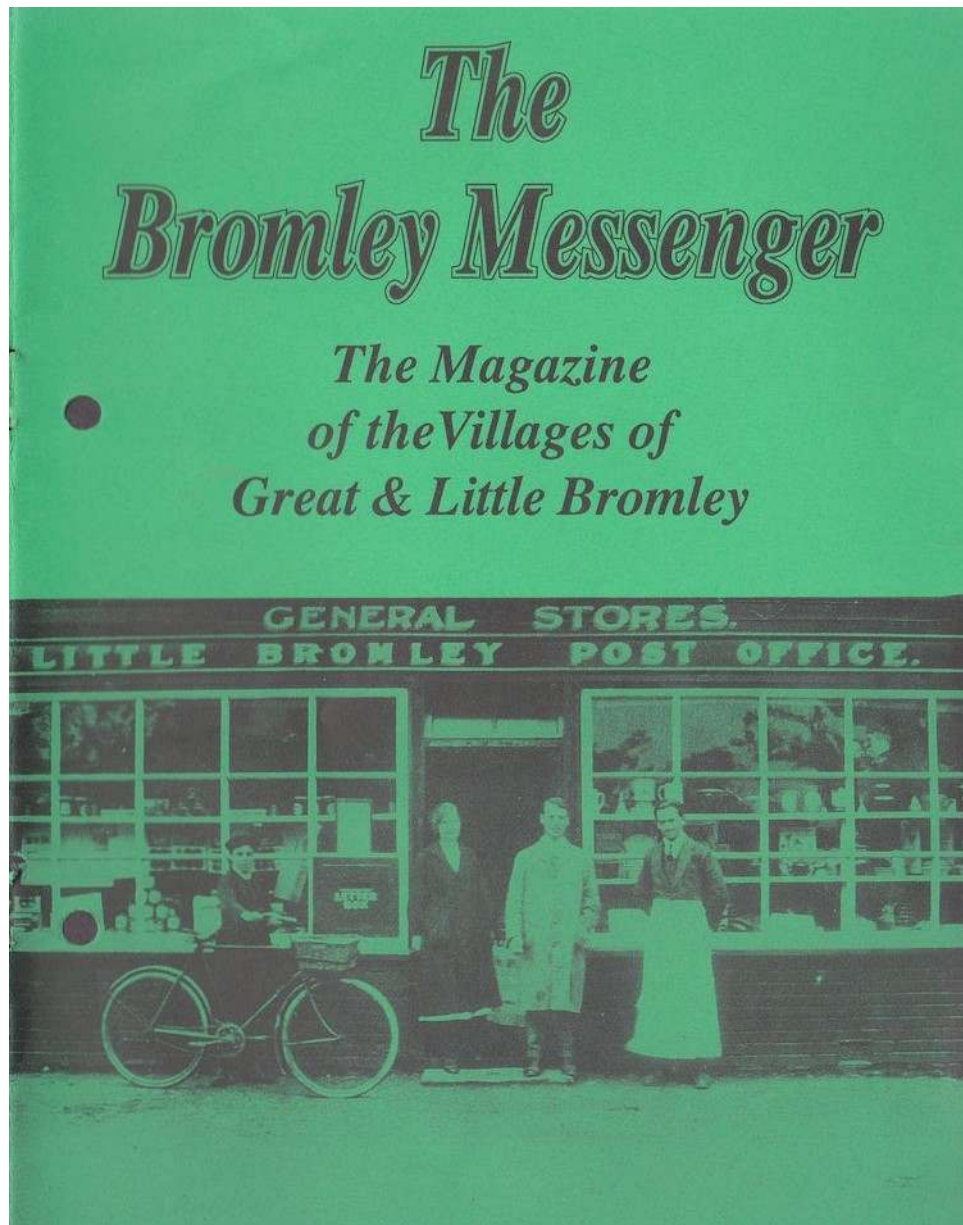


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Badminton Club Mondays (match nights only) Village Hall  
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Carpet Bowls Wednesdays (except 1st Wed in Month) Village Hall. 7.30pm  
Friendship Club 3rd Thursday in month Village Hall Doors open 2.00pm  
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Ladies Circle 3rd Wednesday in month Ring contact for venue, 7.30pm  
Touchstone Folk Dance Club, Thursdays Wivenhoe Methodist Church Hall, 8.00pm  
Women's Institute 1st Wednesday in month Village Hall. 7.30pm  
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## **The Bromley Messenger January 1998**

VILLAGE, PARISH or CHURCH MAGAZINE - WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Do not throw away before you have read this!

I was told recently that there is someone (and I hope this is a solitary example) who, as soon as they receive their copy of the 'Messenger' each month, immediately throws it in the bin "because it is a church magazine". I was saddened when I heard this as the 'Messenger' is a VILLAGE or PARISH magazine, sponsored and supported by LOCAL businesses and inhabitants, which is published by the PARISH Council. With its mix of news and views from all parts of village life, in which the churches have a significant role, I would like to think that it presents itself as a village magazine.

The magazine is here to promote and record all aspects of our village society as well as to express the views and opinions of its readers. However this cannot be done without your input. Each month I receive 'copy' from contributors, both regular and occasional. In both villages and I thank everyone for the interesting articles, reports and support. The 'Messenger' in its present form was launched in June 1986 by Revd. Paul Davis, as the Editor, with his wife, Meriel, typing up. Members of Gt. Bromley WI helped collate fold and staple the magazine before it could be delivered free of charge, thanks to sponsors, to 400 homes in Gt. Bromley and 65 in Lt. Bromley as a village magazine and not, as previously, a church magazine. At that time the idea was that the production costs would be met through sponsorship, rather than by occasional advertisers, so that there would be a free copy of the magazine for every home in the parish. This is still true today although Hot-Line Printers now print and deliver to me 550 copies of the magazine in its final form, one for every home. The size of the magazine - 12 sides of A5 - is governed by the budget. Occasionally someone asks why it is not larger. Not only would it be necessary to raise the level of sponsorship but I would also need more contributions, as, although I sometimes have to push and squeeze some items it is only rarely that I actually leave anything out. I would love to have a regular Children's Page, a page showing the walks around the countryside of our parish and further afield and a Nature Notes amongst other ideas, but I have room for such things only every now and then. If you want more from your magazine do say so and perhaps please sponsor us.

It is appropriate to finish with a vote of thanks. Without Len Christodoulides the magazine would never reach your doors. Len sorts out all matters financial and finds the sponsors and advertisers who, together with the Parish Council, meet the costs. Thanks too to Anne Fairley and her wonderful team of distributors who, once the magazine is printed, take it hot foot around the villages for you to read.

A Happy New Year to you all. *Leonie Henderson, Editor*

MATERIAL for the February, 1998 edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor, Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 20th January, 1998 please.

With thanks from The Messenger to the personal and club donations who have sponsored the magazine this month

### ARDLEIGH WEA, SPRING COURSE

Science is Fascinating - Part 2.

Tutor, David Peachey, will introduce students to the basic ideas behind modern science while avoiding mathematics. He will show that science can be exciting - full of surprises and interest - and not boring or difficult! The aim of the ten-week course is to show that a better understanding of science is most rewarding. There will be an update on some items discussed in Part 1. eg. space exploration, global warming, and our part (the human element) in it all. If you did not attend Part 1 do not worry: you will not be at a disadvantage. Meetings will commence on Thursday. 15th January in Ardleigh Village Hall at 2.30pm.

Fees - Full rate £22.50. Concessionary - £16, Unemployed - free

### PARISHES WITHOUT SERVICES

In *The Times* on 4th December there was an article reporting on a study of people who move from the town to the country which featured a chart of parish services which I have reproduced below. It is interesting reading and makes one realise how well off our villages are with their services for the community.

Parishes without services:	1991 (%)	1994(%)
Permanent shop of any kind	41	42
General Store	71	70
Post Office	42	43
Village Hall	30	28
School (for 6 year olds)	53	50
School (for any age)	50	49
Pub	-	29
Daily bus service	72	75
GP (based in parish)	84	83
Dentist	91	91
Pharmacy of any kind	81	79
Jobcentre	-	99
Library (permanent or mobile)	12	12
Public nursery	96	93
Private nursery	94	86
Police Station	89	92
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#### YOUTH CLUB

1997 was another busy year for the Youth Club; with over 40 members it is as popular as ever. The members enjoy activities such as football, unihoc, pool, volleyball etc. The annual summer camp at Mersea is always well attended and enjoyed by all. The sponsored sleepover in the church, has so far raised over £100 (more sponsor money is still to come).

The 1998 term starts on 21st January with the Rollerworld outing, not the 14th as the pantomime is still running then. The new year will also start without Chris Taylor who, after five years very hard work running the Youth Club, has decided to step down. We will all miss her and on behalf of all the club members we wish her a "happy retirement". More adult helpers on a Wednesday evening would be warmly welcomed- Please contact Mark Beauchamp on 230196 or Estelle Kemp on 251045. *Mark Beauchamp*

#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Gt. Bromley Parish Council A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 20 November 1997 Great Bromley has won certificates of merit, for high standards of maintenance, for the following areas:- Hare Green Playing Field; The Playground and the Cricket Ground The certificates have been awarded by the Essex Playing Fields Association.

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

Former Tip Toe Ltd Premises. Rectory Rd: Use of site for preparation/sale of skip vehicles. The Parish Council objected to this application. There were concerns regarding noise, fumes and light pollution.

Part of premises formerly occupied by Tip Toe Ltd Rectory Road: Claim for certificate of lawful use: use of first floor for residential accommodation The Parish Council had no knowledge of residential use.

Selectacars: Harwich Road: Proposed workshop alterations and additions plus new car display area The Parish Council stated that there must be a clear access area to a clearly marked

customer car park. Sales of cars to be displayed solely within the designated area on the application

Geogquip Services, Willow farm, Hillwards Road: Change of use of redundant pig unit to use for the storage and distribution of agricultural pumps etc. The Parish council would not comment on this application until more information is made available.

### TENDRING FURNITURE SCHEME

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*The Tendring Furniture Scheme is a division of Tendring Council for Voluntary Service, Charity 280613*

### Playgroup

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

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

Playgroup returns on Monday, 19th January. 1998 when our theme for the term will be 'LAND'. Spaces are still available. For details please ring Nicky Halsey (01206 250652) any new mums or dads are welcome.

**Fund Raising Day** Our hairdressing day in December was very successful with £60 being raised for Playgroup & Toddlers. Our grateful thanks to local hairstylist, Suzy Poss, for all her hard work and patience. Thank you

### GT. BROMLEY WILLS

Families and Professions are discovered

Christopher Hockley was a Blacksmith at Great Bromley and made his will on 8 January, 1576. He mentions his sons William. John and Matthew and a brother. Richard. who lived at Dedham. He was a man of importance and had witnesses - Davy Stone and John Ball who was bailiff of the Manor.

William Wilson of Gt. Bromley made his Last Testament on 2 March, 1575 and it was witnessed by William Thomas who was the Curate of Thorrington.

It is from Wills like these that family information can be gleaned. Don't ignore Wills when researching your family history. *John Appleby*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Christmas Party at our December meeting was enjoyed by members, husbands, and many visitors from other Institutes. After a delicious supper provided by the committee, we were entertained by Pamela Reason and her group of Dovercourt Entertainers. We were treated to songs, dances and humour in a Music Hall style revue, which was all great fun and appreciated by the audience, who joined in the choruses. Next meeting on 7th January will be in the Village Hall as usual, and will be a talk and demonstration on Encaustic Art. Come along and try your hand at this unusual craft. Visitors are always warmly welcomed.

WI Carol Service is at Lawford church, 7.30pm on 16th December. All are welcome. Coffee and mince pies afterwards. Several WI members attended a "taster" computer course organised by Essex WI's and Harlow College. This proved great fun and those participating came home with certificates they had produced on their computers.

### GT. BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

In November, the Cricket Club held its annual Dinner and Awards night at the 'Old Black Boy' in the village. As always, it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and our thanks go to Carole and Terry for their kind hospitality. The President's wife. Mrs Gwen Hayward. presented the awards to the following winners:

Douglas Wenden Batting Trophy (1st XI Batting Award) - Matthew Pirie

Nigel Rowe Bowling Trophy (1st XI Bowling Award) - Fraser Eadie  
Tubby Austin Shield (1st XI Players Player of Year) - Andrew Prestney  
2nd XI Fielding Cup - Andrew Prestney  
2nd XI Batting Trophy - Nigel Rowe  
2nd XI Bowling Trophy - Matthew Foley  
2nd XI Fielding Cup - Chris Fryer  
Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club Clubman of the Year - Tim Biscoe.

Matthew Pirie, Andrew Prestney, Chris Green and Bill Kempster were all presented with miniature shields in recognition of them all scoring centuries during the summer. The loyal and dedicated band of Tea Ladies was not forgotten and all received a gift as a token of the club's appreciation for their efforts in feeding and watering the players during the season. The evening was in fact a sad occasion for the Cricket Club as Dick Hayward was attending for the last time as the Club's President. Dick will be relinquishing his post at the forthcoming AGM and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him and his wife, Gwen, for all the support and help they have offered during his term in office.

#### Date for the Diary

The Cricket Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th February at the Village Hall. The AGM will start at 8.00pm The following people are the lucky winners for November's draw of Cricket Club's "100 Club" 1st John Boulton "25.00 2nd Pip Allam £15.00 3rd Anne Lilleywhite £10.00 *Fraser Eadie*

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### **1998 ANNUAL DIARY OF EVENTS**

#### **January**

4th Huntington Family Party, Wivenhoe

#### **February**

5th Cricket Club Annual General Meeting, Village Hall. 8.00pm

21 Feb-1 Mar Bypass Nursery Primrose Festival, Capel St. Mary.

Huntingtons Association Stand & Giant Tombola

28 Feb-1 Mar St. George's Church Stand and Sale

#### **March**

6th Women's World Day of Prayer, St. George's, Gt. Bromley, at 2.00pm

7th Race Nite Village Hall (CARD)

12th Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

#### **April**

4th Quiz Evening, Village Hall, Roof Repair Fund

17th A.G.M. Huntington's Disease Association, Seven Rivers

23rd Little Bromley Parish Council Assembly

#### **July**

4th Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete

4th & 5th Tendring Steam & Vintage Fayre, Brightlingsea Rotary Club

11th Tendring Hundred Show, T.H.F.C.

17th Special Senior Citizens Party *This is to be part of celebrations of 50th birthday of WI.*

#### **November**

2th Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Coffee Morning 7

### **JANUARY DIARY DATES**

7 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

15 Lt Bromley Parish Council Meeting

15 WEA course, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm

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

19 Playgroup term begins

21 Youth Club term begins with trip

27 Meeting of Roof Repair Committee, Hollies, 8.00pm

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CARPET BOWLS

This year's Club Pairs competition has been concluded and the victors were Bevan Willgress and Richard Bates with Evelyn Childs and Ron Copp runners-up. When Wix visited us for a league match, Jill, their captain, presented the trophy to Bevan Willgress and Jayne Bates standing in for Richard who was ill and unable to attend. We won that league match against Wix 6-2. We also beat Weeley 6-2 and Gt. Bentley at home 6-2. but could only draw away at Gt. Bentley. A whitewash 8-0 was our fate at Thorpe. Perhaps we will fare better when they visit us in the New Year. A happy and prosperous 1998 to all our members and friends. *Nancy Kempster*



## KITCHEN CORNER

January is the month where Seville oranges appear. and one naturally thinks of them in connection with marmalade making- But their tangy flavour is good in cooking all sorts of dishes. Here is a recipe with fish.

Grilled Red Mullet marinated with Seville orange and thyme. Serves 4  
4 medium sized red mullet , 1 Seville orange cut into 8 wedges (to serve)

Marinade juice of 3 Seville oranges, grated zest of one orange

4 tbslp olive oil

Leaves of 4 sprigs bruised fresh thyme or 1 teasp dried thyme

2 tbslp chopped parsley

1/2 onion - roughly chopped

salt and pepper .

Make 2 diagonal slashes each side of fish across fattest part. Mix marinade ingredients and pour over fish- Leave 2 hours if possible but at least half an hour. Take out fish and grill 7 minutes each side until cooked, brushing occasionally with marinade. Serve with the orange wedges.

*Jill Frostick*

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

**New Committee:** At the October AGM the following officers were elected. Chair - Amanda Rowe  
Secretary - Sue Skinner Treasurer - Ruth Lawson

The P.T.A. had another great year raising almost £2,000. A big thank you to all who gave so generously. Our recent Christmas events were a great success! Lots of thanks to our sponsors.

Now for 1998 we present the **World Famous St. George's School Comedy Quiz Night** in the School Hall 31st January at 8.00pm

Tickets £4 including Supper Bring a team of 8 for a fun evening Telephone 230398 for tickets

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

November 1997 In aid of Great Bromley Village Hall Association and St. George's Church Roof Appeal. Once again a great success. Each organisation received £490.50. Thanks to all who donated items and raffle prizes. Also thanks to those who manned stalls and the most important those who attended and purchased items. THANK YOU! *Jean Wright*

JOHN APPLEBY wishes to thank all who organised and attended the celebrations for his fortieth year in the Office of Reader. He is extremely grateful to you all for your support and especially during the recent Inter-regnum. Thank you most sincerely.

## ST. GEORGES PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

### Message from Father Spicer

Dear Friends

What did you get for Christmas? It is good to be here and writing this a few days after the parish Patron (this time the Deputy Lord Lieutenant representing HM The Queen) presented me to The Bishop as the new Rector of Ardleigh and The Bromleys. The Bishop, in turn, licenced me to the parish and gave me the "cure of souls". Quite a gift that, and not what I was expecting for Christmas.

It means I'm here for Church of England folk, but also for anyone else who lives, works or visits here. So I shall need the help of you all in asking me to visit those you know to be housebound or in hospital. Do get in touch yourselves if you are bereaved, Or would simply like to chat.

You'll hear me tolling the bell in Church for Morning Prayer and celebrations of the Eucharist, so you can catch me then or call at the rectory.

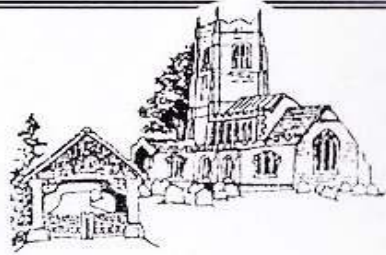
As I said, Ardleigh and The Bromleys was not actually on my Christmas list, but then it is a time of year when we celebrate the unexpected. A child was born who made an incredible impact on the world. I believe that same child can make an incredible, and sometimes unexpected, impact on our lives today. which is why I'm here writing this to you.

May we continue to see in each other the unexpected. and accept everything as a gift.

May God bless you, *Fr Nicolas Spicer*

JANUARY	COFFEE MAKING after 9.30am Service	CLEANING
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SERVICES for January

Sunday 4th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Gt. Bromley
	8.00am	Eucharist	Gt. Bromley
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Gt. Bromley
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Ardleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Gt. Bromley
Sunday 11th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Ardleigh
	8.00am	Eucharist	Ardleigh
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Gt. Bromley
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Ardleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Ardleigh
Sunday 18th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Gt. Bromley
	8.00am	Eucharist	Gt. Bromley
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Gt. Bromley
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Ardleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Gt Bromley
Sunday 25th	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Ardleigh
	8.00am	Eucharist	Ardleigh
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Gt. Bromley
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Ardleigh
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Ardleigh

## **The Bromley Messenger February 1998**

### WEATHER OR NOT

The first thing I do when I arise from bed to begin the round is to draw back a curtain and to look at the ground. "Good. It's dry!" Then the sky: It's a wonder to behold the skylines around Great and Little Bromley, they are as good as any and better than most. On a cloudless winter morning one can expect frost. "Must allow myself more time". Such is the nature of the British weather it does not always stay that way. The prevailing westerly wind means that it could cloud up. The differences in the shape of the cloud are due to the various conditions of the atmosphere at the time of their formation and afterwards. They present an ever changing scene. The names of cloud are an international classification, based on four fundamental types. Stratus or flat cloud, Cirrus or thread cloud, Cumulus or heap cloud and Nimbus or rain cloud. By the time I am ready to leave, it is still bright with some cloud on the horizon. One or two very bright stars in the South East call for a second look. Two aeroplanes from some far-off land. "Wonder what the weather is like there?" Now halfway round and looking over Dedham Vale, the cloud seen earlier has drifted North East. "Waterproofs will be needed this morning!" *Peter Ollivant*

GT BROMLEY BROWNIES BLUE PETER Bring and Buy Sale on 14th February in aid of Cystic Fibrosis 10.30am- 12 noon at The Pirie Hut (behind the Post Office & Stores)

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The February edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the Little Bromley Parish Council and Greenacre Cattery. We thank them both for their support of the magazine.

### GARDENERS CORNER For FEBRUARY

Towards the end of the month start to prune roses. After the high winds we have been having make sure the stems at ground level are well firmed in. If you have a greenhouse or cold-frame some seeds may be planted by the end of the month i.e. French marigold, lobelia and petunia. Plant seeds in a tray or pot. cover with newspaper and a sheet of glass until they germinate, then remove but keep moist. EARLY POTATOES: Only plant one row which will be easier to cover if we have a late frost. When they have grown to about three inches in height plant the remainder. - *Frank Griffiths*

### GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The winter indoor cricket season is in full swing and Gt. Bromley & District Cricket Club are currently enjoying a successful campaign. The club plays in the Royal London Indoor Cricket Alliance 2nd division on most Sunday afternoons. The indoor game is a cut down and considerably shortened version of the real thing and the majority of the rules remain unchanged from the outdoor game. However some rules are altered to cater for the sports hall arena in which the game is played. After last season's disappointing league performance, the team has started brightly by winning four out of the five league games to date. The team is presently sitting third in the 2nd division league table after some impressive performances. In both cup competitions, progress has been made to the second round. In the Trophy competition, (only 2nd and 3rd division sides compete) Gt. Bromley started their defence of the title in a confident manner by disposing of local rivals Elmstead Market in a closely fought encounter. In the prestigious League Knockout Cup (all clubs compete) Gt. Bromley further enhanced their reputation as 'Giant Killers' by defeating 1st division Midland Bank in a thrilling match.

#### Date for the diary

Just a reminder that the Cricket Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall. the A.G.M. will start at 8.00pm. The following people are the lucky winners for December's draw of cricket club's "100 Club": 1st Mrs A Fairley £25.00; 2nd Aedan Ryan £15.00; 3rd Mrs B Fuller £10.00 *Fraser Eadie*

## Church Flower Rota 1998

Fortnightly

1 Feb A Wild 15 Feb S Richie LENT (No flowers)

19 Apr J Frostick 3 May L Lennox 17 May M West 31 May J Wright 14 June J Jolly

5 July B Rowe 19 July P Greenfield 2 Aug V Biddis 16 Aug G Gould 30 Aug J Golding

13 Sept G Hayward 27 Sept H Atkinson 4 Oct D Taylor 18 Oct A Fairley 1 Nov H Brown

18 Nov A Clapham ADVENT (No flowers)

If these dates are inconvenient please ring 231067. Thank you.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our first meeting of 1998 took place on 7th January with Mr Barry Moulton giving us a very interesting talk and demonstration on "Encaustic Art". His main equipment was a small heated iron and various coloured waxes with which he produced beautiful, unusual and unique pictures on plastic card. We were all invited to "have a go" afterwards - it certainly gave a different 'slant' on traditional ironing! Our next meeting will be on 4th February, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm. We are going to have a talk about "Acorn Village". This promises to be another entertaining evening so anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome. *June Willgress*

## THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

on Thursday. 26th November, 1998. This is an ideal Christmas outing which appeals to ALL ages, with a cast of nearly 50-55 singers. a String Ensemble of 12, an Orchestra and not forgetting a dance troupe of 16. The Show covers every imaginable aspect of Christmas music, dancing and singing. Orders for tickets are being taken NOW - cost £16.50 which includes entrance fee and coach. 2.30pm performance. Please 'phone after 6.00pm *Vicky Griffiths*

## KITCHEN CORNER

### BEEF and PARSNIP PIE

A variation on the traditional pie

Ingredients:- 1 large onion, chopped 1 clove garlic, crushed 1 tablesp dripping (or oil)

450g minced beef 1 tablesp flour . 226 g can peeled tomatoes 150 ml stock, salt & pepper,

1 teasp basil or marjoram 225 g potatoes, boiled and drained 450 g parsnips, boiled and drained 50 g (2 oz) butter

Fry onion and garlic in dripping till soft, add mince and cook 10 mins. Stir in flour. then tomatoes, stock, seasoning and herbs. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer 15-20 mins. Turn into a pie dish. Mash potatoes and parsnips separately, then mix together, add butter and seasonings and beat till smooth. Either spread or pipe over the meat. . Cook in hot oven 25-30 mins till tips turn golden brown.

Parsnips are delicious roasted round the joint, or Delia Smith's way of steaming them, then baking on a tray after brushing with a honey mustard glaze - heat some oil in the tray first, and use maple syrup instead of honey if you have some handy. *Jill Frostick*

## BYPASS NURSERY PRIMROSE FESTIVAL CAPEL ST. MARY

ST. GEORGES CHURCH STAND and SALE Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March.

Volunteers are URGENTLY needed to help at a stall at this event. We have been given this unique opportunity by the owner of this nursery to raise funds for our Church on these two days from 9.00am-5.00pm on Saturday and 10.30am-4.30pm on Sunday. The latest varieties of primrose and other young plants at special Festival prices will be available. and also demonstrations on how to take cuttings, pot up plants etc. There is free entry; the nursery is easy to find, a few miles along the A12 towards Ipswich. It will be well advertised, warm, under cover and we hope, full of visitors for this joyful Spring Festival.

A beautiful model replica of St. George's Church is being made of icing sugar by Patricia Hughes to be used as a basis for an original competition. We will also have on sale a collection of models of small as well as famous houses and buildings of our part of East Anglia made in the same workshop as the now well known model of St. George's. Do make a special visit there, and please ANYONE who can give an hour or two- preferably with a friend or partner as two will be needed most of the time, ring Jean Harding on 230425.

## HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Giant Tombola on 21st. and 22nd February

Sorry. I know it is confusing! The HDA are also trying to raise money at the Primrose Festival, and we have already had some generous gifts donated for the Tombola, for which we thank you. Come and visit us there and if you still find you have something for our stall contact Jean Harding. The newly formed Ipswich Group of HDA is hoping to join in this enterprise with us.

