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LOOKING BACK



Photograph by Henry Fairley

**Wishing all our Readers
a very Happy Christmas**

THE FIRST PAGE

In the early 70s I was sent out to Israel for two years with my work. I arrived two weeks before Christmas to all the festivities and parties of Brits living abroad. It was an exciting time and great fun. I was surrounded by friendly people who took me under their wing but, by myself in my small house just outside Tel Aviv with a little tinsel tree given me by my mother just before I left, I felt very alone and homesick. On Christmas morning my parents rang and also my fiancée; then the distance between us was at the same time vast and yet as nothing.

That Christmas Eve I had been taken to Bethlehem to a service at the Shepherds in the Fields which is supposedly the place where the shepherds were caring for their sheep that first Christmas. The lights of Bethlehem glittered across the fields. The evening was cold and the service was magical under the twinkling stars; it felt as though nothing had changed over the hundreds of years. But it had. Israel had recently been at war with Egypt and Syria and the area was, even then, full of unrest and suspicion. Today the region still ferments and many Brits will this year be away from their families at Christmas. While we are here at home secure in front of the fire with the latest addition to our family crawling around, no doubt causing mayhem as he goes, I am thankful for what we have and I think of those whose job or duty keeps them apart from their loved ones.



I wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

Leonie Henderson

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Normal Day of Collection	Revised Day of Collection
December 2010	
Monday 20th	Usual Collection
Tuesday 21st	Usual Collection
Wednesday 22nd	Usual Collection
Thursday 23rd	Usual Collection
Friday 24th	Usual Collection
Monday 27th	No Collection
Tuesday 28th	No Collection
Wednesday 29th	Usual Collection
Thursday 30th	Usual Collection
Friday 31st	Usual Collection
January 2011	
Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th
Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th
Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th
Thursday 6th	Friday 7th
Friday 7th	Saturday 8th

Normal collections will resume week commencing Monday 10th January 2011

Please remember that both refuse and recyclable materials are collected each week from all domestic properties in the Tendring District.

Please store your waste within the boundary of your property until it is due for collection.




KITCHEN CORNER

Salmon Mousse

serves 6 people

This is very easy and light and would make a nice starter for the Christmas dinner.

350g smoked salmon (or you could use smoked trout)

250g mascarpone

125ml fresh cream

Parsley, salt and pepper

Lettuce.

Method

Cut a few strips of salmon and set aside for garnishing.

Chop the remainder and mix with the mascarpone and cream. Add the chopped parsley and season with salt and pepper
Line salad bowls with small lettuce leaves and fill with the mousse, garnish with the strips of salmon.

Jill Frostick



FROM THE PAST

The Rev. Henry Crossman

Henry was born in 1711 and went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he graduated in 1729. He was made deacon at Norwich in 1731 and was curate at Twinstead. In 1736 he became Rector of Little Bromley and in 1744 Rector of Little Cornard, Suffolk, also. He retired to Sudbury in 1750.

Like other clergymen he wrote devotional books. In 1758 he published a book of sermons. Another book "A companion for young persons of age to be confirmed" ran to a second edition in 1766.

He died at Sudbury on 8th April, 1792 and is buried at Little Bromley where a tablet in the chancel records his 56 years as Rector.

John Appleby



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The speaker at our October meeting was from the Wildlife Trust who gave a very interesting talk, with slides, on the migration of our winter visitors. How the birdwatchers count the number of birds which stay with us for the winter months I'll never know, there must be thousands.



We had a good entry for our competition which was 'Something to do with wildlife'.

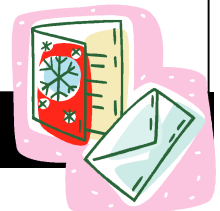
Our Christmas party is on our next meeting date when we will be

having the big raffle - all contributions thankfully received. If you could also bring a plat of 'eats' with sandwiches or savouries instead of cakes it would be appreciated as we have had so many 'sweet' things left over.

This is the last entry for the year so before we close let us give thoughts to anyone who is on the sick list, perhaps feeling a bit 'under the weather' etc. and wish them a speedy recovery to good health.

In the meantime keep warm.

Vicky Griffiths





LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The following matters were discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 21st October. There were four members of the public present and there were no propositions or subjects raised by the public.

Speed watch. Steve Wilcox gave a follow up on various happenings i.e. Roundels-speed-gun and Electronic warning signs. A comprehensive report about "Speedwatch" will be appearing in the Bromley Messenger.

The subject of the War Memorial was raised. Although everything is in place to improve the surrounding area, we are unable to proceed until the Memorial has been cleaned. Mark has agreed to chase the person concerned as soon as possible.

Final arrangements were made about the "Firework Nite" and there appeared to be no problems.

Stan and Mary Roughley generously agreed to provide all the prizes for the children's Guy Competition.

The Clerk stated he would be approaching the Environmental Agency in an effort to arrange a Bulk Rubbish collection early in the New Year.

The Council approved an application in respect of replacement windows for Braham Hall.

A letter has been received from Essex County Council inviting bids for grants from the Community Initiative fund. It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for a grant for:

- (a) Bus Shelter
- (b) Vehicle Activated

Signs

Date of next meeting Thursday, 16th December, 2010.

As this will be the last meeting of 2010 it was agreed to have a mini-buffet on the night, cost to be borne by participants at £5 per head.

