for the term will be "Land". We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas from Playgroup and Toddlers.

FUND RAISING DAY

Tuesday, 2nd December will be a Hairdressing Day, with all proceeds to Playgroup and Toddlers. For bookings and any further information about the day, please call Hairstylist, Suzy Podd

The INDUCTION SERVICE for the Installation of **THE REVD. FATHER NICOLAS SPICER** will take place on Monday, 8th December at 7.30pm in St. George's Church, Great Bromley. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

James and Olive

GT. BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 23rd October, 1997.

SPRINGHILL CLOSE The Parish Council intend to tidy and manage this site sympathetically.

Advice has been sought from the Curator of the Natural History Museum who has stated that no further planting should be made on the site and the brambles and thistle on the northern edge should be cut. A plant list and future management ideas are awaiting from him.

VILLAGE SIGN The village sign has been removed from its present site and will be re-located to a new position as soon as possible.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS The Parish Council have recently given consideration to the following planning applications and their comments have been forwarded to the District Council.

3 Chapel Row, Frating Road Erection of a conservatory. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Roseland, Colchester Road Two storey side and rear extensions. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Marks Farm, Frating Road Outline permission for a detached garage for three cars. The Parish Council had no objections in principle to a garage However there were concerns. regarding the depth of the garage shown on the plans.

Gt. Bromley Parish Council are meeting on 11th December, 1997 in the Village Hall

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

The Governors of the School are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Ruth Lawson as the teacher for years R/1, who will be joining the school in January. Also the two successful candidates for parent governors were Nigel Rowe and Anne Brittain.

THE CHURCHYARD FUND

In response to my letter in the October Magazine a member of the parish of Lt. Bromley has offered to put sheep in St. Mary's Churchyard. Obviously there are many practical points to sort out, in particular so as not to upset anyone, I envisage certain areas being fenced off. All the people I have spoken to about this feel it would be a good idea and very appropriate. If you have any ideas or comments please do let me know. *James B. Wild (Churchwarden)*

KITCHEN CORNER CINNAMON CAKE - Bobby Freeman's version as given in her book "First Catch your Peacock".

8 oz plain flour + 1/2 teasp. baking powder sifted; Milk to mix; 4 oz caster sugar; 4 oz butter; level teasp. Cinnamon; Yolks of 2 large eggs.

Make a fairly soft sponge mix, and spread over a buttered tin pie plate, slightly over the rim. Bake 400F 20 minutes. Cool on a wire rack then spread with apricot jam, leaving the rim free.

Topping: 2 eggs whites + 2 level tablesp. Sugar

Whisk whites stiff: add sugar and whisk till satiny. Pile on to the cake, swirl with a fork, bake 325F about 20 minutes until golden brown. *Jill Frostick*

THE FARMER'S PRAYER

The Farmer stood at the Pearly Gates,

His face was scarred and old,

He stood before the man of fate,

To seek admission to the Fold,

"What have you done", St. Peter said,

"That you seek admission here?"

"I've been a farmer, Sir," he said

"For many and many a year".

The Pearly Gates swung open wide,

As St Peter pressed the bell

"Come in ", he said, "and choose your harp,

You've had your taste of Hell" - PH.

POOR CLERGY

The charity for the Relief of Poor Clergymen and their Widows and Children in Essex was incorporated 29th April, 1747. Today it is known as The Essex Clergy Charity. The Court of Audit was held at Chelmsford on Tuesday, 9th August, 1842 and the following entries for contributions from Tendring Deanery are noted. The present St. Osyth and Harwich Deaneries were then one

Bromley Great	A.H. Graham	Steward	Rector	£1- 1-0
Bromley' Little	H.B. Newman		Rector	£1- 1- 0
	CNunn		Esq.	£0.10-6
	Miss Josselyn			£1- 1-0
Ardleigh	H. Bishop		Vicar	£1- 1-0
	Rt. Hon. Lord Ashburton			£1- 1-0
	J .P. Osborne		Esq.	£1- 1-0

A Pension was granted to Mary Lugar, aged 58, who lived at Ardleigh and was the widow of the Revd. M Luger, former Curate of Thorrington and Frating. She received her first pension in 1825 and was given £18 plus an additional £2! at the 1842 Audit.

J .P. Osborne Esq. of Ardleigh was listed as Benefactor to this Charity in 1829 and donated £5.

All those named were prominent in the parishes concerned as well as in the County of Essex. -

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GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

As promised in Octobers 'Messenger', below is a brief summary on how both XI's fared during the summer.

1st XI The 1st team had a successful season in Division One of the Lancaster Garages League. In their first season in the division, they surpassed all predictions of a brief spell in the top flight by finishing a very creditable seventh. Notable victories were recorded against Colchester & East Essex, local rivals Elmstead and Eight Ash Green. Out of 18 matches played, 8 yielded victories which helped to secure the mid table position. Matthew Pirie was the leading batsman scoring 607 runs. Fraser Eadie was the 1st XI's leading wicket taker with 27 wickets. Highlights of the season included Matthew Pirie and Andrew Prestney both scoring a league century each and Tony Huish performing the coveted hat-trick to win the match when bowling against Clacton Ramblers.