#### I READ IT IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER

The Essex County Standard in the issues for 2 and 16 January 1904 was pleased to announce that Mr Ali. Watson of The General Supply Stores. Great Bromley was appointed its agent. In the issue for 21 May 1904 was recorded "Concert at Great Bromley School for The Evening Continuation Course. Miss Leedell (Headmistress) presented Certificates to those with 80% attendances. Entertainment was given by Misses Greenslade, Leedell, Gunn and Hone, and Messrs Hone, T Norfolk, Bruce, R Foster, G Wright, G T Taylor, G Young. Miss E M Taylor, Miss Gunn and Mr E Norfolk were accompanists."

I'm sure you will recognise names from the Bromleys and also Ernest Norfolk from Elmstead. Have you among your family papers one of the Certificates? I'd love to see it. Also note that Great Bromley did not need the modern surge for educating people. It was ahead in 1904.

*John Appleby*

#### CAROL SINGING

Thank you to everyone who took part and those who generously donated. £110 was collected and donated to the NSPCC who will be using it to help protect children who are at risk from harm as well as helping those overcome the effects having already suffered harm.

*- Nicky Robinson*

#### FARMER'S LAMENT

My Range Rover is looking old and grey, it's two years old on the First of May  
My crops are poor, my beet are bad, My wife is looking very sad.

She wants a kitchen. she declares, ten grand won't go amiss

"If you get me a kitchen dear, your life will be all bliss."

"Too much. too much," the farmer cried, "They haven't paid my Set Aside.

I'll wait until I get that hundred grand and then you can make your stand."

My tax forms are incomplete. they're always in a muddle

The NFU man comes today, we must get in a huddle .

With millions of flies and mice and rats, we must import a load of cats

And so to end this tale of woe. I have just one big worry,

With herds of pigs around the place, and yards brim full of slurry.

What with heaps of muck and piles of slurry, I'm going right off track

And now I have the Council always on my back. *A Country Man*

#### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our December meeting was a happy occasion with goodies to eat, Bingo to play and musical entertainment. January is our A.G.M. and after completing the usual "business" we were entertained by Mrs Jill Frostick and her singing group who also performed some amusing . monologues and poems and a few jokes! concluding with some community singing.

Competition for the next meeting on 19th February: A small vase no more than 8" high. Of course we are an "over 60's" Club who are always pleased to welcome new members whether O.A.P.'s or SENIOR CITIZENS. I heard us referred to as 'RECYCLED TEENAGERS' recently! *Vicky Griffiths*

#### FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

4th W.I. meeting. Village Hall. 7.30pm

5th Cricket Club Annual General Meeting. Village Hall. 8.00pm ,

14th Brownies Blue Peter Bring & Buy. Pirie Hut. 10.30am

19th Friendship Club meeting

19th Gt. Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall

21 Feb-1 Mar Bypass Nursery Primrose Festival, Capel St. Mary

7 Mar CARD's Race Night - CANCELLED

Advance Notice: 21 Mar Playgroup Table Top Sale. Village Hall

26 Nov Thursford Christmas Spectacular

### JUST ONE OF THOSE DAYS

Accursed fate which has decreed, that to supply my daily need  
I must arise at early morn, with aching head and gaping yawn.  
To slave away each working day against my will for meagre pay.  
To find however hard I tried all joy and luxury denied.  
Sometimes especially it seems, as I awake from pleasant dreams,  
I have a premonition strong, that things are destined to go wrong.  
As I a weary effort make, bleary eyed and half awake,  
To rise at this unearthly hour with temper foul and outlook sour.  
And then from lack of proper care to stumble from the topmost stair.  
Dazed and shocked, in battered state, I realise I shall be late.  
So rush about some time to save and cut my chin whilst having shave.  
And whilst I wheeze and sneeze and cough, the darned electric power's cut off.  
That means no morning cup of tea - things happen all the time to me.  
On rushing from the house I find, the bus has gone, left me behind,  
So raving mad and seeing red, get on the old push bike instead.  
With rattling mudguards, flat rear tyre and saddle held by string and wire.  
Rusty chain and pedals squeaking wheels, springs legs and arms all creaking,  
Miserable, black of mood, Feeling faint from lack of food,  
To realise midst rain and squall It's SUNDAY MORNING after all! A.H.C

### GT. BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications: The Parish Council have recently given consideration to the following planning applications and their comments have been forwarded to the District Council .  
"Old Black Bov" Harwich Road: Kitchen extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.  
Pond Farm, Hall Road: Conversion of first floor of Coach House to Groom's flat. Provision of external staircase. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.  
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 19th February. Members of the public are welcome to come along.

### PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has now returned after an enjoyable Christmas break with a few new faces joining us this term. Playgroup is available from the age of 2 years 9 months. but all parents and younger children are welcome to come along to our Toddler Group on Wednesday mornings when your first visit is free.  
On Saturday, 1st March there will be a Table Top Sale at the Village Hall (more details to follow). Any enquiries about playgroup or if there are any parents who would like to join our committee please call N. Halsey. Thank you

### GREAT BROMLEY MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

Dear Villagers

It's now less than two years away, yes we are speaking of the Year 2000 Millennium.  
In celebration of this event the proposed project is to build an extension to the Village Hall. This will enhance the facilities and create a lounge area releasing additional storage space.  
It is felt that these improvements will benefit both casual and regular users of the Village Hall. We are working in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee to raise the funds in order to complete this exciting project. This will only be achieved with your support. To this end we are appealing to all organisations and individuals to assist with fundraising.  
We urge you to consider ideas which you would like included in our programme of fundraising activities. A meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 21st April in the Committee Room at the Village Hall to finalise a programme of events. We expect a member of each village organisation and all interested individuals to attend to discuss fundraising ideas.  
Hoping to see you all there. Yours sincerely,  
Mandy Gaffney CHAIRPERSON MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The most common question that I've been asked since my arrival is "What are you going to do for the children?" Not an easy one to answer but I shall try. Firstly I shall be doing the same for them as I'm doing for everyone else and that is to include them in my prayers. Priests in the Church of England are required to pray at least twice a day. Prayers are set for each morning and evening (Mattins and Evensong, if you like). In this parish it's the custom for the Eucharist (the Holy



Communion) to be celebrated on weekdays as well. Children, and others who I've been told about, will be part of these celebrations and in my personal times of prayer.

Then I shall be in the schools each week, leading assemblies, sitting in on the classroom work, and talking in the playgrounds. The children will see more of me and get to know me better than many of the adults. We are very fortunate here with our group of dedicated teachers, support staff, parents and volunteers making our schools places of excellence for educating and nurturing the next generation.

In church I shall endeavour to make the worship and atmosphere welcoming to people of all ages. Children can be still and quiet, parents can feel welcome and accepted, "the faithful" can learn to praise God singing a chorus normally sung in the school hall. I know this will be too much for some of you and not enough for others. It's going to take a while before a happy balance is reached. It can be reached with the patience and prayer and love of all those who are in church. You won't hear me saying "children are Church of the future". Children, the same as anyone else, are the Church of today. May the God who walked this earth as a child and walks with each of us now bless us. *Fr Nicolas Spicer*

## SERVICES for February

Sunday 1st 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr  
8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
9.30am Parish Eucharist with baptisms St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

Sunday 8th 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr  
8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
9.30am Family Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

### FEBRUARY

### COFFEE MAKING

### CLEANING

1 Feb	J Harding	H Brown & S Rampling
8 Feb	A Fairley	B &. J Welham
15 Feb	B Welham	P Greenfield & M Bush
22 Feb	J Harding	O Sparling

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES- FEBRUARY

Sunday, 1st 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr W Evans  
Sunday, 8th 11.00am Balls Green Mrs M Longley  
Sunday, 15th 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd S Coleman  
Sunday, 22nd 11.00am Burnt Heath Mr V Humm

## **The Bromley Messenger March 1998**

I have been asked to write the front page of this excellent monthly magazine, and although I frequently have a slot for Huntington's Disease, I thought I'd enlarge upon it with a feature article. My first acquaintance with HD, as it is now called, was over 45 years ago when a dear friend in my husband's firm, after many turbulent years was diagnosed with this rare neurological hereditary condition. Our three children (he had four) all grew up as friends and we have been involved on a personal level with them ever since. Meantime he has died, as have three of his, by then, grown up children. His fourth has had a negative result from the predictive blood test which can now be taken, so she and her children and their line are now clear. We have followed the slow progress over all these years of this so distressing condition, the signs of which sometimes do not show until the most productive ages between 25-40. His wife is now caring for a granddaughter whom she brought up and who has inherited the illness. Some of you may well remember a very moving TV programme about this East Anglian family some years ago, of which incidentally, I have a copy.

It was not until the Vicar of Ardleigh, Revd. Reg Doncaster, had finally been diagnosed with the condition which creeps in slowly, insidiously and destructively both to relationships and to one's life and well being, that I took up the work of developing support for this 'rare' condition. We have now 80 families on the mailing list in N.E. Essex and as many as can, attend our monthly meetings held hospitably at Seven Rivers. We are so grateful to the Cheshire Home for this facility, and it has paved the way for several of our family members to ease gently into day respite and for some, full time care there. We meet primarily for mutual and family support and this really is a success story. Families and individuals bond and care for each other, exchange problems, joys and distress. We have get togethers. swimming sessions, and outings. You may have noticed that over 30 of us were at the panto recently. We have fun for kids. BBC Children in Need has come up with the goods for special fun/activity days for children whose lives have been touched by HD in some way. We provide information, advice, help and therapy as we can, now having developed a network of statutory and voluntary links which is so helpful.

Finance has been found for considerable research locally to identify needs, met and unmet within families. National and international research is striding forward, with new developments evolving regularly, but as yet, neither a preventative nor a cure has been found, and only very haphazard treatment is available. Meanwhile our families and those at 50% risk of developing it agonise over whether to get married, whether to disclose to employers or others the possibility of HD, whether to start a family, when or whether to tell their children of the risk that they too may carry the gene, whether to explain why their parent may be behaving unreasonably even violently, why they lurch and have strange movements, lose their temper or cannot swallow or speak as the rest of us. One of the many and varied tasks of our small committee, in addition to welfare and education, is to raise funds for our work, to be able to give a little help to a family existing on benefit payments as well as coping with what can be a very difficult situation; to provide a piece of equipment, domestic or otherwise; to help fund travel to see their relatives or have a weekend away; to provide Christmas boxes and even a plum pudding for some. We have had wonderful support from this village as well as organisations, but the going can be hard in keeping up the momentum, and to ensure that our main aim is reached that of recognising that this is a FAMILY condition and that we are here to help them, and to further research.

Fundraising proceeds. One of our young mums who knows she will develop HD as she has had a positive result on the predictive test, is having her hair shaved off on her 28th birthday on 23rd March, and is hoping to attract sponsorship. Anyone wanting to support her or would like further information, please contact Jean Harding on 01206 230425.

### GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

THANK YOU to all those who supported Jack & the Beanstalk (it certainly needed it on the Saturday!) helping us to attain the grand total of £1,100-00 to be presented to our charity this year I.B.I.S. (Cancer Research fund for Breast Cancer). So to 1999 and our A.G.M. at which we look forward to seeing you all especially if you can help with the costumes.

PRESENTATION of CHEQUE to Fiona McNeale (Breast Cancer Surgeon) Tuesday, 3rd March, 8.30pm at 'The Black Boy' All Group Members Welcome

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, 24th March, 1998 7.30pm Committee Room Great Bromley Village Hall



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our February meeting, we heard from Mr Denzil Green about the ACORN Village in Mistley. ACORN stands for "A Community of Real Need" and was founded by Mr Green and others, in response to his own experience with a mentally handicapped daughter. Mr Green showed slides to illustrate how the village had grown and developed from its small beginnings, just as an Oak tree grows from an acorn. Now some of the villagers are able to be trained to live out on their own in the community. Members were invited to go and see for themselves the thriving workshops, where articles can be purchased, and also to support the shops in Manningtree and Brightlingsea which generate more than £20,000 per year of much needed funds. Next meeting, on 4th March, when Jill Frostick will give a travel talk with slides, on her trip to Uzbekistan. Husbands and interested visitors will be warmly welcomed, to see "The Cities of the Silk Road". 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

## PRINCESS ANNE VISIT TO GREAT BROMLEY 22nd APRIL

Princess Anne, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will formally open the affordable housing at Lakewood moving on to Bradfield to repeat the opening at Rectory Gardens. She will arrive by helicopter and more details will follow in the April 'Messenger'. As soon as information on her itinerary is made available the Parish Council will contact local organisations.

*Len Christodoulides*

## THE ESSEX POLL 1734

Voters registered to appear in person at the hustings in 1734 included the following local people. 2,898 voters were listed.

Name	Abode	Freedom
George Hazeleigh	Lt Bromley	Ardley (sic)
Jno Gardner	Much Bromley	Bromley heath (Colchester - deleted)
Henry Gardner	Bromley	ditto
Jno Ferguson	Bromley	Averstone (Alphamstone, Essex)
Jacob Warren	Great Bromley	ditto
John Hazeleigh	Audley (Ardleigh)	Much Bromley

### Additions

Stephen Prics	Much Bromley	ditto
Richard Stone	Woulton (Walton)	Bradfield

All these names occur in the Parish Registers. It is a little odd that "Bromley" occurs on its own - these persons lands was possibly outside the village complex and not at Bromley or Burnt Heath.

Richard Stone was one of the family of Stone which took on the position of churchwarden at Frinton for many years. Poll Books hold quite full lists of the property-owning class in the 18th and 19th centuries. *John Appleby*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Little Bromley Parish Council – next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on 12th March  
Great Bromley Parish Council – next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on 19th March

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup still has some spaces available. If you would like to register your child from 2 yrs 9 mths please call Nicky Halsey for details. Our Toddler Group welcomes any new faces, parents and children, or if Mums/Dads would like to come along first they will be given a warm welcome. Your first Visit is free!

**PLAYGROUP TABLE TOP SALE** at Great Bromley Village Hall

Saturday, 21st March 2.00pm - 4.00pm

To book your table £6 in advance, £7 on the day

Also Face Painting - Refreshments – Raffle

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

**School News** We recently had a netball match against Langham School. St. George's won 10-5. Well done everyone. Keep it up.

On 1st April we are holding our Easter Fayre. Lots of Stalls and Refreshments All prepared by the children and staff. Everyone is Welcome Please come along

**PTA News** The Quiz Night held recently at the school was a great success. It raised £250. Thank you.

**Future Events:** 8th Mar Children's Quiz

12th June Our Annual Barn Dance

Have you any fund-raising idea? Let us know!

### MARCH DIARY DATES

28 Feb-1 Mar Bypass Nursery Primrose Festival, Capel St. Mary.

3 Mar Pantomime Group Cheque Presentation, The Black Boy, 8.30pm

4 Mar Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village hall, 2.00pm

4 Mar WI meeting. Village Hall, 7.30pm

6th Women's World Day of Prayer, St. George's, Gt. Bromley, at 2.00pm

12th Little Bromley Parish Council Meeting

17 Mar 'Copy' for 'The Messenger' to Editor.

Changes to 'The Messenger' Contact List on inside cover to Editor

19 Mar Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall

21 Mar Playgroup Table Top Sale, Village Hall

24 Mar Pantomime Group Annual General Meeting. Village Hall, 7.30pm

1 Apr Easter Fayre, St. George's School

4 April Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

22 April Visit by Princess Anne

25 Apr Friendship Club Spring Sale

2nd May Coffee Morning for Huntington's Disease at the Hollies, Colchester Road

8 May PTA Children's Quiz. St. George's School

12 June PTA Annual Barn Dance

### GARDENERS CORNER FOR MARCH

All ANNUAL FLOWER SEEDS can now be planted in trays or pots. If a greenhouse or cold frame is not available place in a sunny position during the day but for the first few weeks bring indoors at night. BEGONIA tubers can be started off in boxes of moist peat. when they have good shoots plant up into 6" pots. Finish PRUNING ROSES this month.

If you have the odd POTATO that has started to shoot try growing it in a big pot or bucket. Put a layer of compost from a grow bag in the bottom and just cover the tuber - as it starts to grow adding compost until the pot or bucket is full and keep moist. *Frank Griffiths*

### CARPET BOWLS

As a club we always enjoy our visits to the new and very spacious village hall at Gt. Bentley which quite easily takes six carpets. and so we meet lots of other clubs some from quite a distance away. At the beginning of January four of our players entered the Tendring Singles Competition at Gt. Bentley. Richard Bates unfortunately did not make the second round but his wife Jayne, and Pauline Keeble both reached the semi-finals and only then fell by the wayside, but Linda Francis went on to win her match in the final and will now meet the other area finalists in a competition at Braintree later on.

We are still plodding on in the league and at the time of writing this report are positioned fourth. Out of four league matches since Christmas two have resulted in home wins: 5-3 against Alresford, 6-2 against Walton and a draw 4-4 with Thorpe. Last week we were at Lt. Clacton and managed another 6-2 win. We cannot pretend to have the appeal of the Preston Guild Hall feature on T.V. but if any readers would like to see our game they are very welcome to look in on a Wednesday evening. One or two might even get to like it. *Nancy Kempster*


### KITCHEN CORNER

Chocolate & Nut Cake

250g Demerara sugar 250g margarine 150g chopped nuts 250g SR flour (preferably wholemeal)  
100g grated chocolate 4 eggs 1 small glass of brandy (optional!)

Cream margarine and sugar, add eggs, flour then remaining ingredients. Grease a large baking tin and sprinkle with flour or line with paper. Fill with cake mix. Bake 300-325F about 1.5 hours middle shelf *Jill Frostick*

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

HOW TO HANDLE A HAMSTER

An irritable or aggressive hamster can give quite a nip so treat it with respect, and wash the smell of food off your fingers before trying to handle it or a finger might be confused with dinner! You can lift hamster by the loose skin of the scruff of the neck (a), but when it is tame it is better to grasp it firmly around the body (b) and support it on the hand. Avoid sudden movements and noise and always handle the animal gently. There should be no need to wear gloves.

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday, 4th April 4 7.30pm in the Village Hall in aid of the Church Repair Fund  
Tickets £2 incl. nibbles! £1 for non participants. Bring your own drink.  
Make up a table of up to 8. If you cannot get enough together, let us know and you can group with another party. Come and have a go, it's all for fun.  
Contact and tickets John Appleby, Jean Harding or James Wild

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This month we are being entertained by a learn of Scottish dancers and the competition is "a souvenir from Scotland". *Vicky Griffiths*

**SPRING SALE** 25th April

Please let us know if you have any bric-a-brac, contributions to the TOMBOLA, rummage, toys, etc. We can collect if required - give us a ring after 6.00pm. Your help is always very much appreciated as this is our only fund-raising event we hold to keep our Club going.

BROWNIES

Thank you to all those who came and supported our Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. Laura Jepp had the idea of holding such a morning which was enthusiastically taken up and carried through by the Pack. Over £80 was raised.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES MARCH

- Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Balls Green Mr L Holden
- Sunday, 8th 11.00am Elmstead Market Mr E Lansdown
- Sunday, 15th 11.00am Burnt Heath Revd S Coleman
- Sunday, 22nd Mothering Sunday 11.00am Balls Green Revd Dr R Bean
- Sunday, 29th 11.00am Elmstead Market Revd S Coleman

THE BROMLEY MESSENGER FINANCES

March is the time when 'The Messenger' is looking for SPONSORSHIP for the coming 12 months, because this is where the majority of income comes from. If you know of anyone who would wish to be a sponsor please get them to contact me (e.g. one-third of a page is £45). Your personal contributions are welcomed whatever the size and I list below those persons and clubs who have

kindly sent me donations in the last 12 months: Mr and Mrs Hall, Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Mr and Mrs Frostick and The Friendship Club.

**URGENT - INFORMATION NEEDED**

Would ALL CLUBS and ASSOCIATIONS please send to the Editor the days and the times of your meetings, whether weekly or monthly, which we will print from the April issue onwards. If there are any changes to the names, telephone numbers, etc. to be made to the CONTACTS of Clubs and Associations listed in the front inside cover would you include these as well by 17th March.

*Len Christodoulides*

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends, Lent and Spring are very similar. Both are concerned with growth, nourishment, new life, and emerging from the darkness (of winter or past lives) ready live in the coming year. Just as a seed or bulb produces a plant when it is given the right conditions so the human spirit can produce great fruits when nurtured. On first moving into a new house and garden it's very tempting to rush out and clear and dig, even when you're as unsure as I am about what is a weed and what isn't! Waiting a while you see what grows where, the gaps and the crowded areas and get to build up the whole picture. Talking with others, especially those who know the garden as of old, enables you to build on the riches and beauty, with the least damage, not to mention putting in the work where it is really needed. As part of my understanding of our church life here I'm asking people to fill in a short questionnaire as Lent begins. If I'm to be an encourager for the praise of God in this place, then it helps to know what is going on under the surface of those of you who look to the Church in so many different ways. Copies can be collected from church. The more I receive back, the better I shall be informed. The image of a priest as a gardener, especially in Lent-Spring, is a good one. Ultimately God is the Head Gardener with all of us working under His love and care. May we continue to grow and flourish to his praise and glory. May God bless you, *Fr. Nicolas*

SERVICES for February

- Sunday 1st 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr  
8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
9.30am Family Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
- Sunday 8th 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
- Sunday 15th 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr  
8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
9.30am Family Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
- Sunday 22nd Mothering Sunday  
7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
- Sunday 29th - same services as 22nd

**MARCH**

**COFFEE MAKING**

**CLEANING**

	after 9.30am Service	
1 Mar	A Fairley	A Wild & J Harding
8 Mar	B Welham	H Brown & S Rampling
15 Mar	J Harding	B &. J Welham
22 Mar	A Fairley	P Greenfield & M Bush
29 Mar	B Welham	O Sparling
5 Apr	J Harding	A Wild & J Harding

## **The Bromley Messenger April 1998**

Dear Friends,

For Christian people the keeping of Holy Week and Easter is the highlight of the year. Without it, nothing else makes sense. Celebrations of the harvest are not reserved for Christian people. Keeping days of holy men and women such as St. George or Our Lady Mary is common to all the faiths of our world. Days of penitence and abstinence are common as in Lent, Rammadan and the Jewish day of Atonement. Even Christmass is not alone as other faiths celebrate gods being born on earth. Good Friday and Easter day are unique though, and often a cause of scandal and incomprehension in others. For Christians believe that their God came to earth, lived a fully human life and then in the person of Jesus died. Three days later he rose from the dead and appeared to his followers, talking, touching, eating, living. Through this great act, Jesus shows the way forward for all who follow. Death is not the end. there is a continuation of life, new life to follow.

My experience of having sat with countless people in their "last moments" is that for most of us it's not until then that we really cease to be afraid of death and feel that all will be well. There's nothing wrong in that, there is something of the St. Thomas in all of us and a strong desire for living is good and healthy. Hopefully our celebrations of these saying acts will draw us more fully towards God and give us earthly glimpses of heavenly promises. However low or desolate we may feel leaving Church on Good Friday, or however far we may feel to be from God. we do not proclaim God as dead, Easter hope and love is always with us.

May the message of the Risen Lord Jesus be one of peace for you.

MATERIAL for the May, 1998 edition of 'The Messenger' should reach the Editor. Leonie Henderson, by TUESDAY, 14th April, 1998 please.

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### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our March meeting was certainly enlightening and very enjoyable. Mrs Jill Frostick, one of our members and a former President, gave us, with the help of slides. an account of her holiday touring "The Cities of the Silk Route" in Uzbekistan. We had an insight into the people, their culture and history of this little known part of the world formerly part of the Soviet Union. The incredible buildings many created centuries ago (one was 8th century), beautiful wood carving and embroidery formed a way of life in this precarious earthquake region so different from our own. The level of education is high with a choice of English or German as a second language. Whilst some of their land is very fertile, there is also desert. They produce coal and gold. raise horses and sheep, together with growing lots of fruit, vegetables and cotton. All this in spite of, as with ourselves, an increasing shortage of water.

Next month on 1st April we have a talk called "A cycling Granny" which sounds intriguing. Do come along to see what it is all about, we will be very pleased to have your company. The evening starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. *June Willgress*

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 19 February, 1998. The Parish Council are planning to have flower tubs placed throughout the village in the summer months. Councillor Heaney has attended a meeting at Tendring District Council to obtain details about the scheme. Enquiries are being made regarding professional levelling and turfing of the goal-mouth areas on the recreation ground. Councillor Rowe reported that the speed limit through the village is still programmed to be completed. However he. could not say when this will be carried out. Rubbish has been dumped on the A120 embankment below the bridge near Strutts Farm. Additionally numerous car tyres have been dumped at the junction of Honey Pot Lane and Stones Road. This will be reported to the District Council for action.

The following donations have been approved by the Parish Council:

St. George's Church for grass cutting £600

Colchester League of Hospital Friends. "Breathe Easy Appeal" £50

NSPCC Investigation Unit £100  
Essex Air Ambulance Appeal £100  
Great Bromley Millennium Committee £20

#### Planning Applications

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

TEN/98/0064 - F Mrs E Kemp Land adjacent to Blaetarn, Mary Lane Snuth. Change of use from highway to garden. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Information Items: (Parish Council are not entitled to comment on information items)

DET/98/0002 Vodafone Ltd. Replacement of 20m telecommunications mast at Strutts Farm.

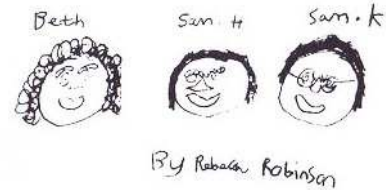
DET/98/0003 H. Fairley & Sons Ltd. Extension to existing shed at Park Farm.

The Annual Parish Assembly of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held on 23rd April in the Village Hall

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL The Annual Parish Assembly of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 23rd April

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

1st April is our Easter Fayre where an assortment of goodies made by the children will be on sale - everyone is welcome. The school then breaks up on 3rd April for the two week Easter break. On 20th April we return, along with our three new reception children. Beth Gildersleeves, Sam Halsey and Sam Knowles - good luck.



Well done everyone who took part in the Quiz Night. 850 was raised for the PTA. On 8th May we are having a Children's Quiz Night.

We are collecting Tesco vouchers for computers again to enable us to purchase more computer equipment. If anyone has any, or the Co-op Musical Instrument Vouchers, you can either bring them into the school office or leave them in the box provided at Gt. Bromley Post Office. Many thanks.

Our Annual Governors' meeting for Parents on 17th March was well attended. Thank you to all those who came.