Maj AC Downes, Clerk

RURAL BROADBAND



In the last Messenger there was mention of the competition being run by BT called 'Race To Infinity', the winners of which will see faster broadband brought to their area. The winning telephone exchanges will be those with the highest percentage of votes registered which means each vote cast for small exchanges such as Ardleigh and Great Bentley has a greater impact. Ardleigh for example only has 1,100 or so connections so every vote counts!

To register your vote go to <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/>

If you know of anybody in the area who doesn't have an internet connection but does have a telephone line then please take the opportunity to register their details too, with their permission of course.

Neil Skinner

VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES



The moving around of chairs, books and toys is now over. Ivan has done a fantastic job on the new storage facility in the old committee room. The playgroup has its own storage room, the chairs are no longer in the billiard room: the whole hall seems less 'bitty' and clearer. This is reflected in a pleasing increase in outside bookings.

The Christmas Fayre is booked for 4th December with some different stalls but also with the old favourites. Live music on the stage, cakes, toys, books, plants, tombola, stocking fillers, jewellery, crafts, china and glass, guess the weight of the cake, slot car racing, lucky dip, the pound game, the longest drive and Christmas decorations. While looking around and having a good time, home made soups and crusty bread, baked potatoes with different fillings as well as the normal teas, coffees and minced pies will all be on sale. Start time is 10:30am finishing at 1:30pm with the raffle being drawn at 1.15pm. I nearly forgot, Santa is making a special appearance too!

The Alternative Quiz night is booked for February 26th. The night last year was great, very different and vastly entertaining. A race night is taking place on 2nd April with eight races and eight horses, . I have never been to a race night but it sounds like it could be a great laugh. 21st May we have Essex on Tour presenting 'A Night on Broadway' starring the Drop Dead Divas, No Fun Day this year but in June we are having a Hog Roast and Disco for all ages. Talking of laughs, Olly Day (Cabaret Night 2009) is booked for 7th October, 2011 with Kevin Dean. Book your tickets early as last year's event was the funniest night I have ever had and I intend to ask my whole family! Those who like Big Band music and dancing will be pleased to know that another night is

being planned for late next year. More details as they are organised.

Access to the Hall is by Key Fob and now for those hirers wishing to return their key fob there is a special box just under the door release button.

Winter is nearly here so we will need some help to install loft insulation over the ceiling of the main hall before the chill really sets in. More details to follow.

It was agreed that Village Hall Committee meetings will be held every other month on the first Tuesday. Forth coming meeting dates are, January 4th, March 1st and May 3rd.

That's all for now. As always thank you for your support and please put the forth coming event dates in your diary. Let's all make the most of our Village Hall in 2010.

Next Committee meeting Tuesday
January 4th 7:30pm.

David Beech

GRANTS

Great Bromley Poorlands Charity

The Poorlands Charity was established over 400 years ago to assist residents of Great Bromley who are in need. The charity has an annual income of about £200 from which small cash grants can be made available to individuals and families. If you know someone who might benefit from this scheme please contact either the charity's chairman (James Wild – 01206 230679) or secretary (Ken Bromfield – 01206 230089).

All enquiries will be treated in confidence but **must be received by Friday 3rd December 2010.**

November saw the Annual General

Meeting beginning with the singing of Jerusalem, our president, Jenny, at the piano. The general business of the meeting included the presentation of the competition cup, which went to Leonie with Annette second. The winner of the flower competition was Joy.

Ann gave her report of the County A.G.M. which was held in Clacton. Hazel Ridgewell, the V.C.A., then took over for the A.G.M. The treasurer, Ann, and secretary, Mary, gave their reports which were adopted. It was proposed, and adopted, that our present auditor continued for another year. Jenny then gave her report thanking every one of the committee and members for their support throughout the year which had made 2010 so successful.

Hazel asked for nominations for president. Three people were nominated with Jenny being duly re-elected for the coming year. The Vote of thanks was given by Sue.

Our speaker for the evening was Chris, the farm's director, from Wilkins & Son (Tiptree Jams). Wilkins have been in existence for 125 years and recently had a visit from the

queen. Although many of us are local to the area and aware of the company we were about to be educated in things we had only a very minimal idea about.



The name 'Tiptree' originated from a Saxon Chief called "Tippa" who used to sit under a tree, hence Tiptree. Wilkins began their association with Tiptree during the reign of King John in 1709. In 1754, Trulands Farm House, Heathlands and Tiptree Hall Farm all merged. In 1864, during the reign of Queen Victoria, the family first started growing fruit with the first royal warrant being granted in 1911 during the reign of George V. In 1913, pre-

war, the farm was growing 114 varieties of fruit with 959 employees and during the 1914-1918 war the company sent 8000 boxes of fruit to all ranks at the front.

In 2008 the Royal Warrant was modified to encompass the large range of products supplied to the Royal Family.

They do get some complaints, although not many, including some that are rather humorous!! 2010 saw the launch of another new product ice-cream, supplied to Waitrose at present. Their flagship jam is still "Little Scarlet" and they still have their caravan site which is free but the residents must pick strawberries in exchange. They now use poly tunnels which reduces their use of chemicals by $\frac{4}{5}$.

They plan new orchards for 2011 which will include apricots, peaches, sweet cherries, and also a very small area of citrus fruit is to be tried.

Chris finished the evening with a quiz. Prizes, which included some of their products, were very well received with also some items donated to the raffle. What a very informative and fun evening.