2nd XI: The Club broke new ground last season by forming a 2nd team and entering it in Division Six of the Lancaster Garages League. No one knew what to expect and the emphasis was on the team 'bedding down' and surviving the season. This was easily accomplished despite a few minor hiccups along the way. The 2nd XI finished sixth and put in some excellent performances. In fact, due to restructuring of the League's Divisions, the sixth place finish was high enough to ensure promotion to the Fifth Division at the first time of asking. Credit must go to Captain Bill Kempster and Vice Captain Matt Foley for their efforts in steering the 2nd XI through their debut season. Club stalwart Nigel Rowe was the leading 2nd XI batsman with 482 runs and Matt Foley the most successful bowler with 32 wickets. The main highlight of the season was Bill Kempster destroying the club individual innings record by bludgeoning 178 against Pirates. Hopefully the successful summer will prevent Mr Kempster from carrying out his threat of swapping the willow for the pitching wedge and putter!

On Saturday 11th October, the Cricket Club and the St. George's Primary School PTA put on their annual Race Night, which again proved to be a great success. Despite the counter attraction of England v Italy on SKY, the event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Both the Cricket Club and the PTA would like to thank all the villagers and friends who attended and the dedicated band of helpers whose hard work before, during and after the event enabled its smooth and successful running. On a more serious note, it has been noted that there has been an increase in the amount of dog mess being found on the cricket pitch. Encountering a pile whilst cutting the outfield is not a pleasant experience! By all means exercise your dog on the outfield, but if required, please make use of the disposal facilities located by the village hall near the 'road end' sight-screen.

The following people are the lucky winners for September's draw of Cricket Club's "100 Club" 1st Mr M Foley £25.00 2nd Mrs R Eadie £15.00 3rd Mr R Christmas £10.00 Also October's lucky winners for our Cricket Club's "100 Club" are as follows: 1st Mr J Hill £25.00 2nd Mrs J Frostick £15.00 3rd Ian Lawson £10.00

Fraser Eadie

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, 7 December 11.00am Elmstead Mkt. Mr F Austin

Sunday, 14 December 11.00am Burnt Heath Mrs M Longley

Sunday, 21 December 11.00am Balls Green Revd S Coleman

6.30pm Burnt Heath Revd S Coleman

Sunday, 28 December 11.00am Wivenhoe

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

We would like to give our thanks to all the priests who have helped us during the Interregnum. It is wonderful to call on so many friends when we need their help. We also thank our own John Appleby who has attended every 9.30am service to guide and assist our visitors. He also conducted evensong each Sunday either at St. George's at Gt. Bromley or St.. Mary's at Ardleigh. Thank you John from the bottom of our hearts and thank you also for all your unseen and unheralded assistance in many different ways. It has only needed a telephone call and John has given advice or help most willingly. John has a personal celebration of his own this month. This is the anniversary of 40 years as a Reader in the Church. May we congratulate you. We are sure there are many, many people who will join us if; those congratulations. We thank for your ministry. - Olive and James

DECEMBER	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
	after 9.30am Service	
7th	Ann Fairley	P Greenfield & M Bush
14th	Ben Welham	Olive Sparling
21st	Jean Harding	Ann Wild & Jean Harding
28th	Ann Fairley	Heather Brown & Sue Rampling

MARRIAGES

25 October Robin MILLER and Louise NOY

DEATHS

TED GLADWIN, 28 years Churchwarden of St. Mary's, Little Bromley died 5th November, 1997
The funeral service at Dedham conducted by the Vicar with a tribute by John Appleby.

Cremation at Colchester and interment of ashes in Dedham churchyard. Aged 70 years.

BERTIE SMITH, 28 years at the Cheshire Home. Died on 10th November, 1997. Funeral service at the Cheshire Home followed by a service at St. George's Church and burial in Gt. Bromley churchyard with his wife Mary. He was a spectacle frame maker until illness struck him and a drummer in a dance band. He loved Country & Western music as well as classical and organised trips to the Festival Hall and the Barbican for musical festivals.

SERVICES

Sunday 30th November	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Advent Carol Service Ardleigh
Sunday 7th December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt. Bromley 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh
Sunday 14th December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh
Friday 19th December	7.00pm Carol Service Lt. Bromley
Sunday 21st December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Gt Bromley 9.30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Carol Service Gt. Bromley
Wednesday 24th	11.30pm Midnight Mass Gr. Bromley
Thursday 25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY 9,30am Family Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Family Eucharist Ardleigh
Sunday 28th December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ardleigh 9.30am Parish Eucharist Gt. Bromley 11.00am Parish Eucharist Ardleigh 6.30pm Evensong Ardleigh

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