#### P. T.A. BARN DANCE

Friday, 15th May at Park Farm, Gt. Bromley 8.00 pm Cold Buffet

Tickets £5 available from Amanda Rowe

#### CHILDREN'S QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 8th May in the School Hall

WANTED Second hand uniform in good condition for re-sale. Please contact Jacky Platt

SCHOOL T SHIRTS New style white with burgundy emblem. RE. T shirts available from School soon. All sizes at very competitive prices

#### PLAYGROUP

Last month Playgroup had its OFSTED inspection. This was passed and we received an excellent inspection report which is available for everybody to see. We had a visit from Mrs Fitzgerald, the head teacher at Gt Bromley School. The children enjoyed her visit and the parents found it interesting and informative. On Saturday 21st March we held a Table Top Sale to raise funds and the following Monday the Playgroup children visited Gt. Bromley church and Father Nicolas, followed by a visit to Gt. Bromley school. Playgroup returns after the Easter holidays on Monday, 20th April when the new theme will be "The Sea".

If you would like to register your child for playgroup please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince, on 01206 251858 who will be pleased to answer any queries you may have. We accept children from the age of 2 years 9 months. For the younger ones there is always a warm welcome in our Parent & Toddler Group - just come along - first visit is free. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and 'good luck' to Beth Gildersleeves, Sam Halsey and Sam Knowles who will be leaving playgroup to start school after Easter.

#### Dates for your Diary

Mon 20th April Playgroup returns

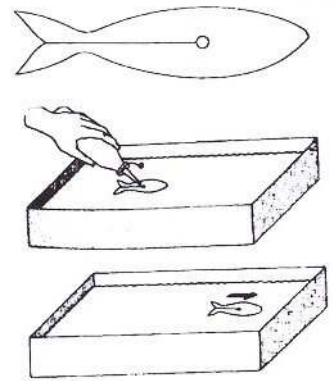
Wed 22 April Toddler Group returns

Mon 25 May Half term week

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

How to make a paper fish swim.

Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 4-5in. (9-12cm) long and if you decorate it use colours that will not run off in water. In the centre of the body cut a small circle and then cut a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle. Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will then expand down the slit and drive the fish through the water.



### CARPET BOWLS

Since last month's report Linda has played her matches in the Area League Finals but unfortunately failed to win her group so did not go into the next round. She enjoyed the experience and that is what it is all about. On 14th March we hosted our annual Charity Tournament when clubs from surrounding villages are invited to send one or two teams of four for a knock out competition. It was action all the way from 1.00pm and turned out a highly successful day. Pat and Jayne were as usual very efficient at seeing to the smooth running of things and updating the scoreboard, whilst Pauline and her team of ladies in the kitchen, served the refreshments they had made and donated to the cause. The final was played over 9 ends between Walton 'B' (who beat Thorpe) and Walton 'A' (who beat Weeley) in the semi-finals, the Brumbella Trophy in the end going home with Walton 'B'. We are very grateful to the local people and visiting teams who gave so generously to the raffle which proved a popular attraction and helped to raise, by the end of the day, £185 towards Leukaemia Research, our chosen charity this year. Well done! everybody. *Nancy Kempster*

### PRINCESS ANNE VISIT TO GREAT BROMLEY - 22ND APRIL

Princess Anne, as President of the Rural Housing Trust, will formally open the affordable housing at Lakewood moving on to Bradfield to repeat the opening at Rectory Gardens. She will arrive by helicopter and as soon as information on her itinerary is made available the Parish Council will contact local organisations. Lon Christodoulides

**Princess Anne will officially open Lakewood Rural Housing Trust at 11.20 am.  
Official Invitations have gone out, others should gather near the school.**

### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. is to be on Friday, 17th April at Seven Rivers at 7.00pm. Lord Braybrooke, our Patron, together with three MPs and other influential people will join with our family members. We will hear about the research project on the Care Needs of local families. Please do join us. All are welcome. It is not too late to sponsor our plucky young mum in her dramatic hair cut. It should have happened by the time you read this. Sponsor form in the Village Shop, or apply Jean Harding.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of Huntington Disease Association at The Hollies, Colchester Road, Gt. Bromley Saturday, 2nd May. Plants, Cakes, Bring & Buy. All gifts and offers of help welcome!

### DON'T FORGET MILLENNIUM PUBLIC MEETING

in the Village Hall on 21st April at 8.00pm .We need your ideas and support.

### KITCHEN CORNER

PASTA with EGGS and HERBS

10 oz cooked pasta - drained and kept warm

4 eggs beaten fiercely with 1 tblsp water

2 oz butter - heat in a pan.

Pour in eggs and add good handful of finely chopped of EITHER parsley and basil OR chives, mint and parsley Beat with fork until eggs are nearly done, then pour over pasta, toss all together. Add 2 oz parmesan, grated and serve at once.

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#### THE ANNUAL COLD SPELL - The Blackthorn Winter

The Winter, after months have passed  
Relinquishes its grip at last  
And Spring reluctantly appears  
Exactly as in previous years,  
With temperatures increase each day  
And thoughts of Summer on the way.  
It's then the weather seems to strike  
With a sort of Winter look alike  
When blackthorn blossom, snowy white  
In the hedgerow's a familiar sight  
And as in every year long passed  
It's freezing cold with wintry blasts  
The Blackthorn Winter then is sure  
To postpone Summer days once more!                      *A.H.C.*

#### GARDENERS CORNER for APRIL

Harden off indoor raised half hardy bedding plants in readiness for planting out in May. Sow Delphiniums and Lupins under cloches. POTATOES: Plant now your main crop. Plant short rows of carrots, lettuce and beetroot. Plant out cabbage seedlings raised in nursery beds. Prune spring-flowering shrubs - Forsythia, Ceanothus, Lavender etc. *Frank Griffiths*

#### FRIENDSHIP CLUB SPRING SALE

25th April is the date - remember we can collect anything if you ring us after 6.00pm. Commencing at 2.00pm you will find a variety of stalls, plants, cakes; toys, white elephant, household, nearly new, jewellery, rummage and of course our very popular RAFFLES. APRIL MEETING Have you ever been to Scotland? If not you will be very interested in the talk given by Mr Hardy who will also have slides. He will also be the judge of our competition which is a PICTURE POSTCARD of SCOTLAND. *Vicky Griffiths*

#### APRIL DIARY DATES

1st Easter Fayre. St. George's School  
1st WI Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
4th Student Cross Essex, St. George's Church, 11.00am  
4th Quiz Night Village Hall, 7.30pm  
17th Huntingtons Disease Assn. A.G.M.. Seven Rivers, 7.00pm  
21st Millennium Public Meeting. Village Hall, 8.00pm  
22nd Visit by Princess Anne  
22nd Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Seven Rivers, 7.00pm  
23rd Great Bromley Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly. Village Hall. 7.30pm  
23rd Little Bromley Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly  
25th Friendship Club Spring Sale. Village Hall, 2.00pm

#### Forthcoming events

2 May Coffee Morning for Huntington's Disease at the Hollies, Colchester Road  
8 May PTA Children's Quiz, St. George's School  
15 May P.T.A. Barn Dance, Park Farm, Gt. Bromley  
18 July Barbeque Church Meadow  
25 Sept Essex Police Band, St. George's Church

#### QUIZ EVENING

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Contact and tickets John Appleby 271458 Jean Harding 230425



### THREE METHODIST CHURCHES UNITE

The three Methodist Churches at Balls Green, Burnt Heath and Elmstead Market have decided to unite into one church, with one church building. The new church will be called Trinity Church and will be built at Elmstead Market. All three churches are losing their buildings, with those at Balls Green and Burnt Heath being sold and the one at Elmstead being demolished. A new church with hall, toilets and kitchen will be built at Elmstead Market and it is hoped that work will start on this in the autumn. From April the congregations of the three churches will start meeting as one in the Elmstead Market church at 11.00am. There will be monthly meetings at Burnt Heath for fellowship and Bible study.

### 18th April COFFEE MORNING and BARGAIN SALE

Burnt Heath Methodist Church 10 - 12 noon ALL WELCOME

### CHURCH and CHAPEL NEWS, 1904

Essex County Standard, 18 June, 1904, recalled that at The Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary, Mr E Sorrell of Wix was the preacher. For the week's edition, 11 September, 1904, the Parish Church Harvest Festival had The Revd. Professor Caldicott, Rector of Frating as the guest preacher and the campanologists rang, 730 Bob Minors. The Wesleyans held their Harvest Festival in late September and had this noted in the editions of 1 October. 1904 was another full year for Great Bromley. *John Appleby*  
[NB magazine stated "Westlyan" rather than Wesleyan, altered here.]

### EASTER LILIES

Anybody wishing to give a donation towards Easter Lilies please contact Mrs Margery West.

### SERVICES for APRIL

Sunday 5th	8.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	9.30am Procession & Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr 11.00am Procession & Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
Thursday 9th <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	8.00pm Benefice Eucharist and watch until Midnight Sr. Mary the Virgin
Friday 10th <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	2.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion St. George the Martyr
Sunday 12th <b>EASTER DAY</b>	5.30am Easter Vigil St. George the Martyr 9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr 11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 19th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr 9.30am Family Eucharist St. George the Martyr 11.00am Parish Eucharist with Baptisms St. Mary the Virgin 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
Sunday 26th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin 8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin 9.30am Parish Eucharist St. George the Martyr 11.00am Parish Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

Weekday Services as announced in the Parish Newsletter

## The Bromley Messenger May 1998

I write before knowing the outcome of the public meeting for selection of a Millennial Project but I would not like people to forget that we already have a good one, well under way, in the continuing campaign for restoration of St. George's Church to a condition worthy of its importance. It is worth remembering that if the repair of the tower had not been completed its bells could not have been used, as they will be, to ring out the old and ring in the new. And now many private contributions, from inside and outside the parish and even from so far afield as the United States of America, have raised a new and still-growing fund of more than £30,000 towards the cost of repairing the great double hammerbeam roof. It is one of the very best historic roofs in Essex. just as St. George's is one of the finest parish churches in Essex. I am hopeful that English Heritage, recognising this, will be prepared to improve upon the already generous offer which they made at the outset of the current stage of the appeal. English Heritage have recently required some further exploratory investigation of the timbers, but despite this it is hoped that the final settlement of a fully detailed specification will not be much further delayed. These things should enable the Repair Committee to submit very persuasive applications for consideration by other grant-making bodies and it is hoped that the size of the fund already contributed by private individuals, coupled with the existence of a detailed specification and the firm support of English Heritage, will encourage such bodies to open wide their charitable purses.

The fact remains that in all we need to put together a formidable sum of more than £100,000. This means there can be no complete certainty that the work will be completed by 1st January, 2000, but thanks to the great and continuing generosity of so many well-wishers there is a good prospect of it.

The roof has now been in service for five centuries - fully one quarter of the twenty which have elapsed since the beginning of the Christian Era. It belongs to all of us and it seems to me (whatever Cool Britannia might say) that money spent on trying to ensure its preservation for a further five hundred years will be much better spent than on some so-called "Spirit Zone" in an ephemeral Dome. I do not doubt that by the time this letter appears a worthy project will have emerged from the meeting in the Village Hall, but I know the other members of the Repair Committee will join with me in urging people to continue their generous support of the Repair Fund: "It's dogged as does it."

*John Clapham*

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### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday, 2nd May, 10.30am - 12.30pm at Hollies, Colchester Rd, Gt. Bromley  
Bring & Buy, Plants, Cakes, Raffle Collee 50p PLEASE COME! Gifts and Help welcome too.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Just watching the Scottish Dancers made us all feel out of breath - where do they get the energy from? The competition for "a souvenir of Scotland" was won by Mr Newman with a very "unusual" entry?! We are being given a talk by Dorothy Archer on "Jugs" at our next meeting on 21st May. and the competition is "a Small Jug". *Vicky Griffiths*

SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

ATTENTION CHANGE OF DATES Please note that the date of the annual Fete for 1998 at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home has been changed from 4th June to SATURDAY, 4th JULY.

The CHESHIRE HOMES REGIONAL CRAFT COMPETITION is being held at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home in May. If anybody would like to view the exhibits, viewing will be held on Thursday morning, 21st May 9.30am and 12 noon. Rita Baxter O.T. Organiser, Seven Rivers

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 19th March, 1998. Mr Cheeseman has resigned. The Council are very grateful for his efforts and contribution to the Parish over the past few years. A casual vacancy will now be advertised. The Tree Warden, Cathy Hayward, has planted ten Maple trees and five Hornbeam trees in Mary Lane North along with some plants re-planted from the village sign site and ten wild rose and one Maple tree on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council are very grateful for all her efforts.

The land adjacent to the Old Spread Eagle Public House has become an eyesore. As the Parish Council have been unsuccessful in getting the site tidied by the owners. the problem will be brought to the attention of Tendring District Council for them to take action. Some branches of the oak trees on the corner of Morebarn Road and Badley Hall Road appear to be dead. This will be reported to the District Council.

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

TEN/98/0226 - F Mr & Mrs Mollatt "Fernside", Harwich Road, Great Bromley Rear Extension The Parish council had no objections to this application.

TEN/98/0129 - F Mr S Pilgrim . "Roseland", Colchester Road, Great Bromley 2 storey side extension The Parish Council had no objections to this application

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND (ROOF)

The Quiz was very well supported. Thanks to all who came. especially the "Quiz Master"! It has boosted funds by £400.

CHURCH BOILER FUND I am very pleased to let you know that we are now only £65 short of our target of £2,500. This is brilliant. Thank you to those who achieved this. Hopefully by the time you read this the boiler will have been installed- *James Wild*

BROMLEY MESSENGER Statement of Accounts

I thank our sponsors for their continuing support, which brings in the majority of funds. We made a loss this year mainly due to the reducing size of Sponsorship, though our list is the same as last year. We do need more sponsors if we are to continue to exist. The business cards do help and we will run an extra page on some issues to ensure that you all get your news in while accommodating the extra cards. The small increase in donations is due to postal receivers now paying for the costs of this service. Thanks to our editor, Leonie, who puts in an enormous effort to produce the Messenger. but has not managed to win that elusive Village Competition Prize, and to Anne. together with all the delivery people for their tireless work, in getting the Magazine through our letter boxes.

L.B. Christodoulides, MBE  
Honorary Treasurer

**BROMLEY MESSENGER**

**Statement of Accounts**

	1996/97	1997/98
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Carried forward	204.36	248.63
Creditors	0.00	0.00
Donations	82.50	93.08
Advertisements	291.00	257.00
Sponsorship	950.00	741.00
Interest	4.33	7.46
Debtors	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1532.19</b>	<b>1347.17</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing	1242.06	1273.76
Postage	10.55	6.00
Expenses	38.95	14.83
Debtors	0.00	0.00
(Loss) Gain	<u>248.63</u>	<u>52.58</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1532.19</b>	<b>1347.17</b>

## GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Charity Trustees of the Great Bromley Village Hall Committee, registered with the Charity Commission and numbered 301310, will be held at the Village Hall, Great Bromley at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 13th May. The Committee is made up of seven nominated and five elected Trustees, and there will be an election at this meeting, for the five elected members. Information about the election can be obtained from the Trustees' Secretary, R. L. Harding. Proposals must be in writing, duly seconded and returned with a letter of willingness to serve as a Charity Trustee by 6.00pm, 6th May, 1998 to R.L. Harding at Hollies, Colchester Road, Great Bromley (01206 230425). Any person over 18 years of age living in the Parish is entitled to be a candidate or vote, as can, in certain circumstances, someone from outside the parish.

[New Ads:]

<b>Holistic Massage Therapist</b>	
<i>Claire Quilter, B.A. (Hons), M.G.C.P.</i>	
Wheatsheaf Cottage Shop Road Little Bromley Manningtree Essex CO11 2PY	Evening/Weekend Appointments  Tel: 01206 396559

<b>MISSING</b>
Black/white (predominantly black) long haired Tom cat, neutered; lost since Wednesday, 8th April in Little Bromley area. Any information please to <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Marshall - 01206 396138</b>

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a very interesting talk by Mrs Jean Smith the "Cycling Granny" at our meeting on 1st April. Since 1991 she has cycled all over England, Scotland and Wales for charity and told us she considered each journey to be her annual holiday. Mrs Smith has covered over 10,000 miles and raised £7,500 for various good causes such as a local school that needed a new roof, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and various sporting activities. We enjoyed hearing about the many amusing adventures she encountered on her journeys. Mrs Smith, who incidentally has eight grandchildren and lives in the local area, has already planned her next journey which will take her up the centre of England. The good cause is to raise money for a monitor to help young athletes after the tragic and unexpected death of a young hockey player who lived locally, Next month will be our "Resolutions Meetings" when we have the opportunity to decide how to vote on Resolutions that have been put forward for the Women's Institutes' National Meeting being held in Brighton this year on 3rd June. Our representative will report back to us in July.

*June Willgress*

## THE LORD OF THE MANOR BROUGHT TO COURT

In the 1663 section of the Act, Book of the Archdeacon's Court is a local item - "Bromley Magma. Contra dominum THOMAS BOWES, miletum detectum per gardians. \* That the floore of the Chancell is not sufficiently repaired and that it belongeth to him as patron to repair it"

*\* Translation - (A case) Against Sir Thomas Bowes, Knight Brought by the Churchwardens*

Bowes was the patron of the living and presented Rectors to the benefice in the 17th century. He was MP. for Essex in 1654 but excluded from taking his seat. He was much involved in witch-hunting and often sat on the Bench as a magistrate to give a ruling against someone he had brought to court, mostly on a trumped-up charge; he was both judge and jury! Patrons were expected to keep the Chancel of a church in good repair. Many still have to do so today.

*John Appleby*

## DO YOU REMEMBER THE WHEATSHEAF INN AT LITTLE BROMLEY?

f As we have recently purchased what is now Wheatsheaf Cottage and are a currently renovating it as a home, we are also trying to trace its history in its days as a public house. We are particularly interested to hear from anyone who has photographs of the old Wheatsheaf up to its demise as a pub in the early 1990s. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Claire & Paul Quilter*

## CARPET BOWLS

The league season has just finished but so far the results have not come through. However, club members are still busy in competitions. Jayne and Richard played for the Tendring league last month at Braintree and although they won all their games, the league as a whole lost the match. Also in March, Jayne and yours truly were defending our last year's pairs title at Great Bentley but losing two games and winning three just was not good enough and the pairs trophy this year was won by a father and daughter team from Clacton-on-Sea.

5th April saw six of us at High Woods Open Team Bowl. 64 teams of six players each set forth at 9.30am. Gt. Bromley was represented by Pat Petchey (singles), Jayne Bates and Linda Francis (pairs), Heather Brown, Pauline Keeble and Nancy Kempster (triples). In our group of four teams with us were Great Waltham, Wimbish and Langham. After managing to win the group on shots, plus three more rounds, we found ourselves in the final at 7.30pm feeling rather weary and almost disbelieving. However, Langtoft (Peterborough) were the victors and we were happy to have achieved runners-up position, each receiving a cut glass tumbler for our efforts. A very enjoyable day and we did not mind joining the raindrops and puddles outside when the fire alarm sounded halfway through the morning - fortunately in error. Good luck to our members who are outdoor bowlers as they start their new season. *Nancy Kempster*

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

Thank you to everyone who came to our BARN DANCE Easter Fayre and also to anyone who collected vouchers from Tesco or the Co-op.

## MATCH RESULTS

Football v Langham 2 - 2

Netball v Langham 12-10

The netball team also competed in the Area Netball Championships and although they did not come anywhere they did very well.

## PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup children were very busy last month preparing for 'Mothers Day' and Easter. Some beautiful cards were made and the children really enjoyed making chocolate "nests" in the kitchen. A messy time was had by all! We have also enjoyed visits from Father Nicolas who has joined in with our games and read the children stories. Our 'table top sale' in March raised £140 for playgroup funds. Well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to Sally for all her hard work. We would also like to thank Sally for her help as playgroup assistant and wish her well for the future. This term the theme is "the sea" and will include items such as rivers, sea animals and fish. Lots to look forward to.

Included in the playgroup sessions we have a "Rising Fives" group. This starts the term that a child is 4 years old and involves encouraging concentration skills, pencil control, letter and number formation and recognition of colours, shapes and their own name. The aim is to assist in preparing the children for the more formal approach to activities found in the classroom. In June, for our annual summer outing we will be having a "Teddy Bears Picnic" and we shall also be having a stall at the Cheshire Home Fete in July. If you would like to register your child for playgroup or have any queries, please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince, on 01206 251858, who will be pleased to help. We accept children from the age of 2 years, 9 months.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May - Half term week

Monday 15th June - Playgroup return

Wednesday, 3rd June - Toddler Group return.

## KITCHEN CORNER

### LEMON GLACE FINGERS

4 oz SR flour 3 oz caster sugar 3 oz margarine 2 eggs, grated rind of 1 lemon

Cream all ingredients together. Spread into lined swiss rail tin and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. When cold ice with about 6 oz icing sugar mixed with juice of the lemon and spread over. Cut into fingers and decorate as desired. *Jill Frostick*

1st ARDLEIGH CUBS are going on a trip to Gt. Yarmouth Scalife Centre on Sunday, 10th May and would like to say thank you to all the local companies whose sponsorship helped make the trip possible.

## BROWNIES

We welcome Victoria and Alice who have joined the pack and who have taken their Promise. Sadly we say good-bye to Kate, one of our Guide Pack Leaders, who has helped with the Brownies for some while. Thank you front all of us and we wish you all the best in the future. Thank you to all the parents who have helped in one way or another during the term - the pack could not continue without your help. The term has been a busy one. Almost the entire pack has gained their Sight Awareness badge during the learning for which Marjorie Culham told us about guide dogs and puppy walking and Mrs Browning brought along her Guide dog, Leah. Over £100 was in the end sent off to Blue Peter from the Bring & Buy Sale organised by the Brownies and a thank you to everyone who came and supported them. Four of the older brownies are going on District Pack Holiday at the beginning of May for which brooches have been made as presents for the other brownies from other packs also going. We made posies for the Mothering Day service at the church in which we also took part before finally leading up to Easter with a biscuit cookery evening that was very tasty at the end! Girls can join Brownies once they are 7 years old. The pack is full at the moment but should you wish to be on the waiting list please give me a ring. The summer term starts on 30th April. Brown Owl (01206 231262)

SIMPLE SIMON GOES A-WALKING for to raise some money for The Children's Society by walking 100km along The Great Wall of China.

Alex Wise, who was Simple Simon in Gt Bromley's pantomime Jack & the Beanstalk, this year will join 100 other walkers on The Great Walk which will take place from 1st to 9th November, 1998. All the funds raised by the event will go towards supporting the charity's work with some of the nation's vulnerable children, young people and their families. He hopes to raise £2,000 for the Children's Society and any companies or individuals interested in supporting his fund-raising efforts should contact him at his office on 0990 234795 or on 01206 231658.

## GREAT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

By the time of publication, the new cricket season will have started (weather permitting). The club is again running two sides. The 1st XI will be competing in the First Division of the Lancaster Garages League after more than holding their own in their first season in this division. The 2nd XI surpassed all expectations when they achieved promotion at the end of their first ever season in the league. This summer sees them competing in the 5th Division of the Lancaster Garages League. If anyone is interested in joining the cricket club then please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Fraser Eadie (01206 823689) or Matt Foley (01206 251780) are the men to speak to and new members are always welcome.

The indoor season ended on a highly successful note as the team retained the Knockout Trophy on a tense finals day at the Royal London sports centre. In the semi-final, Gt. Bromley overcame Old Traders (aka Wivenhoe Cricket Club) thanks to a splendid bowling and fielding performance. This victory set up a repeat of last year's final against Chappel and Wakes Colne. A polished batting display that saw three retirements in the Bromley innings left Chappel the task of scoring 114 to win. This was beyond them and they were dismissed well short of the target. All the Bromley bowlers took wickets with opening bowler Simon Fielding winning the Man of the Match award. In the League, Gt. Bromley finished third and just missed out on promotion to the 1st Division. All in all, the team can be proud of their achievements this winter.

For reader's information, the following officers will be serving the cricket club this year:

President	John Clapham
Chairman	Phil Allam
Vice Chairman	Bill Eadie
Secretary	Tim Biscoe
Treasurer	Matthew Foley
Fixture Secretary	Fraser Eadie
1st XI Captain	Fraser Eadie
1st XI Vice Captain	Pip Allam
2nd XI Captain	Matthew Foley
2nd XI Vice Captain	Bill Kempster
1st XI Match Manager	Matt Pirie
Committee Member	Martin Chater.

### **Dates for the Diary**

An early entry for the diary will be the annual Chairman's Day Lunch and Invitation Cricket Match. This will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 27th June.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures in May

2nd XI 3 May against Leavenheath Friendly Start 2.00pm

2nd XI 9 May against Paxmans League Start 2.00pm

1st XI 30 May against W. Mersea League Start 2.00pm

2nd XI 31 May against Chappel & WC. League Start 2.00pm

### **100 Club 1998-99**

There has been a change of starting date for the next '100 Club'. Usually the '100 Club' operates yearly from March to March, but in an effort to streamline its operation it will be running from May '98 to May '99. Further information regarding the '100 Club' contact Fraser Eadie (823689) or any other member of the cricket club.

The following people are the lucky winners for January and February's '100 Club' draw.

January 1st Tony Huish £25 2nd Mr D Scarlett £15 3rd Mr G Austin £10

February 1st W Kerridge £25 J Wright £15 3rd Teresa Marshall £10

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the cricket club through the '100 Club' over the last year.

*Fraser Eadie*

### PLANT SALE

In aid of St. George's Church To be held at Ilex Farm, Waterhouse Lane, Ardleigh on Saturday, 16th May 10.30am - 2.30pm

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th - 16th May . GIVE LIFE, GIVE HOPE

23p in Ethiopia pays for a farmer to plant trees helping the soil to retain water making people less vulnerable to the effects of drought.

£4 immunises a child against five potentially fatal diseases.