Joy Rolfe

'Bromley Boozers'

An illustrated history of
the local pubs and alehouse
by John Appleby

John's new book is for sale at £3 a copy at
The Cross Inn,
The Snooty Fox &
The Old Courthouse

Why not buy a copy
of this long awaited
publication for your
friends and family for
Christmas





Great Bromley Parish Council
www.essexinfo.net/gbpc

Report of a parish council meeting held on 11 November 2010

Planning

Tendring District Council has approved the following planning applications:

Land rear of Mary Lane South – Tree Preservation Order.

Land between Fieldside and Eltone, Frating Road - Erection of four 3-bedroom chalet bungalows (extension of previous approval).

Westward House, Mary Lane North -

Replacement of one large window with two smaller windows (amendment to previous approval).

The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the following appeal:

Land east of Hall Road – Erection of free range egg unit (phase 4) – dismissal of appeal against Tendring District Council's refusal of approval.

Reservoir

The council has received information that there may be a re-application early next year for a large reservoir north of Carrington Road. The council will keep residents in touch with developments and there should be an opportunity for representations for or against the project.

Litter pick

Although the roadside verges were relatively clean volunteers collected 20 bags of litter on Saturday the 6th of November. Thanks to all those who helped – in particular Richard and Brenda of the Cross who organised the event and provided refreshments at the end of the morning.

Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

The parish council has decided to join the county's Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme. This should provide additional support for the council's work in both

maintaining and promoting the use of the village's public footpaths, bridleways and byways. Full information on our public rights of way, including a list and mapping details, is given on the parish council's website - at www.gbpc.org.uk. If you want to know more or get involved then contact the village Footpath Warden at footpaths@gbpc.org.uk.

Tendring District Plan 2011-31

The parish council has considered Tendring District Council's 'Core Strategy and Development Policies' consultation document and – unlike the previous plan – was largely happy with what was being proposed. The draft plan appeared to be a well-prepared and largely sound. Its 'rural' objectives and support for affordable housing were welcomed, although the overall plan did not appear to have major implications for Great Bromley. The village should expect some small-scale in-fill and affordable housing in the future but *not* major residential or business/industrial development. The council considered the plan's proposal for 30-50 new houses per hectare as being too many.

There will possibly be a new interchange between the A120 and A133 with 'dualling' of the A120 to at least Horsley Cross. However ribbon development along the A120 would not be permitted.

There is still just about time to make your own views known as the present consultation period ends at *4 pm on Monday 6th*. Further information is available on the District Council's website at www.tendringdc.gov.uk or can be obtained by telephoning 01255 686177 or emailing planning.policy@tendringdc.gov.uk.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30 pm on *Wednesday 8th December 2010* at Great Bromley Village Hall. All residents are welcome as always to attend.

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery



The really good news this month is that Dr Hunt is safely home from his road trip. I'm not sure that his bike has made it yet, but the man himself is back and working. He managed to look young and refreshed for at least half a day before disappearing under the inevitable backlog of medical papers, e-mails and information leaflets about everything from new drugs to pending changes in the NHS structure. We missed him!

Writing this in mid-November, it seems terribly early to mention Christmas, but perhaps it will get me into a festive mood. We are lucky again this year as the way the official holidays fall mean that we will get a four day break. We will be closed from Friday 24th until the morning of Wednesday 29th December. As usual, I'll give details next month of how to access emergency treatment, advice etc over the break. I'll give some tips too about how to avoid the Accident and Emergency Department at Colchester General, which is no place to spend any of the Christmas period – even if the programmes on television almost drive you to it.

For the moment though, please remember to get requests for medication in early to avoid the pre-holiday panic that seems to occur every year. And, if you are supposed to have a flu jab to keep you healthy throughout the winter, why not get that out of the way in good time for it to protect you over Christmas? Terrible television programmes **and** flu over the festive season would be too much for anyone to bear.

We have a new service starting at the surgery this month with the appointment by Provider Services of a Care Advisor for the area. Tim Exley is going to be our local expert on what help could be available to patients from voluntary organisations as well as Social Services, what support and assistance carers might be able to tap into, and what equipment could be available to help the elderly or the chronically sick manage in their own homes. He's a great listener and an absolute wizard at filling in those horrible, official forms that scare me off the moment I look at them.

So if you need advice, help with forms or just someone to talk to about problems that are bothering you, Tim's probably your man. He

can be contacted through Richard here at the surgery – you don't have to be referred to him by a doctor or nurse – and will do home visits if necessary.

The programme of NHS Health Checks, which I have mentioned previously, has been going really well. Already over 150 people who wouldn't normally be seen regularly as they don't have a chronic health problem have taken up our offer of a comprehensive check-up. Invitations are still being sent out to patients who are eligible under the Government's scheme and we are now also sending out invitations to people aged 75 and over who aren't amongst our "regulars". If you get an invitation, do take us up on it. Anyone who hasn't had one yet shouldn't worry though as this is a rolling five year programme and we will get around to everyone eventually.

A couple of people have grumbled to me recently that they feel quite hard done by compared with relations or friends living in Scotland or Wales, where prescriptions are less expensive or even free. This reminded me that I haven't mentioned for a while the prescription prepayment option, which should save money for anyone who has on average more than one item of medication each month.

The cost for a year's prescriptions by prepayment is £104 at present and for three months the figure is £28.25, compared with the one off prescription charge of £7.20. They cover everything, including one off items like antibiotics as well as any regular medication and mean that nobody who has to pay prescription charges should ever feel that they have to go without anything that the doctor prescribes them. Incidentally, the annual charge can be paid by ten equal monthly direct debit payments, making it even easier to cope with.

The forms needed to apply for a prepayment certificate are available at surgeries and pharmacies, or you can apply by logging onto www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk. (This website offers a huge amount of information about all sorts of other things to do with the NHS, so it is well worth making a note of anyway.)

Hugh Cronin
Practice Manager, Great Bentley Surgery
Tel: 01206 250691

FIREWORK NITE AT LITTLE BROMLEY

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

After a day setting up the fireworks, it seemed as though we would have another reasonably dry firework night, but this was not to be. Around 4.45pm the rain began to fall like stair rods and soon huge puddles formed in the surrounding lanes.

With the first Guys arriving for our competition any time, panic stations began. Will we, won't we? This was the big question. YES, we decided to proceed regardless. Worried about the weather and the field for parking, it was decided shortly after we began, to give free entry to the spectators.

We were pleased that we had continued, as the rain eased up and people still came to see our fireworks. Mrs Mary Roughley, who very kindly donated all of the prizes for the Guy competition, also agreed to judge the Guys. Speaking to each entrant she had a difficult job deciding the winner.

1st prize of £20 and a selection box was Connor Moan with his scary Guy in a coffin.

2nd prize of £15 and selection boxes were Ollie and Mark Welstead.

3rd prize of £10 and selection boxes were Jake and Ellie Cooper.

4th prize of £5 and selection boxes were Luke and Oliver Harris.

The other two entries received selection boxes.

Shortly afterwards the fireworks began. The Chuck Wagon was constantly busy and the children (big and small) enjoyed the free lollipops. Amidst the bangs and fantastic colours filling the sky, sparklers were held in excited hands. The display this year was by far the best we have had. With over £700 of fireworks, including those donated by Jim of Unique Paving

and also those from Brick Logic (who both deserve a big Thank You), the fireworks were a delight to see.

Although we had only about half the amount of spectators that we normally get, we would like to thank those who attended for their generous donations. We think that we have made around £300 from various sources (including a generous donation from Hiskey Kennels).

An event like this takes a lot of organising and we were very grateful for all the help we received. Major Downes sorts out most of the paperwork as well as being hands on. Ken and Daniel Hatch and Brian Connor gave up the whole day to set up the fireworks and deserve a very big thank you. We had plenty of stewards from the village, thanks to Steve for co-ordinating them. Mrs Roughley allowed us the use of her land again and Bob sorted out the bonfire and generators. Members of the Little Bromley Parish Council and the Amenities Committee rounded off the help and we would like to thank all those who haven't been mentioned personally for the success of the evening.

We also need to thank those brave souls who ventured out to watch our display. To finish as I started, just as the last cars were leaving, it started to rain heavily again.....

Carol Cordwell



“Do Come In!”

There once lived in these parts, so it is told, one Sir Thomas Bowes, knight, a member of Cromwell's Parliament and of a Parliamentary Committee deputed to seek out and punish “*scandalous clergymen and others*”,

Also Justice of the Peace for over 50 years, he applied himself with considerable diligence, and not a little delight so it is said, to the task of exposing, prosecuting and then, inevitably, executing many a hapless individual accused of witchcraft. Just to be sure, he would not only preside as judge of the case, he would also act as the prosecution's star witness!

W. B. Yeats had an abiding interest in the occult (like many of his peers in the early years of this century, including Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) and recorded in an essay, 'Witches and Wizards and Irish Folk-Lore' that “*Sir Thomas Bowes, Knight, affirmed to an English State Trial in 1645 that a very honest man of Manintree, whom he knew would not speak an untruth affirmed unto him, 'that very early one morning, as he passed by the said Anne West's door' (this is the witch on trial) 'about four o'clock, it being a moonlight night, and perceiving her door to be open so early in the morning, looked into the house and presently there came three or four little things, in the shape of black rabbits, leaping and skipping about him, who, having a good stick in his hand, struck at them, thinking to kill them, but could not; but at last caught one of them in his hand, and holding it by the body of it, he beat the head of it against his stick, intending to beat out the brains of it; but when he could not kill it that way, he took the body of it in one hand and the head of it in another, and endeavoured to wring off the head;*”



- and try as he may (and try he certainly did!) he could not despatch the blighters.

Case Proved, m'lud!

In fact, through much of this time Sir Thomas lived as Lord of the Manor at Great Bromley Hall! He died on 3rd October, 1676 (just a few weeks short of All Hallows E'en – pity!) and is buried in the Patron's Chapel in our local church, St Georges.

Quite what he would have made of recent events that took place at Seven Rivers recently one can hardly imagine - But try:

The darkly devilish witching hour of four of the clock in the afternoon is upon us. A dark and foreboding mansion is silhouetted against the looming clouds of a stormy sky. Lightening splits the sky, rain batters at the windows and the wind howls as a huddled group of nervous visitors approach the portico front door. They strike the rusty iron knocker but once as the great oak door creaks slowly open. “Come in,” echoes a deep, invisible voice. With trepidation they enter to be greeted by....

“Hello my dears, do come in!”

- and they did, and a great time was had by all!