Enclosed is a Christian Aid envelope. Please return these to the Church, School or Post Office

### MAY DIARY DATES

2nd Coffee Morning for Huntington's Disease at the Hollies, Colchester Road

6th WI meeting, Village Hall. 7,30pm

8th PTA Children's Quiz, St. George's School

15th P.T.A. Barn Dance, Park Farm. Gt. Bromley, 8.00pm

16th Plant Sale, Ilex Farm 10.30am

21st Viewing of exhibits Cheshire Home Regional Craft competition, Seven Rivers. 9.30am

21st Friendship Club meeting

Cricket Fixtures - see page

### *Forthcoming Events*

4th July Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete

18th July Barbecue Church Meadow

25 Sept Essex Police Band, St. George's Church

### GARDENERS CORNER FOR MAY

CHRYSANTHEMUMS can be planted early in the month. Pinch out the growing tip about the middle of the month. DAHLIAS - Plant out but in case there is a frost have plastic sheet, newspapers or some other protective cover at the ready. HOUSE PLANTS - When cyclamen have finished flowering reduce feed until all leaves have died down. Leave the pot on its side outside during the summer. POTATOES - As soon as early potatoes show through, sprinkle "growmore" along the rows then draw the soil up just to cover the leaves. *Frank Griffiths*

### Church Flower Rota 1998 Fortnightly

3 May L. Lennox 17 May M West 31 May J Wright





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### PRINCESS ANNE'S VISIT TO GREAT BROMLEY

Princess Anne officially opened the houses at Lakewood on Wednesday 22nd. April 1998. These are rented properties, that were built by The Rural Housing Trust, of which she is the President, in a partnership with the Great Bromley Parish Council, English Rural Housing Association, TDC, the Housing Corporation and Barclays Bank. She visited Trudie Shea, who has lived in the Parish all her life, Trudie said: "This house means a lot to me. My mum and dad live in Gt Bromley, my daughter Kerrie goes to St George's School and I work part time at the School. So my me revolves around the village."



Besides the special guests which included the Vice-lord Lieutenant of Essex, the MP Bernard Jenkin, the Chairman and the Chief Executive of TDC, Princess Anne met the original land owner, Charles Pirie, and the Parish Council. A bouquet made for the occasion by Mr Breeze - Lamb, from Church Cottage was presented by Charlotte Scarlett, a senior pupil at St. George's School, who epitomised the type of child that goes to the school. The school children who were waving flags and offering robust chants gave a fine performance, and if disappointed at perhaps missing the Princess on her arrival in an unmarked Ford Scorpio were given a royal wave on her departure.

Several residents and the Playgroup (who incidentally made the Police tea while they waited ) saw the Princess arrive by helicopter at the cricket field, several were at the school and about 40 people were at the site, including some of the residents of Cheshire Homes, who were also spoken to by the Princess. The Chairman of the Great Bromley Parish Council, Val Harris, said: "All the residents of these new houses have a strong tie with the village and the community of Great Bromley is better off now that local people have a chance to stay in the village. As it is a small unobtrusive scheme, the new homes have already become part of the village. "

The cavalcade then moved onto Bradfield where the Princess opened their four houses, followed by a delightful bullet lunch at their village hall, put on by the local WI.

I will be getting together a Scrap Book to mark the occasion and to make it available for everyone to see. Anyone who took photographs please give me a copy to put in the book. The Parish Council will obtain official framed photographs to mark the occasion and find suitable places to hang them. Copies of the official photographs are now available (6x4) at 50p, any one interested call me.

*Len Christodoulides (01206 251264)*

### Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Great Bromley 50th Annual Summer Fete

2pm, Saturday, 4th July To be opened by LIZ MULLEN from BBC Radio Suffolk  
Stunt Flying Display , Line Dancing, Hatfield Youth Brass Band, Craft Stalls, Charity Stalls, Punch & Judy, Refreshments, Grand Draw, Fair Ground Rides, Licensed Bar, BBQ, Free Parking £1 Entrance, Children Free

*The May edition of 'The Messenger' is sponsored by the SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME. We thank them for their support of the magazine. We ask our readers to support those who support us and also that you mention our magazine in the process.*

### MIDSUMMER WINE AND ROSES

Anne and John Clapham invite you to Copley Dene for a wine-tasting in the garden on Sunday, 21st June from 11.30am-1.30pm. Tickets (£10 each) can be had from Anne Clapham. Copley Dene. Gt Bromley, Colchester CO7 7JA in aid of ST GEORGE'S ROOF REPAIR FUND. It is regretted that the number of tickets must be limited, so please apply as soon as possible.

### CARPET BOWLS

The league results were sent through last month and Gt. Bromley managed to come fourth out of ten teams. Quite respectable considering we had two white-washes during the season. On 18th April a Fours team namely Joe Canham, Evelyn and Andrew Childs and Fran Percival played in a competition run to raise funds for 'wildlife' and reached the semi-final only to lose to Walton 1. The event was won by Walton 2.

It was decided that this year the Annual Dinner be held in the spring rather than one of the winter months, to minimise the risk of travelling in bad weather, so on 2nd May 16 members and guests visited the Yew Tree at Gt. Horkesley where we enjoyed a pleasant evening, good food and chatted on just about everything except bowls! Our thanks to Pat Petehey for arranging this event. *Nancy Kempster*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB SPRING SALE

A very BIG thank you to all the members who worked so hard before, during and after the Sale, the willingness of which is GREATLY appreciated. The number of donations from our well-wishers was overwhelming which made our Prize Draw Raffle such a success.

Outing to Norwich The sun shone brilliantly. The Mall, Cathedral and Museum were places of great interest - and if you really want to know where all the buses are, go to Norwich!

Next Meeting - 18th June We are to have musical entertainment by Mr Padwick and the competition is a "Souvenir Spoon". *Vicky Griffiths*

### HDA COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who gave, came and helped, making it a happy occasion with the sum of £230 raised. We have decided to forego the usual Alexandra Rose collection this year, as we are aware of how generously HD has been supported locally recently, and we do not wish to overtax this wealth of goodwill.

#### **Diary dates:**

Sat 10th October at the Village Hall Keep the date for an entertaining and interesting evening. "A Love Affair with old Churches". A talk with slides by the well known East Anglian author and broadcaster, Roy Tricker, a crusading Church crawler and self confessed crank!

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Clerk and the Chairman both took the day off work recently to attend a training course for the revised system of the parish council accounts. The course was well attended and the sun shone for us to have our picnic lunch in the park. The new system and format for presentation is a major change from the old one and requires the use of a computer if it is not to take several days to write up. There are many more checks built in to the system and once it has become a stable, established format it should convey a much more comprehensive picture of the finances of the village although it requires five pages minimum to be displayed on the notice boards!

The clerk and the chairman of the parish council finally went to visit the auditors for the parish council accounts of 1996-97. I am pleased to report that the accounts were accepted in the new format with only minor amendments required and those were for technical reasons. These accounts were presented at the Parish Assembly in April. Now to the 1997-98 accounts!

HARE GREEN The goal posts on Hare Green Recreation Field are being removed for maintenance during June and July. Whilst this is being done the area around the goal mouths will be renovated: please observe any notices on the field at this time. If you have any queries please telephone Val Harris.

TIPTREE BOOKS now TBS. at Frating have said that on occasions they have returned books which they are allowed to re-distribute. If any local organisation would like any for a table top sale or other fund raising activity please contact them on 256000.

### LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 16th July at 7.30pm. Please ring Mrs Bannister, Clerk to the Parish Council, on 01206 391345 for the venue.

VILLAGE MAP In the near future a copy of the Village Map will be included in the Bromley Messenger.

VILLAGE POSTCARDS Hamilton Lodge can reproduce reduced size coloured copies of 8 postcards that used to be sold in the Post Office- Two of the pictures have been reproduced in the last two years. on the cover of the Messenger. Cost is 8.25 inc postage or £1.00 if you collect from me, for an A4 sheet of 8. 25p goes to Hamilton Lodge Charity fund the rest is cost of printing. *L.B. Christodoulides*

#### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on 23rd April. 1998 at the Village Hall. Mr Kevin Hawkins. County Councillor, gave his report. This is his first anniversary as the County Councillor for Tendring Rural West. He said that he has enjoyed his first year and strongly believes in working as a team with the Parish Councils. Great Bromley will be getting a speed limit through the village even though there has been a reduction in the highways budget. There has also been a cut in the provision of school transport for post-16 year olds which will have a great affect upon the village.

Mr Nigel Rowe, District Councillor, gave his report. In the future planning considerations will be more locally orientated which will result in more work for Parish Councils as they will be able to consult with the District Council and attend their planning meetings, We may lose our village policeman and the police house. These plans are being fought as the village does not want to lose either.

**Village Sign** Members of the public said that they would like the Village sign positioned near the Village Hall. The Parish Council will make a final decision at their next meeting, on 21st May.

**Tendring in Bloom** The Chairman explained the Tendring in Bloom scheme to all those present. Flower tubs will be purchased by the Parish Council but will be maintained by Tendring District Council. The tubs will be positioned at the following locations:

2 at the Village shop 2 at the Village Hall 2 at the War Memorial

1 at Balls Green near the post box 1 at Burnt Heath near the Sign post

**Black Boy Road Markings** The Parish Council were disappointed that the "Keep Clear" road markings outside Selectacars are having very little effect. This problem will be reported again to the County Council.

**Planning Applications** The following planning applications have been received by the District Council and the Parish Council comments have been forwarded as follows:

TEN/98/0364 - F Mr and Mrs G Hurst "The Sorrels", Ardleigh Road, Gt. Bromley Two storey extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application

TEN/98/0367 - F "Selectacars", Harwich Road, Gt. Bromley Revised access to existing stables. The Parish Council had no objections to this application

TEN/98/0397 - F The Paddocks "The Paddocks", Harwich Road, Gt. Bromley Change of use from agricultural land to garden The Parish Council had no objections subject to the removal of permitted development rights on fences and outbuildings.

TEN/98/0466 - F Ms Taylor Marriot "Bottle House", Carrington Road, Gt. Bromley Demolition of part of building and erection of extension to provide additional accommodation The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held on 25th June, 1998

#### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting of the Charity Trustees responsible for the day to day management of the Hall was held on 13th May at 8.00pm at the Village Hall. The principal business transacted resulted in the election of trustees, namely, Peter Wenden, Frank Griffiths, Pat Petchey, along with Bev Willgress and his wife, June. Later on in the Agenda came the election of the Chairman to which office Peter Wenden was again elected. There will be a new Secretary Trustee as Robert Harding declined election after six years as Secretary. That job has been taken by Bev Willgress with Robert Harding appointed as Assistant Secretary to deal primarily with the requirements of the 1967 Trust Deed. This Deed has recently been before the Charity Commission who expressed their satisfaction with the provisions for the governance of the Committee. To finish with the subject of election and appointments, Mrs Linda Allam was appointed Treasurer and Bookings Secretary.

The Chairman then made his yearly report beginning with a thank you to those who had undertaken specific duties on the running of the Hall and had contributed to the boost to the

funds necessary to carry out the repairs and do the building works necessary to bring about the Millennium Room at the Hall. He spoke of the contribution made to the funds by the use of the new Committee Room as a meeting place particularly during the daytime when full advantage can be taken of the car park facility which goes with the hire of the hall or the Committee Room if wanted alone. The helpful suggestion of the Village Millennium Committee will, if all goes the way we want it to go, be very helpful in getting the project to fruition, but financial prudence will still be necessary. There followed the report of the Secretary, a bare bones summary of those things which take up the committee's time and do not seem to leave anybody better off except on occasions when a licence inspection is required. and money has to be spent in compliance. The events of Dunblane are still fresh in the minds of those who monitor the need for further restraints, and these are times when a helpful official is a distinct bonus and the TDC has more than a fair share of them. The nomination of the seven associations, societies and the Council are being asked for, when those nominated will meet with the elected members all as Trustees and begin another period of activity in the Parish calendar.

Thank you all who have used the priceless facility given to the Parish, long years ago, by the Crossman family. It has been a great boon to the Parish despite the difficulties in earlier days of finding the cash to do repairs and paint the woodwork and it is still something that has to be done. Like much else in Village Life. "Use it or Lose it" is still the guide to life outside the towns.

Roof Repair meeting Wednesday. 17th June 8.00pm. Copley Dene

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were honoured to have our County Chairman, Joyce Watson, at the May meeting. and she explained the resolutions put forward for the National Meeting in June. There was a lively discussion about the plight of Young Carers in society. and on the use of brown field sites for new housing. Rita Baxter will go as our delegate to Brighton to vote on our behalf. We also had a talk and discussion on "Local Agenda 21" with Chris Kitcher from Tendring Environmental Committee. He was keen to hear members' ideas and suggestions on local issues. The next meeting on 3rd June will be run by members, so the committee have a rest this time! There will be a Bring and Buy stall, and the competition is for a piece of china or porcelain. Please support our stall at Hamilton Lodge Pete on 30th May.

The WI are celebrating Our 50th anniversary together with Over 60's Tea Party on Friday, 17th July at 5.00pm for 5.30pm at the Village Hall Entertainment by 'IM AND 'ER Anyone who would like a lift please ring 230291 or 251939

#### KITCHEN CORNER

Welsh Cakes This recipe came from a Welsh lady. They are cooked on a griddle or hot plate, or you can use a frying pan. Do not make it too hot or they will burn before cooking through (no grease needed). Sift together:

1lb plain flour, 1 heaped teasp baking powder and a pinch of salt.

Rub in 12oz margarine, stir in 4oz currants and 6oz sugar. Mix to a stiff dough with one large egg beaten with 1 teasp water. Roll out ¼" thick and cut into rounds. Cook, turning over till browned both sides. Sprinkle with caster sugar as they cool on a wire rack. Some recipes say sprinkle flour on the griddle, but this is not necessary *Jill Frostick*

#### MILLENNIUM NEWS

**FREE SMARTIES NEXT MONTH!!! - MILLENNIUM FUND RAISING**

We are asking everyone in the villages to participate in filling at least one Smartie tube with your unwanted small change. With the July Messenger each household will receive a "FREE" tube of Smarties to enjoy. Once they have been gobbled up, your task in filling them begins. We would like everyone to give generously and fill these Smartie tubes up with your loose change. You have not got to do it straight way, in fact you have three months in which to fill at least one with either 5p or 20p pieces or a mixture of both. The Gt. Bromley Village Store will act as a collection point and anyone returning a full tube, may request an additional tube "FREE" provided of course you promise to bring it back full of money! For every full tube received at the Village Store, a raffle ticket will be given and you will have a chance of winning a prize. The more tubes you fill, the more chances you have of winning one of several lovely prizes. This is a chance for everyone, young, old, established villagers and newcomers to raise money for the fund with very little effort so please give generously and enjoy your "FREE SMARTIES"! *Tracy Perrin*

## MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

A packed committee room, at the village hall, of individuals and village club representatives heard about the intention of the Committee to co-ordinate events for raising funds for the Village Hall Millennium Lounge. who hope to raise £7,000 . Some organisations have already committed themselves to an activity. It does not matter if you raise pennies or pounds. the ideas to celebrate the year 2000 and raise money at the same time. You may decide to do something that shares the proceeds, with your own organisation and the fund. The suggestions list is reproduced opposite, please inform me of your intentions and dates. The first event will probably be the 'Smarties tube savers', where each household will receive a tube of smarties. which when you have consumed them we would want you to fill them up with money. (See Above)

## MILLENNIUM SUGGESTIONS LIST

It is hoped that all organisations will between now and the end of year 2000, carry out an event to raise funds to enable the Village Hall Committee to build a Millennium Lounge as an extension to the Village Hall. The aim is to raise about £7,000. Some suggestions are given below, but you may have better ideas, and it does not matter how much you manage to raise large or small, it will soon add up.

We have opened a "Millennium Account" which June Willgress will manage. Please let me know what and when you intend to do it so that I can keep a diary, and events can be evenly spread.

Colchester Sub-aqua training - in someone's swimming pool	Fun day
Sponsored Football Match	Auction of Promises
Celebrity Cricket Match	An Away Day
Village Gardens	Clay Pigeon Shoot
Darts Tournament	Horse Riding Ramble
Bowls Tournament	Treasure Hunt
Flower Festival	Painting and Art Exhibition
Race Night	Photographic Exhibition
Local Businesses Pledge-a-Brick	Mock auction
Sponsored Diet	Antiques Roadshow
Sponsored Pub crawl	Cycle Marathon
Ramblers Walk Rally	Running Marathon
Smarties Tube savers	Balloon Race
Lottery syndicate	Village Fete
Bell Ringing	Street Parties

The Millennium Committee is already organising :  
Medieval Banquet for June 2000  
New Years Eve Dance 31st December. 1999.

L. B. Christodoulides. Secretary, Millennium Committee

## ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL NEWS

During May we had a successful Barn Dance at Park Farm. Thanks very much to everyone for their contributions and to Mr and Mrs Fairley for the use of their barn. The children from the school enjoyed a quiz night. The teams were very competitive and each fought hard up to the end. The final result was a draw between Teams 4 and 5. The others close behind. Well done everyone.

Come and enjoy our treasure Trail Bar-B-Q on 19th July at the School at 3.00pm. Tickets available soon.

Sorry to mention this but can we ask any local sponsors to consider us for prizes for our Christmas Draw when deciding next year's budgets. The school recently raised £314.58 for NCH action for Children - well done.

FOOTBALL MATTERS On 1st May Year 5 and 6 boys played in a cluster schools tournament. Nine teams entered. St. George's won Group B beating Tendring, Mistley, Wix and Boxted. In the grand Final St. George's scored first and led until the last minute when Ardleigh scored an equaliser. Alas we lost in a penalty shootout! Well played team - better luck next year.

## NETBALL RESULTS

On 9th May we competed in the Tendring Cluster Rally against Langham, Gt. Oakley, Bradfield, Wix and Tendring and won - well done to Sharlene, Charlotte, Rowany, Lisa, Emma, Emmagrace, Chantelle, Crystelle and Lucy who all played brilliantly.

Photo: The netball team at a Colchester Rally



## **Class 4 School Trip**

to Clacton Seaguarium and Wrabness Nature Reserve  
by Robert Jones, Year 6

On 29 April Mrs Maggs and willing helpers took Class 4 on an outing. First calling at Clacton seaquarium where they touched starfish and crabs. They watched the keepers feeding the fish. They enjoyed a packed lunch in the sun on the pier. After lunch they travelled to Wrabness on the way the coach broke down, but the trip continued. At the reserve they watched birds and wildlife on the River Stour. Lots of interesting information was collected for the class project "The seashore and the Tendring Peninsula". Everyone enjoyed their day.

## PLAYGROUPO

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.30am-12 noon £2.75 per session

Toddler Group - Wednesdays 9.45am-11.40am £1.50 per session

It seems a long time ago now, but on 4th October 1997 a team of six people from playgroup took part in the "Colchester Fire Swim". The Fire Swim is an event run by Colchester Fire Brigade to raise money, which is then donated to local charities. Playgroup have been very fortunate this year to receive a donation of £286. This was accepted on behalf of playgroup by Nicky Robinson and Nicki Halsey. Thanks to Nicky Robinson for her speech on our behalf, and well done to all those who took part. More recently, in April, Princess Anne visited Gt. Bromley. Playgroup children had an exciting morning as they watched her arrive by helicopter outside the village hall. They had spent the morning making flags and waved these as the helicopter landed. The Toddler Group and their Mums were also there and we were rewarded by a wave from the Princess as she was driven away in her car. We were then allowed to approach the helicopter for a closer look, which the children really enjoyed. The weather was warm and sunny so we finished our session with a story outside. The "theme table" is as popular with the Children as ever and with the continuing theme of "Sea", there is no shortage of items. If you have any queries or would like to register your child for Playgroup please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince who will be pleased to help. Our Toddler Group always welcomes any new faces. Why not come along for a chat and a coffee. Your first visit is free.

### Dates for your Diary

Mon 1 June - Playgroup returns after half term

Thurs 16 July - Last day of Summer Term

## GUIDES

To let everyone know that 1st Great Bromley Guides are alive and kicking. We have been told that people do not know that we exist, but we are a self-programming group of two patrols. We have just had an excellent weekend camp being Explorers, including water divining and almond fires. The Guides have all earned their Basic Camper badge now. We followed this by spending over two hours sailing on Ardleigh Reservoir for Monday's guide meeting. This summer most of us are going to the International Camp in Norfolk, not too far to travel, and loads of other Guides to meet. Perhaps we will all come back speaking in many tongues. September's meeting start on Monday, 7th at 6.45pm. *Jazz*

## 1st ARDLEIGH SCOUTS

Nine Ardleigh Scouts and two leaders went on a weekend camp in April at the Hallowtrees site near Ipswich. Activities over the weekend included archery, a short hike, games and walks in the woods as well as doing most of their own cooking. Whilst there Troy Wrenn was invested in the middle of the woods. Over the Bank Holiday weekend 1st Ardleigh Scouts completed Centrek 98,

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an annual event organised by Colchester Central District. Ardleigh entered 3 teams. The boys were tested as a team on First Aid, mapping and compass work, and demonstrated their ability to navigate and use a compass before they set out. The older scouts, David Offord and Joe Thomson, entered Section Three which started out in Gt. Horkesley on Friday evening, included a 46 km hike, two overnight camps and a night hike. Section TWO for 12-13 year olds was entered by Andrew Offord, Daniel Pearmain, Mark Dundon and Ben Emery starting on Saturday morning at Boxford, carrying their tent, food and cooking equipment, they hiked following map references to their overnight camp site. Having put up their tent, they cooked their meal, being judged on preparation and nutritional suitability. Awoken at 6.30am they made breakfast, struck camp and continued to complete their 25km hike. Troy Wrenn, Christopher Lamb and Robert Wenden entered Section One, starting at Stratford St Mary on Sunday morning. All sections finished at Langham Community centre, where they were checked in, inspected and given refreshments. At 2.30pm they were joined by leaders, Colchester MP, Bob Russell, and parents for the closing ceremony and prizegiving. This hike helps them pass their Pathfinder award and counts towards the Hiker badge.

#### Parade

Boys in the 1st Ardleigh Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all took part in the annual St George's Day parade on Sunday, 26 April. this is a march through Colchester town centre with a salute being taken at the Town Hall by the Mayor of Colchester, and finishing with a service at the Britannia Car Park, which included an address by Colchester MP, Bob Russell, and singing camp fire songs and hymns.

#### JUNE DIARY DATES

30 May Hamilton Lodge Fete

3rd WI Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall 1

6th Copy for July 'Messenger' to Editor, please

18th Friendship Club meeting, 2.00pm, Village Hall

17th St. George's Roof Repair meeting, 8.00pm, Copley Dene

21st Midsummer Wine & Roses - Wine-tasting, 11.30am, Copley Dene

25th Great Bromley Parish council meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

#### *Forthcoming Events*

4th July Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete

16 July Little Bromley Parish Council meeting

17 July W 50th Anniversary & Over 60's Tea Party. 5.00pm. Village Hall

18 July Barbecue Church Meadow

19 July St. Georges School Treasure Trail Bar-B-Q, 3.00pm.. School

7 Sept Guides return after summer break, 6.45pm, Pirie Hut

25 Sept Essex Police Band, St. George's Church

10 Oct Talk - "A Love Affair with Old Churches" with Roy Tricker (see HD entry)

31 Dec 1999 New Years Eve Dance

June 2000 Medieval Banquet

#### GARDENERS CORNER For JUNE

Lawns should be cut at least once a week but during the hot weather not too short. Take cuttings of Hydrangeas, Clematis, Fuschias and other soft wood plants this month, Complete the stopping of Chrysanthemums this month. Continue to plant carrots, lettuce and beetroot. Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes and start to feed when the first tomatoes appear on the first truss. Runner beans can now safely be planted out. Sow radish seeds little and often but do not let them dry out. *Frank Griffiths*

#### RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Yet another first! This time it was the ceremonies surrounding Rogation Sunday. Since the fifth century the Church has kept certain days each year as prayer for the harvest - originally being a procession through the cornfields for the preservation from mildew! I expect spraying now takes care of that! They soon developed into days of prayer for the needs of all people, the fruits of the earth and blessings on our work, So having celebrated the Eucharist - the great Christian Thanksgiving - in Little Bromley we asked God's blessing on our Churches and Churchyards,

our villages and homes. and then up at Stacies Farm, on our farms, fields and the livestock. In true medieval tradition we celebrated, and included God in, the whole of our lives and enjoyed it! Falling. as Rogation Sunday did at the end of Christian Aid Week (thank you to everyone who responded with a financial gift this year), it was difficult not to see ourselves as being comparatively rich. None of us goes to bed hungry or thirsty, we have access to decent sanitation and housing, education and health care. and we live secure and peaceful lives. Yes there are things which would improve our standard of living and we should continue to strive for them. In the global scheme of things though, such security and lifestyle is a luxury. It's no use feeling guilty about this, but an awareness of how we use our "wealth". is important. What we buy in the shops, how we recycle and conserve, how we cast our votes and influence those who have power and responsibility, though maybe seen to be small and insignificant, do have an effect on others and ourselves.

Rogationtide asks us to see everything and everyone as a whole and to play our part accordingly under the blessing of God as Creator, Jesus as redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains and urges us on in our daily lives. May this be the case in the coming year of plantings, harvestings, and in the enjoyment of the blessings of this life. *Fr Nicolas Spicer*

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

	COFFEE MAKING after 9.30am Service	CLEANING
7th June	J Harding	B & J Wellham
14th June	A Fairley	P Greenfield & M Bush
21st June	B Welham	O Sparling
28th June	J Harding	A Wild & J Harding

Church Flower Rota 1998 Fortnightly  
14 June J. Jolly 5 July B Rowe 19 July P Greenfield

**Services for June**

Sunday 7th TRINITY SUNDAY

- 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr
- 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
- 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

Sunday 14th 1st SUNDAY after TRINITY

- 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
- 8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
- 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

Sunday 21st 2nd SUNDAY after TRINITY

- 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr
- 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
- 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr

Sunday 28th 3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY

- 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
- 8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
- 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin

Weekday Services as announced in the Parish Newsletter



## The Bromley Messenger July 1998

Dear Parishioners,

What can you expect if you come to Church on a Sunday morning? Well, one of the first things is a warm welcome. Regular members of the church will be pleased to greet you regardless of whether they've known you for years or not. There will be about 30 or 40 of us of different ages mostly locals, though a few do travel in to worship. None of us, least of all myself, think of ourselves as professional Christians with any special rights or favours to be claimed. It is easy to blend in. Sit anywhere, though you might have to arrive early to get a back seat! Although you may not be familiar with the Hymn book and Order of Service, things are announced and pointed out as we go along, simplified versions of the service are in the pipeline. Hopefully, you will recognise a tune or two, a prayer, or bible reading, though with 52 Sundays a year to celebrate on we do have quite a repertoire and cannot give any guarantees. If you bring children with you we have 'busy' bags to help with some of the parts of the service, pictures to draw, and things to occupy enquiring minds. Neither of our buildings have natural places for youngsters to be, though we do try to make them feel safe and comfortable. At the 11.00am parents run a creche / Sunday school for anyone to retreat to.