Forthcoming Events in 2010



DECEMBER

- 1 Little Dragons Pre-School Annual General Meeting
Police Beat Surgery, Village Hall, 7.00pm
WI Christmas meal
- 4 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall, 10.30am
Christmas Concert, Royal Hospital School Chapel, Holbrook, 7.30pm
- 6 Ardleigh Horticultural meeting, The Good Life Pt 2, Ardleigh village hall, 7.45pm
- 8 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Christmas Table Top & Coffee Morning, Seven Rivers, 10.00am
- 16 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 17 Christmas Lunch, St George's church, 12 noon
- 19 Readings & Carols, St Mary's church, Ardleigh, 6.30pm
- 21 Carol Singing at The Cross Inn, 8.15pm
- 22 Christmas Farmers' Market, Village Hall, 11.00am
- 23 Christmas Carol Service, St Mary's church, Lt Bromley, 7.00pm
- 24 Christingle service, St George's, 5.30pm
Midnight Mass, St Mary's, Ardleigh, 11.30pm
- 25 Christmas Morning Eucharist, St George's church

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JANUARY

- 4 Village Hall Charity Trustees meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 WEA course (Vienna - Centre of Musical Excellence), Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm

**Seven Rivers Cheshire Home
Hall Road, Great Bromley**

***Christmas Table Top Sale
and Coffee Morning***

**Friday 10th December
10 am til 12 noon**

**All sorts of Christmas Goodies
Cards, Decorations, Toys
and Novelties to choose from**

**-and before you go,
why not stop for a chat
and a cup of coffee?**



***That's three coffees
(one with, two with-
out), two packs of
Christmas cards and a
cute little cuddly toy
from me!***

**Leonard
Cheshire
Disability**

DO COME!

CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET

22nd December
Great Bromley Village Hall
11am to 3pm

Many award winning stalls and products including vegetables, cakes, meat, chicken, fancy goods in fact something for everybody



Please phone Annie
01206250776 for more
information or to book a stall.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A JOLLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 17th
St. George's Church
12 for 12.30pm
Price £5.00



Please phone Jenny
230688 or Barbara 230673 to reserve

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, 4th December
7.30pm in the Chapel
The Royal Hospital School,
Holbrook



Holbrook Choral Society & Orchestra
Tickets £12 Concessions: £11
Box Office: Tel: 01473 326222
Book online: www.rhscommunity.co.uk

The Friends of Little
Bromley Church
2010



Thursday 23rd December
Christmas Carol Service 7.00pm

Volunteers wanted to join flower rota for weekends Interested? Contact Carol Cordwell on 01206 395103

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

4th December
Great Bromley Village Hall
10.30am-1.30pm

Live music on stage
Cakes * Toys * Books * Plants * Tombola
Stocking fillers * Jewellery * Crafts
China & Glass * Slot Car Racing
Guess the Weight of the Cake
Lucky Dip *The £ Game
The Longest Drive
Christmas Decorations Refreshments
PLUS Santa!

Something for
Everyone
DON'T MISS OUT!!!



WEA



WEA Ardleigh Branch
Spring Term 2011

Vienna - Centre of Musical Excellence

Venue - Ardleigh Village Hall
The course commences on 20th
January 2011 and finishes on 31st March
2011 with a half term on 24th February
2011

Time 2.30 p.m. and finishing at 4.15 p.m.
(a fifteen minute tea break included)
The fee will be £44.00 per person

The course tutor is Peter Goodwin who
we have had before and does an
excellent course.

His information for the course at present
says:

"Vienna - hub of the musical universe for
300 years.

Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven, Brahms,
Mahler, Schoenberg and the music of the
Strauss family are all explored in this 10
week Course."

For further details please phone
Jill Frostick on 250263 or
John Terry on 230490



Little Dragons Pre-School

Great Bromley & Frating
Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

Great Bromley Village Hall

Monday & Wednesday 9.15-11.45am & 12.15-2.45pm Tuesday & Thursday 9.15-11.45am
Children 2-5 years

Lunch time session available Mondays & Wednesdays
For more details/ visits please contact us on 0785 7503103

December is always a busy and exciting time for us at pre-school.

We have lots of festive activities planned, which will inevitably involve plenty of glitter and sparkles!



We also look forward to Amanda from St. Georges Church visiting us for a Christingle service.

The children will be performing some songs for parents and families in their Christmas concert and we will be having a party with a visit from Father Christmas himself.

Finally we have quite a few children leaving us at the end of term, we would

like to wish good luck to Abbie, Archie, Bethany, Caitlin, Cerys, Ciara, George, Katelynn, Mason, Oscar, Rachel, Roxanne and Samuel. We shall miss them all and wish them many happy days in their new school.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 1st December
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 8th December
Pre-school closed (For staff training)
Thursday 16th December
Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 10th January 2011

Start of Spring Term



ST. GEORGE'S (C OF E) SCHOOL, GT. BROMLEY

Head teacher: Pat Fitzgerald
Telephone: 01206 230305



Baby Dragons Parent and Child Group

Come and have fun with your child at Baby Dragons every Friday Morning between 9.30-11.30am
Fun and exciting activities for children aged from 0-5 years.
at Great Bromley Village Hall
Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, Essex CO7 7JA
07857 503103



Our local health visitor attends Baby Dragons once a month and provides a weigh in session along with the opportunity for you to seek any practical guidance, advice and support.



BOOK CLUB

Future reads (October-November)

Well it is my time to choose the next book what we will read and I am not too sure; I am going to ponder long and hard on it but I am thinking of *Dark Matter* by Michelle Paver. It was featured on Radio 2 and other reviews are also good, such as this one from *The Book Bag*:

I loved this story. I couldn't put it down. It's as creepy as an M R James ghost story and yet, even though it's set in the 1930s, it doesn't feel self-consciously dated as many neo-Gothic stories do. It feels absolutely relevant. Not many people can write historical fiction without anachronism but with a contemporary feel and Michelle Paver is one of them. *Dark Matter* comes highly recommended.

Currently reading (September-October)

We are now reading *One Day* by David Nicolls, the writer of *Starter for 10*. The book describes itself as thus:

'I can imagine you at forty,' she said, a hint of malice in her voice. 'I can picture it right now.'

He smiled without opening his eyes. 'Go on then.'

15th July 1988. Emma and Dexter meet for the first time on the night of their graduation.

Tomorrow they must go their separate ways.

So where will they be on this one day next year?

And the year after that? And every year that follows?

Twenty years, two people, ONE DAY



Books we have just completed (August-September)

We have just finished *The Slap* by Christos Tsiolkas. Heads up because this will be the most politely negative review that we will ever give! Although this book probably has its place upon someones book shelf, the majority of us did not enjoy the read. Fighting its corner the most was Penny, who remarked: "The story was good but the writing was lazy", and "I didn't really like it but I enjoyed it". Where the rest of us mostly found that it was quite disparaging as we couldn't really identify one character that we didn't find morally corrupt. Sam and Debbie thought when Tsiolkas was writing from the teenagers' perspective that it seemed quite realistic and that he really captured the awkwardness that comes with that age. I have to say that I don't think that any of us would really recommend this book to a friend. Personally I feel that I gained nothing from this read; well, other than the opinion that Tsiolkas seems to skew his characters to have an (hopefully) over-exaggerated tendency for racism, swearing, spontaneous nymphomania and recreational drug use.

Clarrie Beech

www.c-creation.co.uk/book-club

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Great Bromley Parish Council will be allocating grants in 2010/11 to village organisations or voluntary groups whose activities benefit the community. Recent grants have ranged in value from £20 to £1000 with recipients including the following: St George's church, Cricket Club, Playgroup, Friendship Club, Village Hall, Bromley Messenger and Hamilton Lodge.

Applications for grants should be submitted in writing **and by 1 January 2011** to the Clerk, Ken Bromfield, 4 St George's Close, Great Bromley, Colchester CO7 7HZ, who can provide further information (01206 230089).

MILK BOTTLES

My passion for milk bottles & related social history items

As a youngster I had many part-time jobs and was always interested in earning money to start saving for life's necessities! One of my many jobs was helping various milkmen from different areas local to our area. One day I realised that the dairies had started to run advertising on the milk bottles like Kelloggs Corn Flakes and Cadburys Drinking Chocolate. These designs were very interesting and certainly stood out when the milk was in the bottles.

I thought it would be interesting to start pulling one of each of the different ones out and start a collection. At first I had collected nine which stood on my parent's kitchen sideboard. These crept onto the kitchen shelf and then much to my brother's disgust emerged onto some shelves in our shared bedroom as the collection grew. The collection was then evicted from the house into a garden shed which I had purchased especially as the collection now stood at 600!

By this time I had realised that many dairies & farms also enameled their names onto their own milk bottles and these could be very localized to certain areas where a milk supply came from the smaller farmer producer processors or dairymen. I also started to collect many other items linked to milk & dairies including cardboard milk bottle tops which used to seal war time milk bottles, foil caps from today's milk bottles, photographs of dairies and dairy vehicles and milkmen's uniform and long service badges etc.

Essex had many different dairies supplying various areas and at some stage all of these dairymen would have had their own milk bottles.

I would be very interested to hear from any parishioners who have any memories of their local dairies; did your family run a dairy? Do you have any photographs or milk bottles etc from local dairies? I would be interested to see any such items and of course would be happy to add any such items to my museum in Essex which now houses 10,000 different milk bottles and items from dairies not only in Essex but from all across the UK.

I can be contacted on
01375 679527.

Paul Luke

[I have to pull rank here! I, too, collect milk bottles though have nowhere near the number that Paul has. Please therefore give your milk bottles to me!!! - Editor]





THEFT - Colchester Road - bricks removed from wall

BURGLARY - Harwich Road - 2 arrested
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

- Hall Road - sus van by oil tanks
- Mary Lane North - internet scam

NUISANCE YOUTH - Chase Road
DISTURBANCE

- Harwich Road - 1 arrested
- Harwich Road - 1 arrested

Newsletter for November

Advice for coping with 'Darker Nights.'

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust offers the following advice if you are out after dark: **Plan ahead.** Make sure you know where you are going and how to get there. If you are catching a bus or train, find out the times to avoid waiting for long periods at bus stops or stations. If you are planning to take a taxi or minicab home, then either book it before going out, or take the number of a licensed cab company with you.

When walking, stick to busy well-lit streets whenever possible. Avoid danger spots like quiet or badly lit alleyways, subways or isolated car parks. If you do have to pass danger spots, think about what you would do if you felt threatened. The best idea is to head for a public place where you know there will be other people, for example a garage or pub. **Avoid** passing stationary cars with their engines running and people sitting in them and whenever practical walk facing oncoming traffic to avoid curb crawlers. **Stay alert** and keep your mind on your surroundings – remember if you are wearing headphones or chatting on a mobile phone, you will not hear trouble approaching.

If you think you are being followed, trust your instincts and take action. As confidently as you can, cross the road turning and look to see who is behind you.

If you are still being followed, keep moving. Make for a busy area and tell people what is happening.

Try not to keep all your valuables in one place. Instead place valuables such as wallets in an inside pocket or use a money belt.

Try to keep both hands free and don't walk with your hands in your pockets.

Consider carrying a personal safety alarm, which can be used to shock and disorientate an attacker giving you vital seconds to get away.