For the rest of us you will find times of quiet when we try to be still and listen to what God is saying inside of us. You'll be invited to the altar to receive Holy Communion, the Blessed Bread and Wine. If you are not a full member of a Christian Church or it is not your custom to receive in this way, come forward for a blessing or simply wait in your seat and wait on God. We will take a collection - that hasn't changed! Monies given go to support the daily running of the church, my stipend and work expenses, and our contribution to the wider Church. Like it or not we are asked to support other less wealthy places whether that be Parkestone or Walthamstow and the work of the diocese, things like General Synod and the Lambeth Conference. Prayers will be offered, and anyone or any situation can be mentioned, notices will be given, Banns of marriage called, tea and coffee will be served! A snapshot of what is awaiting you in church on a Sunday morning. The Parish Eucharist as it is called, is for all. Eucharist means thanksgiving, parish is for all in, and who look to us here. Come and see. *Fr. Nicolas*

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## MILLENNIUM NEWS

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB, as their contribution to the Millennium are arranging a TABLE TOP - CAR BOOT SALE on 22nd August at the Village Hall. There will be teas, refreshments, ices etc. This event is open to everyone so do come along and give us your support, by booking early. The time is 12-4pm. The cost is £5.00 per table or car if booked before the day, or £6.00 on the day. BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment - phone Mrs Biddis. Your fee can be paid at 'Berriedale' opposite the school. If raining, facilities will be available in the Hall. *Vicky Griffiths*

## THE GREAT BROMLEY MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

The Committee needs to start to get some income in order to generate the larger projects it intends to carry out eg. the New Year's Eve Dance 1999. A Get-Together Bar-B-Q is being arranged for Friday, 24th July, 1998 at Pitle Lodge - Colchester - price £5.00, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Bishop. Contact Chris Haines for tickets. Look out for details of a Clay Pigeon Shoot in September. A Sub Aqua experience is also being considered locally providing there is enough interest. Contact Mrs Bishop telephone 231529

## JULY DIARY DATES

1st WI meeting at Grove House  
4th Seven Rivers Cheshire Home Fete  
4th-5th Fourth Tending Steam & Vintage Fayre,  
Elmstead Market  
14th Copy for 'Messenger' please ;  
16th Little Bromley Parish Council meeting  
17th WI 50th Anniversary & Over 60s Tea Party,  
5.00pm. Village Hall  
18th Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall  
18th Barbecue Church Meadow  
19th St. George's School Treasure Trail Bar-B-Q,  
3.00pm, School  
23rd Great Bromley Parish council Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
24th Millennium Bar-B-Q, Pitle Lodge  
*Forthcoming Events*  
22nd August Table Top & Car Boot Sale, 12 - 4.00pm, Village Hall  
24th Sept Playgroup A.G.M., 8.00pm  
19-20 June, 1999 St. George's Church Flower Festival

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## ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL NEWS

The Summer Barn Dance recently held at Park Farm was a great success raising over £300. Well done everyone.

New Style School PE T-shirt now available at the school. Price £5 and £5.50. All Sizes

FAMILY FUN DAY BAR-B-Q 19th July at 3.00pm in the School Grounds including our famous Treasure Trail. 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 Amanda - telephone 230398.

Other school dates for July:

3<sup>rd</sup> Mufti Day in aid of Cheshire Home \* 14th Sports Day - weather permitting

16th Open Evening \* 22nd End of term

Sadly Mrs Maggs will be leaving us at the end of term. All the staff and children would like to wish her all the best. In September we will be welcoming Ms Sarah Baulch to take over Class 4.

The July edition of The Messenger is sponsored by the ROTARY CLUB of BRIGHTLINGSEA & DISTRICT and PLEASS THOMSON G CO. - Solicitors. We thank them both for their support of the magazine. We ask our readers to support those Who support us and also that you mention our magazine in the process.

As an editor I am prepared to publish, at my discretion, items signed with initials or a name de m plume where I know the identity of the author. However, items sent to me anonymously will not be published.

## PLAYGROUP

This term the theme in playgroup is the 'Sea'. The children have had lots of fun using cardboard boxes as 'boats' and sailing around carpet 'islands'. At drink time the biscuit tin has been hidden so that they can find 'buried treasure'. They have also been learning about things that live in and near the sea. Our summer outing continues this theme with a 'teddy bear's picnic' at the beach on 24th June. Also with the arrival of summer, the children have been playing with sand and water in our outdoor play area. Following the Millennium Committee meeting held on 21st June, playgroup has agreed to help raise money by running a sponsored diet. Money raised will be shared between the Millennium Committee and playgroup funds. Fund-raising also continues for playgroup funds. The children are having a sponsored 'colour collect'. Each child is given a box, they choose a colour and then fill the box with as many different items of that colour as they can. Looking ahead, on 16th September, the photographer will be at playgroup. She will be at the Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Everyone welcome - just come along.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 24th September at 8.00pm. All welcome - Please come if you can. Our toddler group held on Wednesday mornings in the smaller hall is very informal and friendly. Your first visit is free, come along for a chat and a coffee. If you have any queries please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince who will be pleased to help.

Dates for your diary.

Wed 24 June - summer outing; Thurs 16 July - end of summer term; Mon 7 Sept - new term begins; Wed 16 Sept - Playgroup photographer; Thurs 24 Sept - A.G.M. at 8.00pm

## GREAT BROMLEY IN BLOOM

I hope that most readers of the Bromley 'Messenger' will have noticed at least some of the eight flower tubs which have been located around the village since early June and that they have given pleasure. The tubs will remain in situ until at least early September by which time a decision will have been made by the Parish Council on whether they should be removed until next summer or whether the flowers should be replaced by, say, pansies which will flower throughout the winter months. The flowers and tubs belong to us, the village of Great Bromley. They were bought on everyone's behalf by the Parish Council and I am delighted that the Council decided to do so. Our neighbouring villages, Ardleigh and Elmstead Market are a blaze of delightful colours every year and I hope that this first step by our Parish Council will lead to more floral displays and bring much pleasure to us all living in Great Bromley and those passing through. The plants will be cared for (including watering) by Tendring District's Horticultural Services. *James Heaney*

Being a resident of Burnt Heath I thought it worthwhile to make comment in the 'Messenger' of how 'cheery' the flower tub looks at the junction of Carrington Road. I understand this was an initiative of the Parish Council to purchase tubs from T.D.C. as part of the Tendring in Bloom scheme to brighten up our village. Bearing this in mind I hope that these tubs remain in situ and are not vandalised as they will give pleasure to many throughout the summer months. Well done Parish Council. *Name supplied CO7 7XD*

## THE GARDENERS' LAMENT

Who would have thought such tiny seeds when dropped upon the soil  
Would grow and make so big a show without the need for toil,  
Whilst other seeds of quite large size are treated with such care  
On ground deep dug and well-manured in order crops to bear.  
But seed potatoes, runner beans and flower seed of fair size  
Might germinate and grow quite well 'neath friendly springtime skies  
Then only one sharp night-time frost our efforts turn to naught,  
The time we didn't cover up, - our plants have all been caught.  
But not all vegetation is affected in this way,  
Frost hardy plants survive and thrive and flourish day by day.  
And though we try to thin them out and exercise control  
Tough plants from little seeds are weeds, they drive me up the pole,  
I just can't cope, there's little hope, they cause me great frustration  
I think I'll let the weeds set seed for Nature Conservation! - A.H.C.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL met on Thursday, 28th May at the Methodist Chapel School. A reply had been received from Transportation and Operational Services ensuring that the re-instating of white lines and the clearing of Calves Lane footpath are to be investigated and dealt with. A thank you letter had been received from Air Training Corps for a Parish Council donation with a request to be entrusted with the upkeep of the war memorial for another year. It was agreed that the Air Training Corps be contacted as the war memorial is in need of attention. A questionnaire had been received from TDC regarding the Rural Bus Service asking for journey and destination information. Mr Poulter has resigned as Chairman as he is leaving the Village. He has been with the Parish Council for over 20 years, always enthusiastic, often working hard to keep the Parish Council together and in recent years taking on the tasks of Chairman and Clerk. He was thanked for all his hard work on behalf of the village. Mr Peter Herring was nominated as the new Chairman. The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 16th July at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel School.

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL meeting was held on 21st May.

Mrs V Harris has been re-elected as chairman and Major J Heaney vice-chairman for the coming year. Mr Simon Baines has been co-opted on to the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Cheeseman.

**'Keep Clear' Road Markings near Selectacars** The ongoing problems with cars parking on the 'keep clear' area will again be pursued with Essex County Council Highways Department.

**Land adjacent to Old Spread Eagle Public House** The land has become very overgrown and untidy. Tendring District Council will be informed with the aim of contacting the owner to get the site tidied.

**Bus Shelters** Members of the public who attended the Annual Parish Assembly said that there is no need for bus shelters in the village. This item will now be discharged from the Parish Council's agenda.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council Will be held on 23rd July in the Village Hall.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On 25th June we have our outing to Hatfield House. At our next meeting on 18th July our Speaker will be Margaret Clubb who will tell us about the work of a Magistrate with a very "unusual" Competition: Flowering plant in a pot.

The club is arranging a TABLE TOP - CAR BOOT Sale at the Village Hall on 22nd August as their contribution to the Millennium Project for the village. Come along now, BOOK IN, it is open to everyone. See more details in the separate article. *Vicky Griffiths*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our June meeting is our Members' Meeting when some of the members organise the evening giving the Committee a well earned rest. This year the speaker was the Reverend Alexander Morrison who told us about porcelain and pottery. He gave us a short history of how the Chinese kept the formula for porcelain a secret through the centuries. However, in the early 18th century a Polish chemist experimented until he perfected the production of porcelain. It did not become an industry here in England until the 19th century. The WI stall at Hamilton Lodge fete made £69 for their funds. Many thanks to all who supported us.

Next month is our 50th anniversary and we are holding our meeting in Mrs Jill Frostick's lovely garden on 1st July at 7.30pm. To remind all the Over 60's in Great Bromley that on Friday, 17th July we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary with a Tea Party in the Village Hall to which you are all invited, the time is 5.00pm for 5.30pm. Anyone wishing for a lift please ring 230291 or 251939 or myself 230150. *June Willgress*

FLOWER FESTIVAL St. George's Flower Festival will be held on 19th-20th June, 1999. On Sunday, 20th we hope to have village gardens open. If anyone is willing to organise this, have their garden Open, or have any suggestions for other fund-raising ideas, please let me know. or leave them in the envelope on the notice board in the church. Please help to make this event a success. *Ann Wild.*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Thank you to all those in both villages, who returned their envelopes which raised £162. *Fr. Nicolas*

## GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

The Pantomime Group desperately need a Wardrobe Co-ordinator for 'Robinson Crusoe'. If anybody is interested PLEASE RING 231067.

## KITCHEN CORNER

Some good hot weather thirst quenchers

### 1. GINGER SPECIAL makes 8 glasses

750 ml apple juice; 1 split American ginger ale; 1 split dry ginger ale; Ice cubes Springs of mint. Chill the ales and juice well, then combine all in a large jug.

### 2. SANGRIA makes 8 glasses

1 bottle Spanish red wine, chilled; 1 pint fizzy lemonade, chilled; 2-4 tablesp. brandv (optional); 1 lemon, thinly sliced; 1 orange, thinly sliced;

Mix all in a large jug.

### 3. BARBERRY ALE makes 12 glasses

Juice of 4 oranges; Thinly pared rind and juice of 1 large lemon; 1 pint water; 2 or 3 oz sugar;

½ teasp. ground cinnamon ½ teasp. ground mixed spice

Put all these into a large bowl and stand 3-4 hours when required, strain into a bowl and add 2 litres of chilled ginger beer. Float some lemon slices on top.

*Jill Frostick*

## GARDENERS CORNER For JULY

MINT & SAGE: Now is the time to cut and dry. ANNUALS: Pansies, antirrhums and stocks can still be planted out and will bloom right up to the first frosts. EARLY POTATOES: As soon as the flowers are out they can be dug up. STAKE tall growing plants against the Wind. Keep POTS, tubs and hanging baskets well watered. Even if it is not sunny the wind dries them out. SPRING CABBAGE: Sow seeds now - I always plant DURHAM EARLY. *Frank Griffiths*

## ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

	COFFEE MAKING	CLEANING
7th June	A Fairley	H Brown & S Rampling
14th June	B Welham	B & J Wellham
21st June	J Harding	P Greenfield & M Bush
28th June	A Fairley	O Sparling

## **Services for July**

Sunday 5th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr
	8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
	11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
Sunday 12th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. George the Martyr
	11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
Sunday 19th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr
	8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
	11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
Sunday 26th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin
	8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr
	11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin
	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Sermon St. Mary the Virgin

Weekday Services as announced in the Parish Newsletter

## The Bromley Messenger August 1998

### THE WAY FORWARD

Leonie asked me to write the foreword to this month's 'Messenger' It will not be about the finances of the 'Messenger' or whether we should have photographs in every edition, or Parish Council matters such as where the 30 mph speed limit should start and finish in Hall Lane and Brook Street, or the parking in the road near Selecta Cars causing difficulties to motorists circumnavigating the crossing. or the hours of use of Crossways Garage, or the new Chairman of Little Bromley Parish Council, or Millennium projects, like filling your Smarties tubes, or who will come to the New Year's Dance on 31st December, 1999 or even Rotary affairs. like giving John Appleby a Paul Harris Fellowship for his voluntary work, or giving a donation to Jean Harding for her efforts on Huntington's Disease, or about the Church bell tower or the Village Hall Lounge, or the title of next year's Pantomime nor about St. George's C of E Primary School and why the parents park in the road and not in Church Meadow or a mention of Cheshire Homes, Hamilton Lodge or Fernside, or the future of village shops and local public houses or about commuters and traffic, or about Princess Anne's visit, or about the Best Kept Village competition or the flower tubs, or the litter being dumped in our ditches. All these things may be newsworthy items, but no, it's about none of these things but it's about **YOU**. Some of you are involved in some of these things, but for the rest, "What are you doing for Great and Little Bromley?" *Len Christodoulides*

We thank HOT LINE PRINTERS who print our magazine quickly and efficiently for us every month for sponsoring the August edition of 'The Messenger' We thank them for their continued support of the magazine. We ask our readers to support those who support us and also that you mention our magazine in the process.



### HALLOWEEN BARN DANCE

at Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 31st October at 7.30pm in aid of Village Hall Funds. Dancing to the LANTERN BAND with CALLER Licensed Bar and Raffle Tickets £7 (inc. sausage and chips, plus sweet) obtainable from Gt. Bromley P.O.

### STEAM & VINTAGE FAYRE

Thanks go to all parishioners who supported the Rotary Club of Brightlingsea and District Fayre. Although the weather was kind, and it was the best so far, attendance was down and in the end only about £1,500 was made for Charity, which included Sight-Savers - use of lasers to cure cataracts in people of under-developed countries. Re-Solv who educate people on volatile substance abuse and the local Huntington's Disease run by Jean Harding.

### KITCHEN CORNER

ANGLESEY EGGS - a Welsh recipe that makes a good lunch or supper dish

1 lb floury potatoes, 6 leeks, 6 eggs, 3 oz butter, 1 tablesp flour, 1/2 pt. milk, seasoning and nutmeg, 2-3 oz. cheddar cheese, some breadcrumbs (optional)

Peel potatoes, clean and slice leeks. Boil potatoes and steam the leeks on top of them, cooking till really soft. Whizz the leeks in food processor with 2 oz. butter, mash the potatoes then beat in the leek puree with plenty of seasoning. Make white sauce with rest of butter, flour and milk, season and add 2 oz. cheese grated. Meanwhile, hard boil, shell and quarter the eggs. Spoon the puree into a ring in a baking dish, pile eggs in centre and pour sauce over them. Scatter remaining cheese over the top and breadcrumbs if liked. Bake in hot oven for 10 mins till bubbling. *Jill Frostick*

### ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL NEWS

The end of the term saw the school saying goodbye to 18 pupils and Mrs Maggs - good luck to you all for the future. The last few weeks of term were very hectic with the Cluster School Sports Day, and the Rounders Tournament where we came second. Also our own Sports Day was as lively as ever - well done Drake team for winning. Lots of school trips have taken place - various years went to Mistley Norman to hear stories and poems from an author and poet.

- Classes and 2 visited Harwich and Parkeston Quay - do you know what HSS means?

- Class 3 visited the Science Museum.
- Year 5 were invited to Essex University to have a go on the Internet and e-mailing - watch your phone bills - they all know what to do now!
- Year 6 had their Intake Day at Manningtree School and became involved in metalwork, woodwork and art. It was great to have feedback from the Headteacher that all of St. George's pupils had been extremely polite and thanked the teachers nicely.

DIARY DATES

- 12 Aug Church Roof Repair meeting. Hollies. 8.00pm
- 15 Aug Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting. Village Hall. 10.00am
- 18 Aug Deadline for copy for 'Messenger' to Editor. please
- 22 Aug Table Top & Car Boot Sale. 12 - 4.00pm. Village Hall
- 27 Aug Gt. Bromley Parish council Meeting. Village Hall. 7.30pm
- 2 Sept W1 meeting. Village Hall. 7.30pm
- 24 Sept Playgroup A.G.M.. 8.00pm
- 25 Sept Essex Police Band. St. George's Church
- 31 Oct Halloween Barn Dance. Village Hall. 7.30pm
- 21 Nov Talk & slides by Roy Tricker. Village Hall. 7.30pm

**P L A Y G R O U P**

Summer is always a fun time at Playgroup. Although we haven't seen a lot of good weather recently, we were very lucky on the day of our annual outing. The weather was glorious and the children and their teddies had a wonderful time at Brightlingsea beach. They had a picnic, played games and there was a competition for the best dressed teddy. The weather was also kind on 4th July for the Cheshire Home Fete. Playgroup had a stall, which was colourfully decorated with paper flowers made by the children. Thank you to all who helped make the afternoon an enjoyable and successful one.

The sponsored 'colour collect' has raised around £300, which is fantastic and is to be spent on equipment for Playgroup. A big thank you to all the children and parents for their hard work! . We would like to thank Annie for her help last term as playgroup assistant and wish her well for the future.

Also leaving us, to start School in September, is Luke Weeley. Good luck from all of us Luke. We return to playgroup on Monday 7th September. Anyone wishing to register their child or if you would like any further information please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince, on 01206 251858 who will be pleased to help.

Toddler Group return on Wednesday 9th September. Please feel free to come along. Your first Visit is free. Have a great summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Dates for your diary:

- Mon 7th Sept - Playgroup return
- Wed 9th Sept - Toddler Group return
- Wed 16th Sept - Photographer at Playgroup 10.30am-12.30pm.
- Thurs 24th Sept - A.G.M. - All welcome

**MILLENNIUM NEWS**

THE GREAT BROMLEY MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

Many thanks to the 'Messenger' distributors for delivering Smartie tubes - we know it wasn't easy. The Clay Pigeon Shoot has been temporarily deferred. Sub-Aqua will be in the Autumn time. We need a few more interested young people. Please phone Paul Bishop on 231529. We are still awaiting local group commitment for fund-raising events. *Linda Pinhey*

FRIENDSHIP CLUB'S MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Do not forget the boot and car sale on 22nd August - 12 noon - 4.00pm. The cost is £5 per table or car if booked before the day or £6 on the day. BOOK NOW - places are limited and going fast so ring Mrs Biddis or call at 'Berriedale' (opposite the school). PLEASE SUPPORT US even if you do not wish to have a table top or car. This is the FRIENDSHIP CLUB'S contribution to the Millennium Fund for the purpose of an extension to YOUR Village Hall. *Vicky Griffiths*

**GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP** STILL DESPERATELY NEED a WARDROBE MISTRESS to take charge of a Very Good Team for Robinson Crusoe (13th-16th January, 1999)

#### GARDENERS CORNER For AUGUST

If you have clumps of daffodils now is the time to dig them up, divide and replant. Take out side buds on dahlias if you want large blooms Towards the end of the month propagate lilies from the small bulbets that are around the main bulb. Feed roses with a liquid fertiliser such as "Tomorite". Take semi-hard cuttings of flowering shrubs. If you have Sweet Peas and Beans, and are going on holiday get a neighbour to keep picking them. *Frank Griffiths*

#### VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Trustees held a meeting on Saturday, 20th June, 1998 chaired by Peter Wenden. Nine members were present and a further four sent their apologies. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed after one name was corrected. Robert Harding outlined the current situation with the Trust Deed Provisions and had drafted a letter to other organisations therein. He also reported that the Charity Commissioners will require the annual report to be submitted in a changed (standardised) format next year. Problems with the kitchen cooker and water heater were reported. It was agreed for the water heater to be repaired and have a filter fitted and for the cooker to be replaced, Both with some urgency due to hall bookings.

Two accounts from hirers were reported outstanding and the Trustees discussed the level of hire charges to be applicable from 1st September, 1998. Pat Petchey has arranged a Barn Dance, with a good band, in aid of hall funds for the 31st October, 1998 which we hope will be well supported - a date for the diary. It was noted that the Parish Council has positioned two tubs of flowers outside the front of the Hall. Next meeting of the Trustees is on Saturday. 15th August at 10.00am at the Hall. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

#### BROMLEY PEOPLE FOUND IN OTHER PLACES

The Burial Register of Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk relates the following and thereby hangs a long family history.

"1637, August 14 Thomas Mannock, of Ardley, gentleman, 105"

This was a great age for a person in the 17th century.

1722, May 7 Mr Thomas Mannock, of Bromley

Ardleigh's Baptism Register records: Anne Mannock, daughter of Thomas & Alice, baptised 1621. Priscilla Mannock, daughter of Thomas & Alice, baptised 1625. William Mannock, Esq., of Giffords Hall, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk, bought Martells Hall, Ardley, about 1628. He died 8th June 1558. His son, Francis Mannock. aged 35, took over Martells from his father and himself died 3rd November, 1590. His son, William, became owner and died 15th March, 1617. Sir Frances Mannock, a son, was created a baron, 1st June, 1627, and died 20th November 1634. Succeeded by his son, Sir Francis, he conveyed Martells, etc., to his youngest son Thomas, who had bought Great Bromley Hall on 3rd June, 1704.

Thomas Mannock had three wives. The first Mary, was a daughter of Thomas Varvell, barber to King Charles II. He had no children by these wives and on his death, without issue, (see burial entry above), the estate goes to a nephew, Sir Francis Mannock, Bart, who died 27th August, 1758. Sir Francis' eldest son, another Sir William Mannock, lived at Great Bromley Hall, dying in March, 1764, leaving an only child, Sir William, a minor.

Great Bromley Hall and Estate passed by sale to Alexander Baring, a wealthy merchant, who became MP for North Essex in 1832 and was elevated to the peerage as Lord Ashburton.

*John Appleby*

#### LETTERS

As a regular user (at least twice a day) of Great Bromley footpaths and lanes, may I ask all owners of trees, hedges and plants to cut back all the overhanging trees, bushes, brambles and stinging nettles etc. to enable full use to be made of the footpaths which are a legal "Right of Way" for pedestrians and wheelchair users. Being a car owner myself I realise most people get in their cars and drive off, only noticing overgrowth if it obstructs their own view. Whilst on my 'hobby horse' may I also request vehicle owners not to park on the pavement as this causes unnecessary obstruction, especially in my case.

*Harwich Road Resident*



## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

**DOORS AND WINDOWS** Lock the doors, windows, boot and sunroof every time you leave your car - however briefly.

**IGNITION KEY AND IMMOBILISER** Take the ignition key out even when the car is parked in your drive or garage. And always set the immobiliser. Follow this routine even when filling up with petrol or just popping into the newsagents. If you do not have an immobiliser consider having one fitted.

**STEERING LOCK AND OTHER SECURITY DEVICES** Always use them.

**VALUABLES AND OTHER POSSESSIONS** Don't leave them on display. That old coat on the back seat may be worthless, but a thief won't know that. He may break in to see if you've left money or cards in the pocket. Remember, the cost of replacing a broken window is far more than the value of the goods stolen. If you can, take your belongings with you. If you can't, lock everything out of sight in the boot, In particular never leave the following anywhere in your car:

1. Cheque, credit and debit cards.
2. Driving documents and personal correspondence. They could help a thief to sell your car or provide a cover story if stopped by the police.
3. Mobile phones. 40% of car break-ins involve the theft of a mobile phone. Mark your phone and battery with your postcode and keep a note of its serial number in a safe place. This will help the police reunite the phone with its owner if it is stolen and subsequently recovered. The Crime Prevention Officer at your local police station or local dealer should be able to provide further information about marking schemes.

**RADIO CASSETTE PLAYERS** Always remove these if you can. Whether removable or not, all equipment should be marked visibly and permanently with the vehicle serial number. Make a note of the serial number and keep it in a safe place. Speakers should be fitted into the fabric of the vehicle - not on the parcel shelf which can be easily removed.

**AERIAL** When parking put the aerial down to stop it being vandalised.

**PARKING** If you have a garage use it. And remember to lock it. More than half of all car thefts occur in the vicinity of the home. When away from home, or if you do not have a garage, always try to park in a well-lit, open location. Thieves target car parks. A quarter of all recorded car crime happens in car parks. When parking in a public car park look for one that is well supervised, with restricted entry and exit points, good lighting and security cameras. Avoid dark corners.

**LOCKABLE WHEEL NUTS** Especially if you have expensive alloy wheels.

**CAR ALARM** Consider fitting one.

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION FOR A FREE LEAFLET**

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on 25th June.

**Land Adjacent to the Old Spread Eagle Car Park** This untidy site has been reported to the District Council in the hope that the owner can be contacted and the site tidied.

**Black Boy Cross Roads** A letter will be sent to the Chief Executive of Essex County Council regarding the problem of vehicles parking outside Selectacars and the hazards which these cause. P.C. Phillips is aware of the visibility problems at the cross roads and is also taking action.

**Grass Verges** A letter will be sent to the Chief Executive of Essex County Council to request urgent cutting of the grass verges for vehicular visibility purposes.

**"Colchester Road" Street name plate** The condition of the street name plate has been reported to Tendring District Council who will be cleaning the sign in the near future.

**War Memorial Maintenance** The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Mr S. West for maintaining the war memorial throughout the year. His work really is appreciated.

Great Bromley Parish Council will hold its next Council meeting on 27th August at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

### VISIT BY HRH PRINCESS ROYAL. LAKEWOOD OPENING

Do you have any photographs of the Princess Royal taken at the recent opening of the Lakewood Development that the Parish Council could borrow? We would like to display a suitable photograph of the occasion in the Village Hall. Please reply to Mrs Shute

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our July meeting was held in Mrs Jill Frostick's garden and luckily it was one of the few nice evenings we have had this year. We all enjoyed ourselves playing boules, croquet and tennis or just looking around and admiring the garden. Later on in the evening Mrs Rita Baxter, our President, gave us her account of the Intermediate National AGM of the W.I., held in Brighton with over three and a half thousand representatives present.