Police are seeking the public's help in identifying and locating a man in car who approached a 14-year-old boy in Walton Road, Frinton, just before 10am, Sunday, October 17, 2010. The man was driving a maroon car which has been described as old and tatty with shiny paint. The car pulled up next to the boy and the man asked him to get in. When the boy refused, the man drove off at speed. The man is described as white, between 25 and 30-years-old, with fair, thin hair. He was wearing glasses with round rims.

Pc Ian Rutherford said: "The boy did exactly the right thing by not getting into the car, and we'd ask all parents to reinforce the idea of 'Stranger Danger' to their children. This is a rare incident in Walton, however we will be paying close attention to the area on our patrols.

"I would urge anyone who saw the incident take place, or recognises the description of the man to come forward." Witnesses should contact Sgt Pete Gerard at Walton police station on 0300 333 4444 or to call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Energy companies and Consumer Focus, the consumer watchdog, is warning about

organised criminals targeting homes selling illegal meter credit. The doorstep scam seems to offer cheaper electricity meter top-ups but ends up with consumers paying twice. The problem has already affected more than 85,000 customers of all of the leading energy companies across the UK. Customers can contact their electricity company or Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06, and further information about prepayment meters can be found at the Top-Up Safe website.

Catherine Dunn, Information & Database Officer

Essex Probation advises county to be vigilant about bogus door-to-door salespeople

There have been recent reports from various counties in the UK of people posing as ex-offenders or offenders seeking to sell products or services door-to-door. They claim to be working for a project that is backed by the Probation Service.

Essex Probation operates no scheme of this nature and our advice is not to buy from salespeople who claim to be part of this project. Anyone being approached by any person who claims to

be working under the authority of Essex Probation in this way should immediately contact Essex police, giving as much detail as possible about the person and the business they claim to represent. Essex police would urge people to always ask to see identification when a stranger calls at the door, or ring the company they claim to be from to make sure they are who they say they are. Legitimate door to door sales people will always have proof of identity. Essex Probation does not issue identity badges to offenders.

Les Barnes PCSO 71909
Thorpe Le Soken NPT Eastern
Internal Ext : 487603
External 01255 862843
Email : leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police
website : www.essex.police.uk



HEATING OIL TANK OWNERS

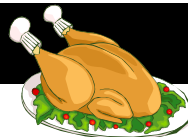
This is the time of year where, if you own an oil tank and use it for your heating, you may be receiving a top up delivery. Thieves know this and will be on the look out, they drill holes in your tank and siphon off the contents. If you see anyone acting suspiciously do not hesitate to call the police. Also, stop and think, is there anyway you can make your oil tank more secure.

Police Constable 2176 Dan HEARD

Telephone Credit Card Scam (reported to TDC)

A new type scam has been identified where someone rings from "VISA" to tell you that your credit card has been cloned and something purchased for £497. After a lot of chat where they know your name and address already they ask for the last 3 numbers on the back of the card. If you divulge this number you will have £497 debited from your card. TELL THEM NOTHING.

THANKS



St Helena Hospice Stall

What a fantastic year it has been at the Hospice Stall again, with a large variety of different produce mainly in the fruit line. People have been so kind and either brought along produce or have allowed us to go and pick it and it is very much appreciated. Thank you. Without this help a lot of the money could not be raised by our own efforts alone.

We reached last year's total of £655.71 on 22nd August and between us all have gone on to raise a massive total this year of £1,318.75. Thank you all so very much for supporting the Hospice.

Flowers have proved very popular again this year, selling five or six bunches on most days and on several occasions as

many as 12 bunches.

We had to purchase a box of punnets for those delicious strawberries which cost £43.99 and have deducted this amount from the total. So we have now forwarded a cheque to the Hospice for £1,274.76.

Thank you for returning flower pots and plastic containers as it all helps to keep costs down.

Once again THANK YOU to all of you who have supported the Hospice stall in one way or another and hope to see you next year.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jenny and John, Briar Road



St Helena Hospice your time...your hospice

Light up a Life

A time to remember ...a time to help others

When friends and family cannot be together at Christmas, it can be a difficult or lonely time. Maybe they are working overseas, unable to travel home or perhaps someone dear to them has died. St Helena Hospice's Light up a Life appeal gives everyone a personal way to let a friend, family member or a loved one know that they are thinking of them.

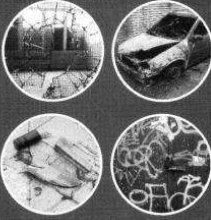
The Hospice will be holding Light up a Life services around the region and would like to invite everyone to come along to join them at one or more of these special events. Each event includes Christmas carols and readings and a full list of the services being held throughout December are below:

Friday 3rd December, Brightlingsea – 7.00pm - St James Church, High Street
Monday 6th December, Harwich – 6.30pm -

St Nicholas Church, Church Street
Wednesday 8th December, Mersea – 6.30pm - St Peter and St Paul Church, High Street
Friday 10th December, Halstead – 6.30pm - St Andrews Church, Parsonage Street
Sunday 12th December, Colchester – 4.30pm - Colchester Castle
Monday 13th December, Walton – 6.30pm - Emmanuel Church, New Pier Street
Tuesday 14th December, Clacton – 6.30pm - URC Church, Carnarvon Road
Wednesday 15th December, Belchamp St Paul – 6.30pm - Hole Farm, Knowl Green
Thursday 16th December, Colchester – 6.30pm - St Helena Hospice, Barncroft

Close or additional information or to make a dedication to a loved one, please contact the St Helena Hospice Fundraising Office on 01206 791740. Dedication forms are available from each of the Hospice shops or can be obtained by phoning the Fundraising Office on the above number.

Seeing Red?