We do not have a meeting in the Village Hall in August as it is our Annual Outing. This year we are going out for an evening meal. At our September meeting we are having a talk on "Dolls Houses". Do come along if you wish in the Village Hall on 2nd September at 7.30pm.

*June Willgress*

### "A LOVE AFFAIR WITH OLD CHURCHES"

A talk with slides by Roy Tricker, church crawler and self-confessed crank. At the Village Hall, 7.30pm followed v supper on Saturday. 21st November aid of church Roof Repair Fund Roof

Repair Fund meeting on Wednesday, 12th August at 8.00pm , at Hollies. Colchester Road

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our June meeting we were disappointed not to have Mr Padwick for a Musical afternoon, but BINGO came to the rescue and we enjoyed trying to keep up with Mrs Biddis calling the numbers! HATFIELD HOUSE is well worth a visit, the weather was good, apart from one short sharp shower which did not deter us from wandering round the beautiful gardens. Lord and Lady Salisbury can trace their family back to the 1400's and they have sons and grandsons to carry on in the future.

The entertainment at our August meeting will be the Mavis Baker Singers which I am sure will include a little 'community' singing. Competition: an egg cup. *Vicky Griffiths*

### THE PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS HARVEST LUNCH 1998

The HARVEST LUNCH will this year be held on Sunday, 11th October, 1998 at 12.30pm for 1.00pm in Great Bromley Village Hall

Last year we received tremendous response to our request for items for the buffet lunch. The event raised nearly £400. We wish to build upon past successes and look to even greater support this year. Would those of you who helped last year and would like to do so again this year please contact us. Also anyone who has not been involved before please contact us.

Please note the date in your diary. Details of where to obtain tickets etc. will be given in next month's 'Messenger'. Call us or leave a message in the envelope on the Church Notice Board. We look forward to hearing from you. *Patricia and Keith Hughes*

### ST. GEORGES PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

<u>COFFEE MAKING</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
alter 9.30am Service		
B Welham	2 August	A & J Wild
J Harding	9 August	H Brown & S Rampling
A Fairley	16 August	B & J Welham
B Welham	23 August	O Sparling
J Harding	30 August	A & J Wild

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2 Aug V Biddis 16 Aug G Gould 30 Aug 1 Golding

Dear Parishioner

As I write 750 bishops of the Anglican Communion are converging on Canterbury for their ten-yearly meeting. Known as the Lambeth Conference it is a time of Christian prayer, study, and conversation, trying to discern the will of God. Coming as they do from self-governing churches and when all is said and done representing less than 1% of Christians you may well wonder why I'm even mentioning it! Two reasons I suppose, first is that we're going to be hearing a lot about it anyway, and second it does help us to see ourselves as part of a church that is worldwide. We are just beginning what is known as the silly season, a time of slow news stories and not much else. What greater gift can there be to editors of the land struggling to fill pages and find

headlines. I'm sure none of you believe everything you read in print (except in the 'Messenger' of course). We will read about the extremes, those who make the most noise, have the most money to further their cause, those who help to sell newspapers. I doubt many will focus on the 1000+, (that's the bishops, with their spouses and chaplains not to mention all the thousands who join them in prayer throughout the world) who will spend time each day in prayer, mediation and Bible study. Maybe I'm wrong, hopefully I will be. Hopefully wrong so that the Lambeth Conference reminds us that there are many more black people than white who see Canterbury as a focus for unity. That the issues of poverty, persecution, lack of education and basic human needs are real issues for ordinary folk. That the challenges of culture, like polygamy, abortion on demand, and sexual freedom are real challenges for people like you and me.

"No publicity is bad publicity". Let me be the first to say that the Church, and especially those of us who get to be seen in public often wearing the last thing in fashion, that we do give great material for jokes and silly season stories. Let me say too that it's often the clowns in a circus who can make us cry as well as laugh, who point us to something beyond ourselves. Something I would want to call God. May He bless you. *Fr. Nicolas Spicer*

### **Services for August**

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| Sunday 2nd              | 7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr<br>8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr  |
| Sunday 9th              | 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin<br>8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br>7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr<br>8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer & BAPTISM St. George the Martyr |
| Sunday 23rd             | 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin<br>8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer & Sermon St. Mary the Virgin   |
| Sunday 30th             | 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin<br>8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  |

Weekday Services as announced in the Parish Newsletter

## The Bromley Messenger September 1998

When considering what to write having been prevailed upon to contribute a piece for the 'Messenger' I thought "Why do we have a parish magazine?" .The effort involved in its production is not insignificant yet unlike commercial publications there is not profit for its publishers. It is a medium for keeping its readers informed of local events both past and future and a soap box from which people can express their views on local topics if they wish. But as I thought about it further it occurred to me that there is more to it than that. It fits into the same scheme of things as the family newsletter, the local weekly paper, the regional daily paper and the national newspapers. Publication of these helps the readers to identify themselves with and strengthen their sense of family, friendship and community whether that community be parish, village, town, city, county or country. No matter how we view ourselves we are all part of a community in some form and the 'Messenger' is part of the cement for the community. G.H.

We thank THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE BROMLEYS for sponsoring the September edition of The Messenger and for their continued support of the magazine.

### THE PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS

#### HARVEST LUNCH 1998

On Sunday, 11th October at 12.30pm for 1.00pm in the Village Hall, Great Bromley  
Tickets Adult £4 Family £10 Obtainable from Olive Sparling, Stan West, James Wild, Ben Welham and at Little Bromley & Great Bromley Post Offices.  
To aid catering please buy your tickets before the date. Tickets are also limited for safety reasons. Please bring your own cutlery, wine and juices - glasses will be provided.

ESSEX POLICE BAND are performing at St. George's Church, Gt. Bromley on Friday, 25th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00 including a glass of wine obtainable from Stan West

#### DIARY DATES - SEPTEMBER

2nd WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
12th Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Bike Ride  
15th Deadline for copy for 'Messenger' to Editor, please  
16th Photographer at Playgroup  
17th Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm  
24th WEA term starts, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm  
24th Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
24th Playgroup A.G.M., Village Hall, 8.00pm  
25th Essex Police Band, St. George's Church, 7.30pm  
28th St George's School PTA AGM, School Hall, 7.30pm  
29th Gt Bromley Pantomime Group Casting meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
1 Oct Gt Bromley Pantomime Group Auditions, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
11 Oct St George's Church Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm  
31 Oct Halloween Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
14 Nov Coffee Morning & Sale of Work, Vincas Farm, Ardleigh, 10.00am  
21 Nov Talk & slides by Roy Tricker, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Dec Christmas Sale, Village Hall

Local Driving Instructor, GARY SKINNER of Meadow Close, will on 1st November be competing in the **New York Marathon** (26 long miles) in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. We are desperately seeking sponsors. If you would like to help raise our target of £2,000 please contact Teresa on 01206 250878.



## ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL NEWS

School re-opens on Monday, 7th September. PTA A.G.M. 28th September - 7.30pm, School Hall. New parents (and old) are invited to come along. Thank you to Dave Skinner, Nigel Rowe and Peter Mylam who painted Class 4 and the toilets during the holidays - good job boys and which classroom is next?

Nicky Robinson is organising the Webb Ivory Christmas catalogue circulation, so please ask to see a catalogue - 25% of all money received goes to the school. She raised £65 with the Spring catalogue - well done. Any company or individual who would like to donate a raffle prize for the Christmas Bazaar should contact the school or a PTA member.

## PLAYGROUPE

As we prepare for the start of a new term, we look forward to welcoming some new faces. The theme for this term is "Music" which promises to be fun if somewhat "noisy"! Included in the playgroup sessions we have a "Rising Fives" group, which starts the term that a child is four years old. This is to encourage the children in concentration skills, pencil control, letter and number formation, recognition of colours, shapes and their own name. The aim is to assist in preparing them for the more formal approach found in the classroom.

On Wednesday, 16th September the photographer will be coming to playgroup. She will be at the hall from 10.30am-12.30pm. Everyone welcome - just come along.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 24th September at 8.00pm - please come if you can. If you have any queries please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince, on 01206 251858 who will be pleased to help.

Dates for your diary: Mon 7 Sept - Playgroup return Wed 9 Sept - Toddler Group return

Wed 16 Sept - Photographer at Playgroup , Thurs 24 Sept - A.G.M. at 8.00pm - All welcome

Mon 26 Oct - Half term week

## BROWNIES

During the summer we welcomed Hannah into the Pack and said goodbye at the end of the term to Daisy, Clare, Laura, Chantelle, Bryony, Emmagrace and Lexy. We wish them all well for the future. On 17th September when we start the Autumn term we are being joined by Louise Pooks who is going to become our Tawny Owl and we look forward to welcoming her into our Pack. The brownies have learnt about water safer - very important in this; area - and gained their Water Safety badge as a result. Some of the brownies visited over half term Castle Heddingham Pottery where they each made an elephant followed by a picnic and a visit to the steam trains. The Pack also visited the Secret Bunker in Mistley (well worth a visit for anyone), been on trails in the grounds of the Cheshire Home to whom we give thanks, made craft items and cooked food, enjoyed Brownie Revels hosted this year by Dedham and danced and played the evening away at a disco organised by Emma and Lauren. Thank you to all the parents who have helped during the term and I look forward to seeing you all again on 17th at 5.30pm. Any girl aged 7-10, may join the brownies. For further information please ring Leonie Henderson on 231262.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The work of a Magistrate is very varied and the talk by Margaret Clubb at our July meeting was most interesting. She was very willing to answer any questions from the members. At our September meeting Mrs Gray, who rode across the U.S.A. on horseback, will be relating to us her experiences. Come on now!!! Let's have some fun - the COMPETITION for September is a FREE HAND drawing of a horse - no cheating with tracing paper! *Vicky Griffiths*

## ARDLEIGH WEA

The Autumn Term will commence on Thursday, 24th September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Station Road. Ardleigh. Tutor for the ten-week course will be Marion Tomlinson of Colchester, who will have as her subject 'An introduction to the World's Major Religions'. The course will offer a brief survey of six of the major religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Islam. Shi'ite Islam and Sikhism) with the aim of understanding the origins, nature and persistence of religion. It is hoped to show the interaction of religion and culture and how one can influence the other. Christianity will not be treated as a separate Subject, but references and comparisons will be made throughout the course. Fees: Full £22.50; concessionary - £20 Unemployed - Free. Please note there will be a 'half term' break on 22nd October. For further details ring Secretary - 01206 230476 or Chairman 01206 230473. (Transport can be offered if needed).

### CHURCH ROOF REPAIR FUND

Simon Clarkson Webb from Braham Hall, Lt. Bromley has taken over the role of Recorder/Treasurer for this fund. At the last meeting warm and generous thanks were extended to James Wild who had held the position for some years. The next meeting is on 30th September at 8.00pm at Copley Dene.

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### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary on 17th July with a tea party to which we had invited the over-60s from the village. Mrs Rita Baxter, our President, welcomed everybody and Father Nicolas Spicer said grace. We then all enjoyed the tea provided by our members. A gorgeous commemorative cake, made by Mrs Jean Wright, was cut by Mrs Beryl Hurst our longest serving member. Afterwards we were entertained by Carol K who sang many memorable songs. We had much pleasure in joining in. At the end, on behalf of the guests, Mr Stan West thanked the W.I. for a very nice evening.

On 25th July W.I. members were invited to the Acorn Village in Mistley. Several of us were shown around by Mr Denzil Green, the Founder. First we saw the workshops where residents and two day visitors produce items of very high standard ranging from garden furniture to woven wool rugs. Then we visited the specially built bungalows in each of which eight residents each have their own rooms with bathroom Facilities en suite. There are also two "Quiet" rooms that were funded by the Prince's Trust. After our tour we all had refreshments then left for home with a feeling of what a caring and happy atmosphere there was in the village. Incidentally, Mr Green said that they are always grateful for unwanted wool, used or unused, but it must be pure wool. For our Annual Outing, on 15th August, 15 members went to "The Bull" in Lirantiam for an evening meal in the restaurant. We had a very pleasant time with a very good choice of food. At our next meeting on 2nd September, we are having a talk on Dolls' Houses at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to come along will be made very welcome. *June Willgress*

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### HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

A Summer Party was held recently by the invitation of Charm and Andrew Wheatley at Ballast Quay House, Wivenhoe. 13 children, mainly from HD families and an equal number of adults had a happy picnic and for some a dip in the open air pool in lovely weather. Shortly, a few of the children are going on a national HD activity camp organised by the HDA. We have been fortunate to catch the ear of the BBC so PLEASE listen and respond to the Week's Good Cause on Radio 4 on Sunday, 6th September in aid of HD families and research. I am in touch with 85 families in this area alone, who are affected by this cruel hereditary condition. Look out for collection boxes if you are in a Spar shop. Many have generously taken them and hope to raise £20,000 by the year 2000. *Jean Harding*

### THE ENGLISH NATIONAL COSTUME

There are many national costumes of every style and mode  
And the English national costume is the Ancient Briton's WOAD.

But woad was not the only thing they wore upon display,  
Strategically placed Badger skins kept winter's chill at bay!

AHC

### KITCHEN CORNER

I am deputising for Jill Frostick this month and have chosen the following recipe which I often use when the family visit. It is a simple and easy one that the children might like to try.

#### **JAM CRUMBLIES** (makes 10)

4 oz margarine, 8 oz plain flour, 1-2 oz granulated sugar, 8 oz strawberry jam (or jam of your choice) 7" shallow square tin

Set oven to fairly hot, Gas Mark 6 or 400F/200C. Cut the marg into the flour then rub it in until it resembles fine breadcrumbs and divide the mixture in half.

To one half add enough water to make a soft, but not sticky, dough. Knead lightly on a floured surface. Roll out the dough to line the sides and base of the tin. Mark the sides with a fork to make a decorative edge. Spread the jam evenly over the pastry base. Add the sugar to the remaining crumble mixture then sprinkle it over the jam. Bake for 40-45 minutes until the pastry and crumble are a light golden colour. When cold cut into fingers.

Note: Mincemeat can be used making a change from the traditional mince pies.

Freezing note: Freeze the fingers for up to 3 months. *June Willgress*

### WHAT'S IN THE KITCHEN?

In the Kitchen at Great Bromley Hall in 1763 were the following - The housekeeper for the Mannock family records with her quaint spelling: "1 paier of iron snufers. 2 larding ladels, (used to take the fat from meats, etc.), 1 large stew pan and lead (lid), an old fish plate.

The best puter, 14 dishes, 3 dozen of plats, 1 dozen of soop plats. 1 large fish puter plate. 1 warter plate, 1 gallon puter measuer, a tine slice, 1 iron treavet, a sauce pan that hoald 5. pints with a cover to it, 1 pint copper, 1 quart ditto. 1 puter bread pan, 1 handal bowl. 2 clos stool with 2 puter pans, a paier of small brass scalls with small weights. a large flower beand. (does this bean "bin"?), hodd. a long ham troph (trough) with a lead".

Could you cook with that equipment? They did in 1763 and also took this equipment backwards and forwards between Great Bromley Hall and Giffords Hall, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk.

*John Appleby*

### GARDENERS CORNER FOR SEPTEMBER

When your tomatoes are just turning colour. pick them and put in a PAPER bag and within a couple of days they will be ready for eating. Cut the seed heads of poppies for drying - these can be used for flower decoration later. To get new growth on mint cut down to within 4" of the ground and keep watering during this dry weather. Now is the time to pot up hyacinths and daffodils for Christmas flowering. Dig the potatoes now - if left in the ground too long slugs and wireworms will have a "hay day. Pick apples as soon as they are ready, wrap them in newspaper separately and store in a cardboard box in a cool shed or garage - make sure there are no blemishes on them as this will soon turn them rotten. *Frank Griffiths*

### VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

A meeting of the Trustees was held on 15th August chaired by Peter Wenden. The kitchen water heater was reported to be in working order again and the cooker has been replaced. Painting of the front of the stage was in hand. Some damage was reported to the south-east corner roof of the Village Hall which appears to have been caused by a tall vehicle or similar colliding therewith. The area has been examined and repair work will commence shortly. Letters received from Gt Bromley Parish Council. Dominion Oils and the Gt Bromley Millennium Committee were discussed. One hirer's account was reported outstanding. The level of hire charges applicable from 1 September was discussed and agreed.

A Barn Dance, with a good band, will be held in aid of Hall funds on 31st October. Tickets may be obtained from Pat Petchey on 250617. Another date for your diary is 28th November for the Christmas Sale in the Village Hall organised by Jean Wright. Next meeting of the Trustees is on Saturday. 24th October at 10.00am at the Hall. - *Bevan Willgress. Secretary*

### "A LOVE AFFAIR WITH OLD CHURCHES"

A talk with slides By Roy Tricker, church crawler and self-confessed crank. At the Village Hall, 7.30pm followed by supper on Saturday, 21st November in aid of church Roof Repair Fund

COFFEE MORNING & SALE OF WORK For the United Benefice of Ardleigh and Great Bromley 14th November at Vincés Farm, Ardleigh 10.00am - 1.00pm. Details later.

### "SMARTIES" FUND RAISING

Thank you to all those people who have already filled and returned their Smartie Tubes to Great Bromley Village Store. For those people who have not, you still have until the end of September to return them. All contributions will be gratefully received and don't forget you stand a chance of winning a prize! If you have any problems returning your tubes. we would be pleased to arrange collection. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS GOOD CAUSE Thank you, Tracy

### GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP "ROBINSON CRUSOE"

CASTING MEETING Tuesday, 29th September, 7.30pm AUDITIONS Thursday, 1st October, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

and we STILL DESPERATELY NEED a WARDROBE MISTRESS to take charge of a Very Good Team for 'Robinson Crusoe'. (13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> January. 1999) PLEASE RING 231067.

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL A meeting was held on 16th July at the Methodist Chapel School, Lt Bromley. The Council have heard that Lt Bromley is not at this stage going to receive any traffic calming measures from Transportation & Operation Services. No decisions have been made regarding Millennium celebrations. T.D.C. have been approached as to whether finance is available for use in improving the War Memorial (grass cutting, protection etc.) and tidying up of the village and the car park.

Planning Application TEN/98/069 - for Four bedroom detached house and garage The Parish Council had no objections in principle but felt that this type of property was not appropriate in relation to the bungalow on one side and cottages on the other. There was also a query regarding drainage.

The next meeting of the Lt Bromley Parish Council will be held on 17th September at the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish council will be held on 24th September at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### HALLOWEEN BARN DANCE

at Great Bromley Village Hall on Saturday, 31st October at 7.30 pm In aid of Village Hall Funds. Dancing to the LANTERN BAND with CALLER Licensed Bar and Raffle  
Tickets £7 (inc. sausage and chips, plus sweet)

### THE GRACE OF GIVING

I welcome this opportunity to write about Christian 'giving', both in relation to general principles and the Family Purse. During the past year 80% of our parishes responded magnificently and paid their quota in full. Others were unable to do so, for a wide variety of reasons. Clearly, though, if the church in this hugely diverse Diocese is to grasp all the opportunities for forwarding God's Kingdom as we approach a new Millennium, greater financial resources will be needed. I have little doubt that the money is there but releasing it and offering it for God's mission and ministry in the world is the challenge. One in which all of us have a part to play. Where do we begin? With God himself and his bountiful grace. Our 'giving', whether it be financial or otherwise, is a glad response to his amazing grace. This is underlined and illustrated in Chapters 8 and 9 of St Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Church. The Apostle frequently used the language of example in his teaching. Examples put flesh and bone on truth. Here the example is the Macedonian Christians, whose response to the grace of God in Jesus Christ was expressed in thankfulness and extraordinary generosity. At a time of their own severe trial and extreme poverty they gave unreservedly to the needs of others with 'overflowing joy' (8:2). Over the years I have often been humbled by what I have seen of the great generosity of those who can least afford it. Within our own Diocese the level of giving is higher in some less affluent areas than in others that are more prosperous. Like the Macedonians, they count it a privilege to give and rejoice in its grace. This is the outcome of first giving ourselves to Christ and to others in shared discipleship and ministry (8:5). Without this step, giving becomes only a duty or burden. The experience of the grace of God in our lives evokes a glad response. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (8:9).



Out of the experience of the grace of God, each church and its individual members are able to discover the grace of giving for themselves. In practical terms this has to embrace local and often overseas responsibilities, as well as the Diocesan Family Purse. Many Christians have found the principle of the tithe (10%) as a helpful basis for their giving. Over the years my wife, Gay, and I, like many others, have had a tithing account out of which covenants are made. This helps to ensure that giving is not sporadic but systematic. (Church Treasurers are always delighted to receive covenants which help in responsible budgeting and provide welcome tax back from the Government!) The tithe, though, is not an end in itself. It provides a helpful bench mark, but the grace of giving will often respond over and above the tithe and as needs arise (e. g. Sudan Famine Relief). In a nutshell, as I travel round the Diocese, I am often encouraged by the many examples of the grace of giving, and where parishes have responded superbly to the Family Purse. But I am also acutely aware that financial responsibilities need to be shared more widely so that we can grow in cohesion and confidence in pursuit of our Diocesan Five Marks of Mission.

Let the last word be with the Apostle Paul "each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly but under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (9:7-8).

*John Chelmsford*

Dear Parishioners,

At a recent meeting of the Church Council we did some exercises to ascertain our priorities. At the top of the list came People Involvement followed by Finance. Over the next few weeks and months the Church Council will be looking at ways to meet these priorities, then including the Congregation, and then members of the ? and those who look to St. George's and the Rector for visits, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a recent letter from the Bishop of Chelmsford. In it Bishop John writes of the Family Purse or Quota which is the share each parish has for the work of the priests and their support structures in this diocese. Here in The Bromleys we are amongst those who, in the past, have been unable to pay in full for "a wide variety of reasons". Be assured that we have made our reasons well known! Already we make a distinction between money given to the Repair Fund and that for the expenses of the Church. Everyone is free to give as to and where they want, but forgive me if I show signs of frustration when the building has money and we can't pay the bills! There are positive signs ahead for the Repair Fund, though this is going to involve a final push by us all. In the future, as in the past, completion will be achieved principally by the generosity of those who do not actually worship with us. Our contributions to the life of the Church itself, may in the end be harder to find.

The Bishop's letter is where I would like all this to begin. There will be of course, some of you reading this for whom talking of God and the future of the Church in The Bromleys means nothing, so I ask your patience and tolerance. Many of you choose to worship in other places and I ask for your prayers. For others, the Church here is not rich. Please forgive past negligences committed by those at top level where money is concerned. Look to the future, to the work of the Church in our building, in the school, in this parish. Whilst no-one is making threats yet, it must be said that the fact that we don't pay our way makes us more vulnerable to being "united" with a third parish. I have committed myself to working with Ardleigh and The Bromleys and that is how I see the future, others think differently!

If it is part of you to want to make a response to the work and life of the Church of England in a Financial or People Involvement way, let me know, let a member of the Church Council or Congregation know. Tough decisions are having to be made and we need to know where we stand, and what the foundations and need for the Church in The Bromleys. May God bless you in your thoughts, words, and actions. *Fr. Nicolas*

ST. GEORGES PARISH CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

COFFEE MAKING	Date	CLEANING
alter 9.30am Service		
A Fairley	6 Sept	H Brown & S Rampling
B Welham	13 Sept	B & J Welham
J Harding	20 Sept	P Greenfield & M Bush
A Fairley	27 Sept	O Sparling

Church Flower Rota 1999 Fortnightly  
13 Sept G Hayward  
27 Sept H Atkinson

**ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR  
GREAT BROMLEY**  
*united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh*

**Services for September**



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- Sunday 6th            8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
                             9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr  
                             11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin  
                             6.30pm Evening Prayer St. George the Martyr
- Sunday 13th            8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
                             9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr  
                             11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin  
                             6.30pm Harvest Festival (Ardleigh Methodists)
- Sunday 20th            8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr  
                             9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr  
                             11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin  
                             6.30pm Evening Prayer & BAPTISM St. George the Martyr
- Sunday 27th            7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin  
                             8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin  
                             9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr  
                             11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin  
                             6.30pm HARVEST FESTIVAL Little Bromley

Weekday Services as announced in the Parish Newsletter

## **The Bromley Messenger October 1998**

Most people would probably agree that to live in a free society is not only desirable but essential for their well being and happiness. Freedom is something we cherish and for which our fathers and grandfathers fought and in many cases laid down their lives. But what exactly does this freedom give us the right to do? Does it mean that individuals are free to make up their own minds about how they live and what they do, that the choices they make are nobody's business except their own?

Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, is well known as a writer and radio and television broadcaster. In a book published last year entitled "The Politics of Hope" he looks at the way society has changed over the last two centuries and in particular at the revolution which took place in the 1960s when traditional institutions and values lost their importance. New values emerged in nearly all spheres which meant morality in its traditional forms was all but eliminated.

"Punishment was no longer retributive. Benefits were not administered on the basis of merit. Neither the family nor the school were to be places where virtues were taught or customs passed on across the generations. The central concepts of morality - individual responsibility, the internalisation of restraint - had come to seem scientifically misguided and psychologically damaging."

All this has had a catastrophic effect not only on the family but on the wider community Dr Sacks says. He is sure we need families and communities to shape our identity and political structures to resolve our conflicts and that there must be a balance between the two which at the moment we have lost. He is however hopeful that change, change for the better is possible, giving some pointers in this prophetic book as to how this might be achieved - "not by governments but by us, as husbands and wives, parents and citizens, and by the knowledge that what we do and what we are makes a difference to those around us. We can change the world if we can change ourselves. Indeed that is the only way the world is changed, for politics ultimately works through people and our acceptance of responsibility. That is why morality is prior to politics, and why it remains the only secure base of freedom and dignity. Renewing society's resources of moral energy is the programme, urgent but achievable, of a new politics of hope."

The front cover says "The Politics of Hope" is original, powerful, and provocative. It is likely to reframe the terms of moral and political debate for years to come. Do read this outstanding book: it is one which I am sure many people, like myself, will want to re-read and ponder over time and time again.

*Monica Rant*

Jonathan Sacks THE POLITICS OF HOPE Jonathan Cape £15.99

We thank GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL for sponsoring the October edition of 'The Messenger' and for their continued support as the publishers of the magazine.