...then **report it**

Anti-Social Behaviour

can only be tackled if it is reported.
If you are experiencing behaviour that is affecting your quality of life take the first step and make a call:

01255 686359

9am-5pm Monday to Friday, Out of Hours Voicemail

Community Policing Teams

Essex Police mobile phone numbers are provided so that you can speak to your local community officers about local issues, not for reporting crimes and incidents, which must continue to be reported via **999** (emergency) or **0300 333 4444** (non-emergency):

Ardleigh/Bradfield	07980 904851
Alresford/Elmstead	07801 316876
Brightlingsea	07801 316876
Clacton East	07977 298089
Clacton West	07967 832154
Clacton Central	07970 535147
Frinton	07850 631017
Gt Bentley/St Osyth	07801 316876
Harwich	07711 147176
Kirby/Walton	07850 631017
Manningtree	07980 904851
Oakley	07801 316876
Ramsey/Parkeston	07711 147176
Thorpe/Weeley	07967 466876

Who to call?

You can contact Essex Police by any of the following

IN AN EMERGENCY 999
NON-EMERGENCY 0300 333 4444

The non-emergency number should be used for all enquiries to Essex Police but does not replace the emergency number 999.



Looking for Funding

For access to funding package go to www.csvstendring.org.uk and click on the link 'Open 4 Community' or contact Karen for an appointment.



- Are you a Voluntary/Community Group looking for funding?
- Do you need help identifying funding opportunities
- Do you need help understanding jargon in application forms, The Compact, LAA's or other documents?
- Do you need to implement/update policies or constitution?

'Funding Fridays'

Pop in any Friday between 1pm-3pm to use our facilities to make funding searches or applications. If you require an appointment with CVS member of staff please book in advance.

Karen Tedder-Ward - Thriving Third Sector Co-ordinator
01255-425692 Email karen_tedderward@tendringcsvs.org.uk



Tendring Local Storage Partnership

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(between 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday)

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THE RECTORY, GREAT BROMLEY

Dear Friends,

As I write the season of goodwill is drawing ever closer. This time of year tends to bring out the best in most of us, and in all this I am sure we capture the very nature of God.

I am certain many of us would agree that it is a pity that we could not perpetuate the spirit of Christmas throughout the year. Unrealistic, perhaps, but nevertheless something worth thinking about.

Nothing melts our hearts as much as a new-born baby does. This is a gift of God in any circumstance. The Christ child is a sign to all of us, young or old, how far God was willing to go to show us how much he loved us, and how much we should love one another.

Born in a dreadful place, amidst all life's confusion and harshness. A pregnant woman had to travel miles to fulfil the obligation of a government census. And yet, in all of this, despite all of this and most important, because of all this, the love of God is revealed for all eternity.

The most important character in all this is a baby boy. The lovely carol "Away in a manger", says, "the little Lord Jesus no crying he makes". I have always thought this too good to be true. He probably made a lot of noise like most babies can do, especially as he was surrounded by all those animals in what was a new and rather more hostile environment than most of us are born into.

However a crying baby, and a noisy child, is still God's own and part of God's family. As we remember that we are redeemed by this baby, as we are redeemed by the cross, we need to be constantly aware of the need to nurture our children in the faith, so that like Christ they can grow into their full potential.

Our churches should capture the spirit of

Christmas all year in every aspect, and not least in being open and welcoming to children and families, in the same way in which we welcome the Christ child and the Holy Family into our lives.

Sometimes we need to sacrifice our own interests for the needs of others.

Any parent will know how much sacrifice is needed for their children to reach their full potential. This is true of church and the spiritual life as well as our family life. If a child cries or makes a noise during a service, then let us remember that it is very unlikely that Our Lord did not cry at Bethlehem, and that the cry of a healthy new born baby must have delighted his poor parents and most of all His Father in heaven.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Fr. Robert



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services for December

Sunday 5th

8.00am
10.30am
6.30pm

2nd Sunday of Advent

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist
Evensong

*St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

Sunday 12th

8.00am
10.30am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist

*St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

Sunday 19th

8.00am
10.30am
6.30pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Eucharist
Parish Eucharist
Readings and Carols

*St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

Thursday 23rd

7.00pm

Carol service

St Mary's, Lt Bromley

Friday, 24th

4.00pm
5.30pm
11.30pm

Christmas Eve

Christingle
Christingle
Midnight Mass

*St. Mary the Virgin
St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin*

Saturday 25th

10.30am

Christmas Day

Christmas Morning Eucharist

St. George the Martyr

Sunday 26th

10.30am

1st Sunday of Christmas - St Stephen

Parish Eucharist

St. Mary the Virgin

Holy Communion every Friday at 11.00am at Seven Rivers, Hall Road, Great Bromley.

CHANGES IN SERVICE PATTERNS

It has been agreed by both P.C.C.s that, as from January 2011, the Parish Eucharist will be held on the First and Third Sundays at St. Mary's and on the Second and Fourth Sundays at St. George's. The 8 a.m. service will be held on the First and Third Sundays at St. George's and on the Second and Fourth Sundays at St. Mary's. Evensong will be on the Second and Fourth Sundays at St. Mary's and as announced in St. George's.

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month it will be announced at which Church the services will take place.

During the month of January the fifth Sunday is on January 30th and we shall be celebrating Candlemas. On that day the 8a.m. Eucharist will be at St. George's and the Parish Eucharist will be at St. Mary's and it will include the Sacrament of Laying on of Hands and Anointing. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month there will be no Evensong.