### The Great Bromley MILLENNIUM FUND

A meeting of the committee was held on 26th August chaired by Mandy Gaffney. Regrettably Len Christodoulides has resigned as secretary, due to commitments elsewhere. His efforts in 'creating' the committee were well appreciated and members passed on their thanks to him. It was agreed that Paul Bishop would succeed Len. Fund raising is progressing well with a recent BBQ. and the Friendship Club Boot Sale raising approximately £350.00. We are still waiting for progress reports from other village organisations on the status of their proposed events. Please contact either Mandy Gaffney or Paul Bishop.

### FURTHER EVENTS: QUIZ NIGHT

on Wednesday, 21st October 8.00 for 8.30pm at The Snooty Fox

All proceeds to the Millennium Fund

1st and Booby prizes \* Nibbles at half time \* £1.00 per entrant

ALSO We will be drawing the raffle for the 'Smartie' winners. SO COME ALONG

N.B. Would the people who have not received a raffle ticket in place of full smarties tubes please collect from the Post Office. ANY LATE SMARTIE TUBES WILL BE WELCOME

### THE PARISH OF THE BROMLEYS HARVEST LUNCH 1998

Sunday, 11th October in the Village Hall, Great Bromley at 12.30pm for 1.00pm  
COFFEE MAKING after 9.30am Service 4 October B Welham 11 October J Harding  
CLEANING 4 October A and J Wild 11 October H Brown & S Rampling  
FLOWER ROTA Fortnightly 4 Oct D Taylor 18 Oct A Fairley

### COFFEE MORNING & SALE OF WORK

at Vincés Farm, Ardleigh on Sunday, 14th November at 10.00am - 1.00pm  
Bring & Buy, Cakes, Produce, Raffle & Beautiful Handmade Gifts at affordable prices  
Solve your Christmas present problems \* Easy parking  
For the United Benefice of St. George's, Great Bromley and St. Mary's, Ardleigh

### GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB

are having a QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 14th November at Gt. Bromley Village Hall.  
Tickets are £2 per person. Anyone wishing to enter a team please contact Philip Allam.  
Doors open at 2.30pm for 8.00pm start. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

### GARDENERS CORNER for OCTOBER

It is not too late to take cuttings of Lavender, Geraniums or hardwood shrubs. Plant wallflower and canterbury bell seeds for next year. Winter flowering Pansies can be planted in tubs and containers now to give colour all through the winter, but if there is a prolonged spell of freezing weather put them in a shed or garage to prevent them cracking. If you need to clear the vegetable plot dig up the beetroot, carrots and parsnips - place in a black plastic bag then bury it in a corner of the plot out of the way, to be used as required. STOP feeding your fishes this month as they find it difficult to digest food during the winter. - *Frank Griffiths*

### VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Trustees last met on Saturday, 15th August as reported in the August 'Bromley Messenger'. Many facilities exist at the Hall and three areas are available for hiring at reasonable rates. These are a main hall with stage, a smaller hall and a large committee room, all with the optional use of the kitchen. Maybe you come to the hall on a regular basis, if not why not seek out some of the existing groups and see what they offer. Alternatively, consider a hiring yourself or starting a new group, our bookings person is Mrs Lynda Allam.  
Barn Dance, with the Lantern Band and Caller, will be held in aid of Hall funds on 31st October, tickets may be obtained from Pat Petchey. The Trustees next meet on Saturday, 24th October at 10.00am at the Hall. *Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Betty Fuller came along to our September meeting to tell us about Dolls' Houses, the history of which can be traced back 400 years. The Duke of Bavaria was the first owner of one in about 1557, he had a miniature made of his grand house. This started a fashion which spread around wealthy families in Europe, the Dutch miniatures were called Cabinet Houses. Craftsmen, here in England, started to make them in the 17th Century. They reflected the wealth and status of the families, carpenters working on estates often made one for the daughter of the house and Chippendale also started making miniature furniture. Some of these houses survive today. Queen Mary's own is in Windsor Castle and one she had made for the children of London is in 'The Museum of Childhood' in Bethnal Green, together with other examples. Nowadays, these miniatures are sought after as collectors' items, but many of today's Dolls' Houses are copies of modern homes and sold as toys. Mrs Fuller told us that having always been interested in miniature furniture she started going to an Adult Education course about 8 years ago. She brought along some of her work to show us which included a replica of her parents' parlour, a garden and a forge - complete with horse!  
On 7th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we have Jacki Bovis telling us about Christmas Decorations. We are always pleased to welcome visitors, so do come along. Another date for your Diary is the Christmas Sale to be held on 28th November in the Village Hall, proceeds this year to be shared between the Village Hall and the W.I. - *June Willgress*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB MILLENNIUM PROJECT:

We offer our grateful thanks to everyone who supported us at the Boot and Table Top Sale on 22nd August, which raised the sum of £190. We seem to be unlucky regarding our musical meetings as unfortunately Mavis Baker could not be with us. At the last minute Chief Supt. Bill Pirie agreed to come along to give us a very humorous talk on his career from his first day in the Police Force to his retirement. The speaker for October will be Mr Stevens talking to us on the lives of the Romanies. COMPETITION: a string of GLASS beads. - *Vicky*

### KITCHEN CORNER: COURGETTES WITH BACON & CRUMBS

One of Nigel Slator's recipes, which has become a favourite in our household. It serves 4 people. 8 smallish courgettes olive oil 50g (2 oz) butter 15 basil leaves 100g (4 oz) diced streaky bacon 2 large cloves garlic peeled & chopped fine grated zest of 1 lemon 125g (5 oz) soft white breadcrumbs

Slice the courgettes into about 6 pieces diagonally. Using a shallow pan, heat olive oil and cook the slices over moderate heat, with lid on, till golden and tender. Lift out and keep them warm in a baking or roasting tin, seasoning with salt and black pepper. Add butter to the pan, add bacon and garlic. Fry until the fat is golden then add crumbs, basil and lemon rind. Fry till golden, stirring so the crumbs get crisp but not burnt. Tip over the courgettes and serve.

### CARPET BOWLS

Already it is that time of year when fixtures have been made for matches through till April next year, and the league season started, albeit earlier than usual due to three new clubs being absorbed into the Tendring league. Our first match was against Silver Dawn (Jaywick) resulting in a win for Gt. Bromley. Silver Dawn played well but lacked match experience. They had one or two very promising youngsters on their team - we, also, would welcome any local young people to join us. Despite the holiday season club evenings have been quite well supported. A ladies Fours played in a tournament at Clacton on 6th September. they won their first game but lost the other two so did not make the second round. The money raised at this event was sent to the Flying Ambulance Fund. On 9th September we met Beaumont at home and managed another 8-0 win. League matches are only a part of our programme, there is plenty of fun and good sport to be had on club evenings, after all, carpet bowls is a leisure activity to be enjoyed. To all members - have a good season! *Nancy Kempster*

### DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 29th Gt Bromley Pantomime Group Casting meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
OCTOBER

1st Gt Bromley Pantomime Group Auditions, Village Hall, 7.30pm

3rd Sponsored Annual Fire Swim (see School news)

7th WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

10th Charity Boot Sale, The Cross Inn, 8.00am

11th St George's Church Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30pm

14th Deadline for 'Messenger' copy to Editor, please

21st Quiz Night, 'The Snooty Fox', 8.00pm

22nd Guide & Brownie Hut meeting, The Pirie Hut, 7.30pm

24th Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 10.00am

29th Gt Bromley Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

31st Halloween Barn Dance, Village Hall, 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

14th Coffee Morning & Sale of Work, Vincas Farm, Ardleigh, 10.00am

14th Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm

12th East Coast Sounds and Paul Simons, St. George's Church, 7.30pm

21st Talk & Slides by Roy Tricker, Village Hall, 7.30pm

28th Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 28th November, 1998 at Gt Bromley Village Hall 2.00-4.00pm. This year in aid of Gt. Bromley Village Hall Association and Gt. Bromley Women's Institute. All usual STALLS and of course FATHER CHRISTMAS in attendance. Any offers of items for stalls and raffle prizes would be very welcome. Ring J Wright on 230663. Ring same number for items requiring collection.

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Tickets:

£10 including supper & wine  
£5 no refreshment obtainable from

Jean Harding 01206 230425 and Gt. Bromley Post Office

In aid of Church Roof Repair Fund

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at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy a lighthearted  
Musical Evening  
in

St. George's Church, Gt. Bromley

You will be entertained by the well  
known

### EAST COAST SOUNDS

A male Barbershop Quartet  
and

**PAUL SIMONS** at the Piano

Advance Bookings - James Wild 230679  
and Olive Sparling 230436

Also tickets from  
Little & Great Bromley Post  
Office/Stores  
£5 including wine



## HALLOWEEN BARN DANCE

at Great Bromley Village Hall  
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Dancing to the LANTERN BANG  
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Licensed Bar and Raffle

Tickets £7 (inc. sausage and chips,  
plus sweet) obtainable from  
250617; 230506; 230578  
and



Gt. Bromley P.O.

## THE CROSS INN BURNT HEATH, GREAT BROMLEY

(Bookings:- 01206 230282) The CROSS INN is currently undergoing extensive renovation, but is open for fine ales, spirits and soft drinks including coffee and tea, Sunday lunch and light meals. Bed and Breakfast is also available - twin rooms with en suite loo and shower, coffee-making facilities and TV. Pay us a visit and you'll receive a warm welcome. Watch this space for further development news. Your hosts - Brenda and Richard Perry

## PECKING

The saddest thing I ever did see,  
Was a woodpecker peckin' at a plastic tree  
He looked at me and, "Friend" says he,  
"Things ain't as sweet as they used to be".

*Author unknown*

## HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

18 members took advantage of an invitation to swim in a local private family pool recently and these included nine children from HD families. This was a wonderful gesture to our Branch which we really greatly appreciate. The importance of these children forming links and friendships together is inestimable and which may stand them in very good stead in the future if, and as, things get tough for them. We went on to the Cross Inn for a happy lunchtime where Brenda and Richard, the new proprietors, made us so very welcome. Thank you to all. Brenda and Richard from the Cross have generously offered to run a Boot Sale, the fees from pitches to come to our Branch. PLEASE support this, book your pitch, or come and buy or both!

## CHARITY BOOT SALE In aid of Huntington's Disease Association

at The CROSS INN on Saturday, 10th October

Pitches £4 in advance - 20 only £6 on the day Book now 230282 Hot refreshments available

## DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Exhibitions and Maintenance Grants for Educational purposes are offered to young people resident in Ardleigh, Bradfield, Great Bromley, Dedham and Stratford St. Mary. Application forms may be obtained from Christopher Barlow, Clerk to the Governors at 47 Butt Road, Colchester, Essex CO3 3BZ. The closing date for applications is Friday, 23rd October. 1998

## ST. GEORGES SCHOOL NEWS

The school returned in September to a newly erected safety fence, which will eventually all be green. Thank you to Simon Baines for organising the same. The topics for this term are: Class 1 - Toys, Class 2 - Health & Fitness and Romans, Class 3 - Romans and Moving & Growing, Class 4 - Life Cycles

The after school clubs are well attended with netball on Mondays, football on Wednesdays and Thursdays and Art Club on Wednesdays. Thank you to all the helpers who organise these activities.

3rd October is the Annual Fire Swim. This year Gt Bromley are taking over all six lanes for one hour at 2pm. These six teams are to be made up of children, parents, teachers, governors and playgroup members. Please help by sponsoring someone - an application will be made to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund for a donation to the school and playgroup.

8th October is our Harvest Service at 2 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome. The children are donating harvest gifts to make up baskets which are then distributed around the village.

16-22 October is our Book Fayre where a huge selection of new books will be on sale. Nicky Robinson is organising the Webb Ivory Catalogue distribution. Please place an order and then return the catalogues quickly so someone else can have a look.

Thank you to all who sent in Tesco Vouchers. We collected 7,559 via pupils, parents and friends which enabled us to order the following software for the school computers: The Way Things Work, Oxford Reading Tree Stage 2, Oxford Reading Tree Stage 3, Maths Explorer, Smudge the Spaniel, Romans, Map Detectives, The Calabash Pirates. Many thanks.

## PLAYGROUP

The Autumn term is now in full swing, literally, as our theme for this half term is "MUSIC". The children are exploring sounds, making different musical instruments and having a lot of fun. We accept children from the age of 2 years 9 months old - if you would like any further information please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince, on 01206 251858 who will be pleased to help. .

The Toddler Group is held every Wednesday morning in the small hall. It is informal and friendly, a chance for parents with younger children (or Grandparents) to meet and have a coffee and chat. The children quite enjoy it too! Your first visit is free so why not come along?

Dates for your diary Mon 26 Oct - Half Term week Mon 2 Nov - Playgroup return

Wed 4 Nov - Toddler Group return

## GUIDES and BROWNIES

For many years the Guides and Brownies have enjoyed the luxury of their own hut in the village. This has been kindly provided by the Pirie family who have also paid the rates, water and electricity bills. Now the time has come when they can no longer do this; their bank has said their farm and buildings must be sold. Therefore we are calling a meeting of all Guide and Brownie parents and any interested people, to discuss the future of the units on Thursday, 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Pirie Hut (behind the Post Office). Gt. Bromley Guides were first registered on 2nd August, 1922 and the Brownies on 15th February, 1951. *Jazz and Brown Owl*

## LOST TREASURES OF GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH

From the Calendar of Wills in the Court of Husting, London we discover a lost painting in St. George's Church. The entry reads - William de Leyre, son of William. To be buried in the parish church of Great Brumleye before the REPRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION". William made bequests to the church and the misters. The will was dated "at Brumleye, Tuesday next after the Feast of the Holy Trinity (13th June) 40 Edward III (AD1367)" Shall we ever find this treasure? Was it a wall painting or even a painted or woven tapestry? *John Appleby*

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL A meeting was held on 27th August.

**Land Adjacent to the Old Spread Eagle Car Park** Tendring District Council are now taking legal action to get this site tidied.

**Black Boy Cross Roads** Further improvements at this junction have been requested by the Parish Council. A response is awaited from the County Council.

**Village Sign** The village Sign will soon be reinstated near the Village Hall.

**Tree Warden** Cathy was thanked for removing all the trees from the village sign site. Her work throughout the year is really appreciated.

**Flower Tubs** The flower tubs will be removed for safe keeping during the winter months and will be replanted and repositioned in the spring.

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

**TEN/98/1091** - F Two Trees, Chapel Lane, Gt. Bromley Side and rear extension. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**TEN/98/1126** - O Land adjacent to Weeping Ash Cottage, Burnt Heath Proposed erection of 2 bedroom bungalow The Parish Council objected to this application as it is outside the village envelope.

**TEN/98/1135** - F "Eltone", Frating Road, Gt. Bromley Extension to bungalow The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**TEN/98/1141** - F Portlands Farm, Harwich Road Conversion of Essex Barn to residential house (Renewal of planning permission) The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**TEN/98/1170** - F "Atlantis", Chase Road West Kitchen extension and new canopy The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held on 29th October at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

#### THE UNITED PARISHES OF ARDLEIGH and THE BROMLEYS

Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND Led by Fr. Nicolas Spicer 16th - 25th November, 1999

For further details contact Fr. Nicolas

Dear Parishioner, The beginning of this month sees the Church celebrating the feast of S. Francis of Assisi. As a rich young man in Italy in the C13 Francis grew restless and dissatisfied. In prayer one day he felt that God was asking him to make a new life involving poverty, simplicity and chastity. It wasn't an easy path. His father had him put in prison to cool off, many suitors in marriage applied more pressure, church leaders were to be threatened by him, most thought him simply mad.

One day whilst preaching he realised that no-one was listening to him and so announced he would preach to the birds then! We're told that the birds and indeed many animals far from being frightened or bored actually quietened, listened and responded by making Christian shapes in the sky. Whilst the first part is quite possible the second needs that leap of belief and trust! Whatever, Francis has become the patron saint of conservationists the world over. His writings do show an amazing understanding of God in creation and all creation being one in God. He talks to Brother Wolf, Sister Moon, Mother Earth, in ways of familiarity and real kinship most of us have never felt. Last October a tragic earthquake struck Assisi, tragic because people were killed, tragic because the church containing some of the formative paintings of our time was damaged. A timely reminder to us all and maybe especially to those who tend to romanticise this God created world of ours (and S Francis was not actually one of them), that bad things beyond our control and understanding happen. The news, and some of you, tell me that this past year has felt tremor like as businesses have been shaken, prices dropped, and ways of earning an honest wage got harder. Our theme in Church this month will be of thanksgiving, of our response to God, each other and ourselves. Some of you may think my arrival has sent tremors through the worshipping community! I encourage anyone wanting to know more about how being a Christian can help make sense of all this to speak with myself or I invite:

- Children between 6-10 to Ardleigh Methodist Chapel for an activity morning 10 to 12 on 3rd October;
- Youngsters 10+ to come with an adult, parent, Godparent, or friend, to S Mary's at 10.30am on 17th October;
- any Adults to the Rectory at 8.00pm on 22nd October;
- Or of course Church or any Sunday morning!

As we celebrate the life, witness and continuing prayers of S Francis, and sing, as we will do, about ploughing and scattering let us be secure in our world, in our lives, in our hopes and fears desires and dreams for ourselves and all our brothers and sisters in God's creation whether man, woman, wolf, or sun. *Fr. Nicolas*



## **Services for October**

Sunday 4th	7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr 8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr 11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. Mary the Virgin 6.30pm Choral Evensong St. Mary the Virgin
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## **The Bromley Messenger November 1998**

FACIAL DISFIGUREMENT is surprisingly common. Some 250,000 people in the UK. are severely affected, and many others have significant marks on their faces. There are various causes. which include birthmarks, cleft lip/palates, burns and other accident scarring, post cancer treatment, facial paralysis, skin cancer and other conditions like acne and vitiligo. James Partridge was 18 years old when he overturned a Landrover while taking six friends to Wales. The petrol tank exploded. and he was the last to get out with 40% burns to his body. The severe burns to his face left him disfigured for life. For someone who had always traded upon his good looks this was very difficult to come to terms with. He spent years in hospital in between taking two degrees, the first at Oxford. After working in the health service a became a farmer. Penguin Books heard about him and asked him to write a self-help manual for those disfigured by accidental facial injuries. From this his life changed. He gave up farming and launched a charity called Changing Faces, the title of his book. This aims to encourage racially disfigured people, and society at large to deal positively with disfigurement. They do this in many ways too numerous for all of them to be mentioned here.

They publish booklets: three of whose titles are "Everyone's staring at me", "My Child is different", "Facial disfigurement the full picture". They employ specialists who teach children how to deal with comments "No, my name's Darren, not scarface" "No, that's not a monster, it's my dad". They help adults to find the confidence to do things that others find simple like going to the hairdressers. "A hairdresser would be repulsed by having to go near my face". They work towards removing employer's prejudices "Great C. V. - shame about the face". They work as a resource for change. All their work is underpinned, monitored and informed by objective research and evaluation.

Rosemary Heaney

Changing Faces 1 & 2 Junction Mews, London W2 1PN (0171 706 4232)

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**WANTED** - LARGE WEDDING DRESS and VEIL (FOR DAME) For this year's Pantomime (ROBINS CRUSOE 13th - 16th January) Contact Linda Pinhey (230126)

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

#### GT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Planning Application Number TEN/98/1213-F The Sorrels, Ardleigh Road, Gt. Bromley

Proposed conservatory at rear The Parish Council had no objections to this application

Planning Application Number TEN/98/1216-F Parkland, Frating Road, Gt. Bromley Alter

position of vehicular access. The Parish Council had no objections to this application subject to Essex County Council Highway approval.

The next meeting of Great Bromley Parish Council will be held on 26th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

#### LT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Calming - Little Bromley

At a presentation by Mr Colin Tracey, Transportation and Operational Services, various proposals were suggested in the short term to improve road signs - visibility - road markings , and traffic calming. These were accepted as the best way forward by the Parish Council and are likely to be completed in this financial year. A copy of the Road Map detailing these improvements can be seen on application to Mr Ollivant at the Post Office. Further improvements to the Speed Limits are still at the planning and financing stage and will not go ahead until the next financial year. The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held on 19th November at 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel School.

CONSERVATIVE CURRY LUNCH Brundells Farm, Great Bromley  
Sunday, 8th November 1.00pm Tickets £10 from H Fairley (250229)

Traditional Farm Fresh Turkeys and Chickens for Christmas  
Most weights available. Telephone 01206 230375

POLICE BAND Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at the Essex Police Band Concert. £710 was raised for church funds. It is hoped that they may be coming again.

GREAT BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday, 14th November at Gt. Bromley Village Hall. Tickets are £2 per person. Anyone wishing to enter a team please contact Philip Allam (01206 230375). Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

TEARCRAFT COFFEE MORNING

on Saturday, 1st November at The Chase, Chase Road East. Gt. Bromley 10.30am - 12 noon  
Christmas Cards \* Craft Gifts \* Refreshments  
Christian concern in a world of need  
*Ian & Sue Orriss*

MORE ON POPULATIONS - LITTLE BROMLEY

The Rector of Little Bromley made a note of the Census figures for that parish in 1901. He remembered that there was a population of 341 in 1891. For 1901 his resume reads:-  
Inhabited house = 78 Empty houses = 12  
Houses less than five rooms = 57  
Males = 161 Females = 143  
From this we can see there was a decrease of 37 over ten years but was this due to men serving in the Boer War? The Census was taken on 1st April, 1901. *John Appleby*

HISTORY THROUGH ESSEX TOWN AND VILLAGE SIGNS - Volume 2

In June the above book was published containing pictures of 60 of the signs to be seen in towns and villages across our county and contains the Great Bromley sign amongst them. If you would like a copy of the volume it retails at £5.75 + 75p for P & P with all copies ordered signed personally by the author. The Revd. Keith Lovell, at St Mary's Parish Office, Church Street, Tollesbury, Maldon Essex CM9 8AS (Tel. 01621 868441).  
All the signs featured in this volume and also in Volume 1 (published last autumn and available at the same price) are on transparencies and if there are any groups who might be interested in having an illustrated talk on this subject Revd. Keith Lovell would be glad to hear from you.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

4th W.I. A.G.M., Village Hall, 7.30pm  
5th Guy Fawkes Night at The Cross Inn, 7.00pm  
7th Youth Club sleepover in the Church  
8th Conservative Curry Lunch, Brundells Farm, 1.00pm  
12th 'A Light-hearted Musical Evening', St. George's Church, 7.30pm  
14th Coffee Morning & Sale of Work, Vincas Farm, Ardleigh, 10.00am  
14th Cricket Club Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm ,  
17th Deadline for 'copy' for 'The Messenger' to Editor, please  
18th Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.30pm .  
18th Lt. Bromley Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel School, 7.30pm  
21st Tearcraft Coffee Morning, The Chase, Gt. Bromley, 10.30am  
21st 'A Love Affair with Old Churches' by Roy Tricker, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
26th Gt. Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
27th Festive Fayre, St. George's School, 6.00pm  
28th Christmas F ayre, Village Hall, 2.00pm

DECEMBER 18th Youth Club Disco

**JANUARY, 1999**

13th-16th 'Robinson Crusoe' pantomime, Village Hall

## GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP

Ahoy There! ROBINSON CRUSOE has SET SAIL and DROPS ANCHOR on 13th-16th January, 1999 at Gt Bromley Village Hall SEE YOU THERE! The Crew still need a WARDROBE MISTRESS! NB. Poems & Pints cancelled until 1999.

## KITCHEN CORNER

I have been reading Alison Uttley's book "Recipes from an Old-farmhouse" which gives a fascinating insight into a childhood in Derbyshire many years ago. I like the sound of her Guy Fawkes day cake, but have not yet tested it myself!

### Thor Cake

1lb medium oatmeal, 8 oz fresh butter, 8oz demerara sugar, 4oz black treacle  
½ oz ground ginger, pinch salt, mace, nutmeg, 1 egg 4 oz candied peel, chopped  
Mix the dry ingredients, add warmed butter and hot treacle. Knead well together like bread. then roll out 2 inches thick and bake in a large greased and lined meat tin - ¾ hour moderate oven. Cut off slices as needed and serve buttered. She used to eat this with a mug of hot milk, the adults had spiced elderberry wine! *Jill Frostick*

## CHRISTMAS at The CROSS INN, Gt. Bromley

From mid-November to December 23rd - Lunch and evening (by reservation only) - enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner by a log fire. Brenda and Richard will make you very welcome with a complimentary glass of wine to accompany your meal.

To book, call in or telephone on 01206 230282

Traditional 5-course menu £13.95 Alternative 5-course menu £10.95.

Reservations: £5.00 per person non-refundable deposit. Please note that no meals will be available on Christmas Eve evening.

**GUY FAWKES NIGHT** Thursday, 5th November at The CROSS INN 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Lots of fun, fire, sparkle, sausages and spuds for all the family. Bring yourselves and some fireworks and have a blast. PLEASE - All children under 16 years of age MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. PLEASE - for the safety of all concerned, GIVE YOUR FIREWORKS TO THE MARSHALLS who will set them off at the designated site.

## ST GEORGES SCHOOL NEWS

On 3rd October six teams took part in the Annual Fire Swim. The teams consisted of parents and three lanes of children. A great hour was spent swimming up and down the pool at Leisure World, while the spectators danced to the music from the disco. Well done to everyone for raising money for the Fire Services Benevolent Fund, and especially to Jacky Platt for co-ordinating the teams. These are as follows:

**Lane 1** Chris Platt, Louis Perrin, Richard Jones, Tom Redfem, Lisa Skinner, Tom Baines, Matthew Calderbank

**Lane 2** Eamon Fahy, Robert Jones, Karl Cheal, Robert Wenden, Emma Skinner, Shona Fahy

**Lane 3** Sue Skinner, Dawn Mead, Brendan Fahy, Pete/Emma Grace Vigus, Chris Calderbank, Jacky Platt

**Lane 4** Nicky Halsey, Veronique Wright, Debbie Smith, Sue Clarke, Ronnie Morris, Alan Halsey

**Lane 5** Nicky Robinson, Dave Skinner, Mike Callow, Sue Austin, Ruth Lawson, Clive Platt

**Lane 6** Luke Clarke, Kyle Clarke, Becky Robinson, Sean O'Brien, Craig Perrin, Vicky/Christine Bacon, Andrew Podd

On 8th October the whole school entertained parents and friends in the church at the Harvest Festival. Fruit, vegetables and other gifts made a wonderful display by the font and were later distributed around the village. The Festive Fayre will be held this year on Friday 27th November at 6pm in the school hall. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, soft drinks, stalls, games and of course, Father Christmas will be paying a visit! Please come along and support us.

It is four years since those Ofsted Inspectors visited us and they want to come back! The inspection will take place over three days from 11th January but before that, they want to see parents on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30 at the school. Please put this date in your diary. Good news for recorder players - a new tutor has been found, Mrs Pam Ham will be taking the lessons on Tuesday afternoons starting after half term.

### Playgroup

Our A.G.M. was held on 24th September, thank you to everyone who attended, Kaye Mitchell and Nicki Halsey resigned as Chairperson and Treasurer respectively. Nicki was re-elected as Chairperson and Melanie Everett takes over as Treasurer while Carolyn Prince continues as secretary. A very big thank you to Kaye, Nicki and Carolyn for all your hard work over the last year. Thanks also goes to Sue Clark, who resigned as Toddler Representative, for all the time and effort she has put in. Helen Fairley was elected to succeed Sue. We would like to welcome Gill, Helen, Jane and Ronnie on to the committee, it was lovely to see so many new faces. The annual Fire Swim took place on 3rd October. Many thanks to members and friends of Playgroup who took part - well done! Thanks also to everyone who sponsored and supported them.

On Wednesday 14th October we enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Lawson, the reception teacher at St. George's Primary School. Mrs. Lawson joined in with our 'musical session' and read the children a story. She was also able to spend some time with the children that will be starting school in January. The 'MUSIC' theme last term was very popular and successful. The children made different musical instruments and had the chance to play real ones too. This half term we have a variety of topics, including 'Fireworks, Autumn, Winter and inevitably Christmas. Lots to look forward to. If you would like any further information about playgroup, please contact our secretary Carolyn Prince, on 01206 251858 who will be pleased to help.

Finally there is always a warm welcome in our Toddler Group, held on Wednesday mornings, just come along - your first visit is free.

Dates for your diary: Mon 2nd November - Playgroup return after half term. Wed 4th November - Toddler group return. Wed 16th December - Last day of term

### ST. GEORGES YOUTH CLUB

With a full membership of 50 and a waiting list, the youth club is as popular as ever. Activities include football, volleyball, rounders, unihoc and pool etc. The club has just bought a CD player and amplifier which will be used during the winter term - no shortage of budding DJ.'s! During the summer 31 members stayed at the now annual summer camp at East Mersea, and all had a great time. The go-karts were especially popular even though the torrential rain made no-one recognisable because of the mud. Thunder and lightning also added to the excitement. The sponsored church sleepover is on 7th November but we must have more parent helpers please for this to take place. On 18th December we are holding an end of term fund raising disco for the Youth Club. Tickets must be bought in advance and will not be available at the door.

*Mark and Estelle*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

When we think about 'Country Fayre' the pictures which spring into mind are stews, roast beef, lamb, pork, but if you really want to sample the 'real' country cuisine Mr. Stevens, our 'Romany' speaker this month could certainly give you lessons on how to survive in the country on hedgehogs, snails, nettle leaves and many more things growing in the hedgerows. Who needs Tesco's?! At our next meeting The Grange Ladies Co-op Choir will be entertaining us and the competition is a head scarf for the ladies and a tie for the gents. Don't forget that anyone who has now reached the 'young' age of 60 is very welcome at the club on the third Thursday of every month at 2.30pm. *Vicky Griffiths*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs Jackie Bowis came along to our October meeting to show us some Christmas decorations. One was a bell made from cotton fabric in contrasting shades and designs. After demonstrating, how to stitch it together Mrs Bowis gave us a pattern and fabric to take away and make one for ourselves. Another decoration was a cardboard cone which would stand as a table decoration or it could be hung up. Mrs Bowis gave us several ideas of how the cone could be decorated such as with silk flowers, sprays etc.

Mrs Doreen Petchey reminded members that she would be collecting cakes for St Helena Hospice on Sunday, 18th October. Just a reminder that the Christmas Sale is on Saturday, 28th November at 2.00pm. the proceeds are to be shared between the Village Hall and the W.I this year.

On the first Wednesday of November we will hold our AGM *June Willgress*

## CARPET BOWLS

It is with deep regret that we learned in October of the death of one of our founder members, Ian Anderson (Andy). He was treasurer of the club for several years and a regular player until his recent illness. The club was represented at his funeral by Chairman, Pat Petchey.

Just a few match results to report:- We lost 6-2 away to Beaumont, a drawn game with Silver Dawn, and won against Alresford, Gt. Bentley and Clacton, which leaves us fairly well up the league table at present, but it is early in the season and anything can happen in bowls and usually does! *Nancy Kempster*

## GARDENERS CORNER For NOVEMBER

Grape vines: Now is the time to prune by cutting back all the foods to the main stem leaving one bud on the rod. Climbing Roses: Can be pruned now. Primroses: To increase them dig them up and you will see they can then be divided for replanting. Chrysanthemums and Dahlias: After the frost has blackened them dig them up and remove all the soil from the roots and tubers. These should then be washed in a mild solution of Jeyes fluid dried off then placed in boxes and covered with old potting soil or peat.

House Plants: Reduce watering and stop feeding. There will be NO Gardeners Corner news during December and January as I feel most of you will be either 'snow clearing' or 'fire watching'. I will be back with Garden 'Snippets' again in February. *Frank Griffiths*

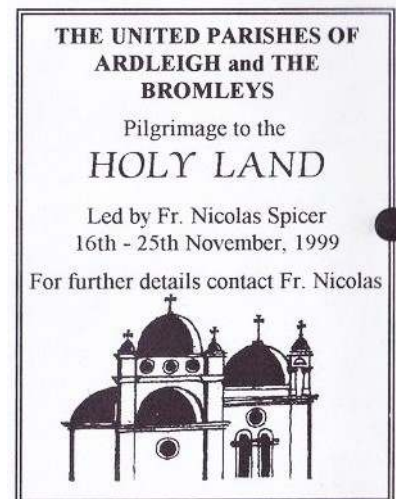
## VILLAGE DIARY 1999

A list of village events for 1999 will be published in the January edition. Please let the Editor have details of any events you have planned for next year by 8th December.

### **If a child lives with...**

Criticism he learns to Condemn  
Security he learns to have Faith  
Hostility he learns to Fight  
Fairness he learns Justice  
Ridicule he learns to be Shy  
Praise he learns to Appreciate  
Shame he learns to feel Guilty  
Encouragement he learns Confidence  
Tolerance he learns to be Patient  
Approval he learns to Like Himself  
Acceptance and Friendship

**...he learns to find Love in the World** *Anon*



Dear Parishioners, November is traditionally the month when we remember those who have died. No doubt it is because nature around us is dying off or hibernating and we are preparing for the long winter nights. As Christians we celebrate this in a number of different ways. 1st November is the Feast of All Saints when we give praise to God for those who have gone before us and the Church now honours. Many named people, through the ages from the likes of Our Lady Mary and the first disciples, Bede, Cedd and Chad, Augustine and Thomas a Beckett, through to people like Maximillian Kolbe who died in a concentration camp and Oscar Romero, a leading South African Bishop. who was recently murdered. Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, Priests, Nuns, Parents, Children. We praise God for all who have given their all to him and have reached as near perfection here on earth as any have. 2nd November is All Souls Day when we read out at the Eucharist (12 noon) the names of all we personally wish to pray for, loved ones, benefactors and those who have influenced us. In continuing to pray for them we acknowledge our belief that life continues after death, and ask that they may be forgiven any sins they committed here on earth and gain eternal rest. There is a list in Church for you to write names down on as you come to the Eucharist that day.

Remembrance Sunday this year is the 8th and I have proposed that we hold a simple Act of Remembrance at 9.15am at the War Memorial. After this, those who wish can join us in Church for a simplified Parish Eucharist. Numerous organisations have indicated their plans to attend and lay a wreath so I hope this can be a fitting Village tribute to those who have died in past wars.

Sunday, 22nd is the end of the Church's liturgical year and the feast of Christ the Universal King. Proclaiming him as King of the living and the dead is central to the lives of his followers and a fitting culmination of the year. We believe Jesus overcame suffering and death and so brought us out of darkness into his kingdom of light. This month has five Sundays so we end it with a beginning, Advent Sunday. As a period of preparation for Christmass it gets rather squeezed and shortened which is a great shame as the season has some beautiful music, readings and poetry. It's a time of preparation and reflection on the need to stand ready to welcome Christ into our lives. May we be given the grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the amour of light, now in the time of this mortal life. May God bless you. *Fr. Nicolas*

Church Flower Roto 1998 Fortnightly  
 1 Nov H Brown 18 Nov A Clapham ADVENT - no flowers

**Services for November**

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| Sunday 1st  | All Saints Day<br>7.30am Morning Prayer St. George the Martyr<br>8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Choral Evensong St. Mary the Virgin  |
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| Sunday 15th | 7.30am Morning Prayer, St. George the Martyr<br>8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST & BAPTISM St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer & BAPTISM St. George the Martyr  |
| Sunday 22nd | 7.30am Morning Prayer St. Mary the Virgin<br>8.00am Eucharist St. Mary the Virgin<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Evening Prayer St. Mary the Virgin   |
| Sunday 29th | ADVENT<br>7.30am Morning Prayer, St. George the Martyr<br>8.00am Eucharist St. George the Martyr<br>9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST St. George the Martyr<br>11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST St. Mary the Virgin<br>6.30pm Advent readings & Music St. Mary the Virgin   |

*Weekday Services as announced in the Parish Newsletter*

## The Bromley Messenger December 1998

It's just a year now since I came to be Rector of Ardleigh and The Bromleys and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make it such a good and special one. So much for "retiring to the country" as I was once accused of! I've not noticed many quiet times and expect I've only begun to scratch the surface of what life is really like here. Thank you for including me in so many occasions and experiences and I look forward to sharing others. Lots of Church services are now called Parish this or Parish that, and they belong to you, the parishioners. We're a varied bunch who find ourselves regularly in Church asking for God's blessing on our homes, school and parish. It's my hope that I can enrich the mixture with a few more of you in the coming days and months, just as you have made me feel part of life here. St. Georges as the parish Church of The Bromleys has a significant role to play in all our lives. You may not be a member of the C of E, a Christian or even a believer in God, but the beautiful building, the daily life of those who make up the Church, the openness and privilege of being able to simply go in and sit, are gifts all can enjoy.

This can be a busy and hectic time, it has been for two thousand years. The Bible tells us that Bethlehem was a crowded place and I bet the shops were unbearable then too. Indeed only hours after the birth of a child, strangers, the shepherds, were knocking on the door asking for a glimpse. However, you mark the birth of the child I call God himself, may you know a stillness and peace that is his prayer for us all. *Fr. Nicolas*

### AHOY THERE me HEARTIES!

LET IT BE KNOWN that the Mary Belle sets sail on 13th January, 1999 for a three day cruise ending on 16th January. She will depart from the Village Hall at 7.30pm as well as . 2.30pm on 16th January. A special party will occur on 13th January as all proceeds rescued from the evil clutches of Davy Jones will be given to Hamilton Lodge for the improvement plans. The Hamilton Lodge Lads and now Lassies have given loyal support in the audience for many years and now it is our chance to say thank you.


Come and help Robinson Crusoe as he rides the waves to gain his fortune in this home written adaptation of Daniel Defoe's classic tale.

Will he be the only one saved from the Wreck? Will Friday become Saturday?

Let us entertain you. Call Susanne now on 01206 231337,  
Tickets £4 adults, £2 children.  
*D.J.*

We thank GREAT BROMLEY PANTOMIME GROUP for sponsoring the December edition of 'The Messenger' and for their continued support of the magazine.



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Our Charity this year is  
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Please telephone  
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## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

2nd W.I. Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm

8th COPY for January edition of IMessengerl to Editor, please

12th Meeting of Village Hall Charity Trustees, Village Hall, 10.00am

Re-opening Day of Gt. Bromley Post Office & Stores

Christmas Charity Lunch, Pirie Hut, 12 noon

17th Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm

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

18th Youth Club Disco, Village Hall, 7.00pm

JANUARY, 1999 13th-16th 'Robinson Crusoe' pantomime, Village Hall

30 Jan School P.T.A. Quiz Night

12 March Line Dancing Evening with W.I., Village Hall

26 March 3 Course Supper & Cabaret; Village Hall, 7.30pm .

### THANKS

I thought you might like to know that Gary Skinner, Driving Instructor of Great Bromley, Colchester who took part in the New York Marathon on 1st November, 1998 completed the race. Gary was running to raise funds for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in memory of Linda Chapman who died after an eight week battle with the disease. We have raised about £1,100 (£900 short of our target). We would like to thank all those who sponsored him, it is still not too late to donate if you would like to help us reach our target. Please contact us on 01206 250878.  
*T Skinner*

**Mary, Lynn and Emma Anderson** would like to thank friends and neighbours for their cards and kind messages of sympathy. Special thanks to all in Meadow Close for the flowers and donation which will be sent to the National ME. Research Group

### Great Bromley MILLENNIUM FUND SMARTIES - SMARTIES - SMARTIES

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to those people who returned their tubes, your response has been most generous. In total we received 121 out of a total of 550. Although the official cut-off has already passed and the raffle has been drawn, it is not too late to return the 429 tubes still out there! The good news is that so far we have raised £573.05. The winning tickets/names are: 54/Newlam, 46/Mrs Anns, 57/Wendy, 26/Vaughna Savage, 06/Hurrigan, 102/S. Pinhey, 100/Mr Steer, 59/Mrs Copp. Prizes are available for collection from Gt. Bromley Village Store. We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone involved with this event, in particular the Village Store for agreeing to act as a collection point. *Tracy Perrin*

**+ STOP PRESS + STOP PRESS +** We would like thank Tracy for organising the Smartie tubes which proved to be well worth doing and for getting all the prizes which were donated. Funds - the balance so far: £1,050.29. Well done everyone. Quiz Night - held in October raised £80.60 and thanks to Sue and Dennis at the Snooty Fox for their hospitality.

### KITCHEN CORNER

In the cold winter days a pot soup is an excellent warmer for lunch or supper. Easy to make too.  
*- Jill Frostick*

#### **Leek and Potato Pot**

1 lb leeks, sliced thin, 1½ lb potatoes, diced or grated, 2 teasp salt, ½ teasp black pepper, Sprig of thyme , 5 pints stock (or water + cubes)

Cook 3 hours in a casserole at 355F. To serve: Float 3 or 4 small thin rounds of toasted French bread on each bowl, sprinkle with grated cheese and grill a few minutes.

#### **Cabbage and Sausage Pot**

1½ lb white cabbage thinly sliced, Herbs to taste, 1 lb grated onions, 2 teasp salt, ½ teasp pepper, 4 ½ pts stock, ½ pt beer

Cook 3 hours in a casserole at 355F. ¾1b chipolata sausages.

Cook, chill and slice thin the sausages. Mix 1 heaped tablesp paprika with a little of the soup to make a thin paste, add to the pot and cook 10 minutes. Add sausages and serve with grated cheese if liked.

### HARVEST LUNCH

Looking back at the Harvest Lunch on 11th October, it can be said categorically that it was - again - a resounding success. Many readers of the Messenger helped before and on the day. There were also a number of people who helped on the day who were unable to attend to enjoy the lunch due to prior commitments - to all of you who contributed this year, we extend to you our most grateful thanks. We should now turn our attention to next year's lunch! How should it be organised - taking into account the Millennium activities in the Bromleys. It has been suggested that, as it was in the past, the men of the Bromleys would like to take charge and arrange the Harvest Lunch next year. It would be good to have something different and men are very often much more ambitious cooks than women. Come along Gentlemen - let's see your culinary skills - it would be a lovely and much appreciated change in the usual arrangements.

*Keith Hughes*

### CAROL SINGING

Monday, 21st December 6.30pm to cover Harwich Road area

Tuesday, 22nd December 6.30pm to cover the area by the church and outlying areas.

Both evenings meet in Church Meadow at 6.30pm prompt. If you would like us to visit you or want more information as to how to join in with us please contact Nicky Robinson

### CARPET BOWLS

Before our match on 11th November a Minute's Silence was observed in memory of Jenny Stokes who died that morning. With her husband, Ken (who was our first Chairman), Jenny helped get the Club off the ground and was a very popular member. She left us a few years ago to give more time to her other hobbies and sport, but often looked in on us to say Hello

**Match Update** So far we are still No. 1 in the League table but only half the matches have been played. We'll keep trying!

In October two teams played in a competition at Gt. Bentley run in aid of The Children's Hospice. Joe went along as reserve and ended up helping out a visiting team who were short of a player. They won the event and Joe received a nice silver plate to put on his sideboard - well done! A very happy Christmas to all club members. *Nancy Kempster*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our November meeting is always our Annual Meeting when we elect our President and Committee. Mrs Danielle Kimberley was our V.C.O. (Voluntary County Organiser) for the evening to guide us through the election. Mrs Rita Baxter agreed to be our President for a third year and the Committee members are: Mrs G Barrell, Mrs P Bradshaw, Mrs M Clarke, Mrs J Frostick, Mrs B Hurst, Mrs A Jones, Mrs S Mangan, Mrs T Mothersole and Mrs R Roberts. Mrs Kimberley then gave us an account of the half-yearly Council Meeting which was held in October. Our December meeting will be our Christmas party. Would everyone attending please bring along two plates, a knife, fork, spoon and wineglass. A date for your diary - on Friday, 12th March, 1999 the W.I. is holding a Line-dancing Evening in the Village Hall in aid of the Millennium Fund. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas on behalf of all the Great Bromley W.I. members. - *June Willgress*

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Reminders: 1st December - CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Waverley Hotel. No raffle prizes required. 17th December - Our usual monthly meeting with a festive flavour - our entertainers will be the Rondo Singers. Tea and mince pies will be served. There will also be a Bumper raffle.

We are in need of a helper to serve teas and would be grateful if anyone could volunteer to spare a couple of hours, say - from 2.00pm to 4.00pm every third Thursday in the month. Please contact Mrs Biddis on 230506 - many thanks. *Vicky Griffiths*

### GREAT BROMLEY POST OFFICE & STORES

Your local shop has recently undergone a major shop refit. This has been well received by those of you who use it. It is planned to have an official reopening day, hopefully on Saturday, 12th December. Please come along that day to see what we have on offer and enter the draw for a mountain bike. May I take this opportunity of thanking those of you who have supported the Post Office and Shop. We hope you will continue to do so age in the future. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. *Michael and Eileen*

### BBC ESSEX

We do thank the BBC Essex and Mary Bard for bringing Great Bromley to a wider public by having a competition to solve the anagram "A MERRY GOBLET" in their Sunday evening programme. This was following a short piece, unexpected, about the two Great Bromley Stone brothers who emigrated to America in 1635. It preceded an interview about the Roy Tricker evening at the Village Hall in aid of the St. George's Roof Fund. Gussed the answer?? There was a prize of an electric blanket! For the winner with the correct answer - GREAT BROMLEY. Thanks Mary and Renee. *Jean Harding*

### St. George's School News

Money raised by the P.T.A. in the school year 1997-1998 amounted to £1,529.70! This is no mean achievement for a small school and our children have all enjoyed the benefits. Some money helped replace a very old and ailing photocopy machine! A substantial amount of money has provided support for the Literacy Hour - new books, and equipment such as whiteboards have been bought. Sports equipment has also been supplemented by the PTA: footballs, netballs and tracksuits have all been purchased this year. Future fund-raising events include a Quiz Night on 30th January. Tickets will be available from P.T.A. committee members or the school office after Christmas. The cost will be £4 per person to include a ham/pate and cheese ploughmans. There will also be a bar! Why not get together a team?

A Fashion Show is planned during the Spring Term - so watch this space! The Festive Season is well underway with the rehearsals for the Christmas play, which will be performed on Wednesday, 9th December in the afternoon and Thursday, 10th December in the evening. This year we return to a nativity play and as usual every child in the school will have their own part to play.

The tables will be turned on 17th December when the school travels to the Mercury Theatre to see the pantomime "Cinderella". The Ofsted Inspectors are coming to see the Parents on Wednesday, 16th December at 7.30pm - please put this date in your diary. They will then return on Monday, 11th January for the Inspection! On behalf of St. Georges school teachers, governors and P.T.A. we would like to thank everyone who has helped at the school during the year and look forward to seeing you in school again in 1999. Happy Christmas to you all.

### PLAYGROUP

Fireworks were the theme for the first week in November. Some beautiful pictures were made using lots of glitter and sparkles, very popular with the children. . They have also enjoyed some baking. Much fun was had making (and eating) apple scones - delicious! December is a busy and exciting month in playgroup with all the preparations for Christmas. As well as the cards and decorations to be made, we are also looking forward to a visit from Father Nicolas, who will be telling us the story of Christmas. We finish, of course, with our Christmas party which is always lots of fun and hopefully Father Christmas will have time to pop in too!

We would like to wish good luck, to Aaron, Catherine, Ryan, Sam and Thomas who will be leaving us to start school in January. If you would like any further information about playgroup please contact our secretary, Carolyn Prince who will be pleased to help. Our Toddler Group always welcomes new faces. Why not come along for a chat and a coffee - your first visit is free. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at playgroup.

Dates for your diary: Wed 16 Dec - Christmas party and last day of term Mon 18 Jan - Playgroup return Wed 20 Jan - Toddler Group return

### ST GEORGE'S YOUTH CLUB

16th December is the last Youth Club of term, there will be the Christmas party and talent show; all you budding comics get practising - there are enough of you! On 18th December the Youth Club is holding a disco for 9-15 year olds between 7 and 10 pm; there will be a raffle with many prizes. This event is ticket only: they are available from Mark or Estelle price £2 each. The visit to Rollerworld is on Wednesday, 20th January, 7.00-9.00pm. The Youth Club starts back on Wednesday, 27th January. There is still a waiting list, but anyone wishing to join should contact Mark (230196) or Estelle (251045) for further details. From all at St. Georges Youth Club may we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE HALL  
TRUSTEES**

Invite you to a  
3 Course Supper  
including  
After Dinner Speaker and Cabaret  
on  
Friday, 26th March, 1999  
At 7.30pm

Tickets limited £10      Licensed Bar  
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**CHRISTMAS  
CHARITY LUNCH**

 On  
Saturday, 12th  
December  
Noon until  
2.00pm

Last in The Pirie Hut  
Soup and Roll  
Home-made Mince Pies  
and Tea or coffee  
available

Lovely hand-made  
Christmas decorations  
and cards for sale

Side Shows      Stalls  
Bring & Buy

### VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Trustees met on Saturday, 24th October with Peter Wenden in the Chair and ten Members present. We welcomed Simon Baines, nominated by the Parish Council, to his first meeting as a Member. Apologies were received from Gill Christmas, Nigel Rowe and Jean Wright. Those present were pleased that the damaged Hall roof had been repaired in September. Some discussion took place on the likely effect of the water meter now fitted at the Hall. It was decided to monitor its progress over the coming months and to discuss the results in 12 months time. Progress with negotiations in agreeing the method of repair to the Hall floor following the water leak earlier in the year were slow but still ongoing. Planning for the lounge area extension was proceeding. Members were concerned that an adequate sight line is maintained when the village sign is erected to the right of the Hall car park exit. At the request of the Parish Council, it was agreed that a small photograph marking Princess Anne's visit to the village be hung in the Hall. Many thanks to Doreen and Pat Petchey and friends for the very pleasant Barn Dance at the end of October. The Trustees next meet on Saturday, 12th December at 10.00am at the Hall.

*Bevan Willgress, Secretary*

### GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Planning Application Number TEN/98/1455/D Strutts Farm, Rectory Road, Gt. Bromley  
Erection of replacement dwelling. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Planning Application Number TEN/98/479 - F Siting of mobile home in Carrington Road, Gt. Bromley  
The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 20th October.

**Crossways Garage, Frating Road** Ongoing noise disturbance in the early hours of the morning from this garage has been brought to the attention of the District Council and is now being pursued by them.

**Land adjacent to the Old Spread Eagle Public House** The District Council is endeavouring to get this site tidied by the owners.

**Recreation Ground** The Parish Council have taken delivery of new metal goal posts which will soon be in position on the Hare Green Recreation Ground.

**Refuse near Strutts Farm Lay-by** Dumping of refuse at this location is an ongoing problem. The Parish Council will liaise with the District Council to try and resolve this.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### JENNY STOKES

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Jenny Stokes. Jenny had been a teacher at our school for 27 years and was much loved and highly thought of both by staff and children. Although she retired two years ago she continued to support the school in so many ways. Jenny was a talented teacher - positive, lively, creative and caring. She will be greatly missed.

## COUNT ON TO 2001

The Census was the brain child of Charles Abbot, son of Dr. Abbot, Rector of All Saints Parish, Colchester. Among offices he held, Charles was Speaker of the House of Commons and a Secretary for Ireland. The Census of 1801, 1811, 1821 and 1831 consisted of numbers only. Great Bromley had 492 inhabitants in 1801, Little Bromley 295. The 1811 totals were 541 and 350. In 1821 there were 623 and 349 in the parishes. For 1831 returns made were 697 and 383. The Rector of Mistley, The Revd. M Thompson, made the returns for 1801. Figures were sent to him by the Overseers of Parishes after the count on 22nd April, 1801. The details are

	Inhabited houses	Families	Male	Female	Total
Great Bromley	73	106	242	250	492
Little Bromley	44	56	150	145	295
Neighbouring Parishes -					
Ardleigh	102	102	593	552	1145
Elmstead	72	107	275	275	550
Little Bentley	40	59	163	168	331

From these details you draw many conclusions. *John Appleby*

**It is very interesting** to read of John Appleby's 'More on Populations' about Little Bromley in November's Messenger'. I counted the number on the 1997/98 Electoral Roll and that came to 183! What has happened over the last 47 years? *Peter Ollivant*

## ST. GEORGES CHURCH, GT. BROMLEY

### COFFEE MAKING

B. Welham	6 Dec
J Harding	13 Dec
A Wild	20 Dec
P Hughes	27 Dec

### CLEANING

A Wild & R Roberts
H Brown & S Rampling
B & J Welham
P Greenfield & M Bush

## ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR GREAT BROMLEY

*united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh*



### Services for December

<b>Sunday 6th</b>	<b>2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	11.00am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer & Baptism <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>Sunday 13th</b>	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	9.15am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	10.50am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Friday, 18th</b>	7.00pm	<b>THE PARISH NINE LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> <i>St. Mary's, Little Bromley</i>
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	<b>4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	11.00am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	6.00pm	<b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTINGLE</b> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	6.30pm	<b>NINE LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
	11.30pm	<b>THE PARISH MIDNIGHT MASS</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
	11.00am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>CHRISTMASS 1</b>	
	7.30am	Morning Prayer <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	8.00am	The Eucharist <i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b> <i>St. George the Martyr</i>
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