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A GREAT NIGHT OUT WITH JULIAN SMITH & FRIENDS

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THE FIRST PAGE

Our editor, Leonie, was called away last minute on family business so I am helping pull the magazine together this month. If there is anything found to be wrong or omitted, I would not be at all surprised, but I am sorry!

So what am I going to write about here? Nostalgia of course, my pet subject. Often as I go past the pink house on the corner of Brook Street as it turns into Pound Corner, I think how I used to enjoy going there and maybe chuckle at a thought of what we got up to. That house used to be the Spread Eagle Public House, of course. I well remember crowding into the Public Bar on a Friday night after bell-ringing practise. It was friendly, packed, noisy and we knew everyone - you don't often see that kind of social interaction these days. For me, there were two downsides of pubs in the 1970s—one was the awful fizzy beer (Double Diamond and the like) and the other the prevalent smoking and lack of clean air in the bar, both things that I am very glad have changed.

Bill Kempster told me a story about playing darts at the Spread. "There always used to be a thick fag of smoke—you had to almost hope your darts would pierce the clouds and hit the board. The dartboard used to be quite near the door so there was a fair chance of a dart in the head when you came in. One afternoon after a little lunchtime session Peter Jenno (the landlord) asked me if I would help him shift it. We took the cabinet off the wall - and were amazed that it was pristine white wallpaper behind - the walls were not in fact decorated in cream like we'd thought, that was just many years of nicotine staining!"

I will close with an old joke, on the topic:

A doctor, on his morning walk, noticed a large, wizened old lady sitting on her front step smoking a cigarette and grinning. He walked up to her and said "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look! What is your secret?"

"I enjoy myself! I smoke 40 fags and 5 cigars a day," she said. "I drink a bottle of wine a night, only eat junk food and I never, ever exercise."

"Wow. It's amazing you are still going strong, then! May I ask how old you are?"

"Thirty-one", she replied.

Hugh Frostick

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LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Little Bromley Parish Update

The Parish Council recently appointed one of its members (Sarah Candy) to act as Parish Clerk in a voluntary and unpaid capacity and had asked that if any residents would like to assist Sarah with those duties it would be greatly appreciated and they should contact Sarah on 01206 390386.

Following the resignation on August 1st of Bob Middleton an election was called by 10 parishioners in accordance with the law. The cost to villagers of such an election could have been in excess of £1,800, however that expense was avoided as only one candidate (Roly Knott) was duly nominated and hence he was elected unopposed. We therefore welcome Cllr Knott to the parish council and look forward to working with him.

The next meeting of Little Bromley Parish Council will be held at The Haywain at 7.30pm on 14th November 2013.

Little Bromley Parish Council

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AT LT. BROMLEY CHURCH

The Friends of Little Bromley Church are holding a Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 6th October at 6.30pm, to be followed by refreshments. All are welcome. If you have not been to this lovely little church before, the postcode for sat-nav users is CO11 2PP.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The August meeting was our auction of items brought along by members. Pat and Gill conducted the proceedings, with some lively bidding taking place for the more desirable lots. A grand total of £84.25 was made.

In October we have a Speaker who will inform us about the Amish Community and the competition will be a silk scarf for the ladies and a silk tie for the gentlemen.



Sylvia Ward

August is usually an outing but on this occasion we enjoyed a very different craft day at the home of one of our members. Joan has a purpose built craft room filled with lots of goodies. We began with coffee and biscuits before discussing with Joan what item we were going to attempt. Several of us opted for a string bag, some chose slightly larger bags for things like cosmetics and the more adventurous of us a shopping bag. The group was at different levels of skill, quite a "mixed bag" in fact!

What fun we had deciding on the material, the decoration and, well, what more can I say about the sewing? Some opted for the hand touch and the rest had a go with the various machines that were available. When the day came to an end, we had all produced a pleasing item. Amidst all the chat we changed the string bag into a little bag that could be used for a comb and brush or other items we were going to put into the Christmas shoe boxes for Christmas.

Our September meeting in the Village Hall was very different but still with a sewing theme. We had the great company of Beryl and her friend, Shirley, who were very much involved with Amateur Operatic Societies. Beryl had started with Felixstowe as wardrobe mistress, then Clacton where her first show was *Camelot*. In 1978 she joined Colchester with the props team. She regaled us with many stories about the various productions and how when *My Fair Lady* was produced the costumier was not happy

to make hats so Beryl and Shirley made them. Shirley modelled these hats for us, very elegantly and very professionally.

We were also told how to make hats on a budget.

Beryl said that many of their supplies come from charity shops, floristry wholesalers, old evening gowns, and, the best buy of all, the traditional feather duster.

Sometimes if the costumiers cannot supply suitable hats they have to be made, adapted and decorated to the director's requirements. Beryl explained that when a production is getting ready for the end of January, measurements have to be taken way back in September - not always the best time with Christmas and New Year feasting in between!

Sometimes a show may not make very much of money, but this can often be counteracted by being able to sell on the costumes. Costumiers from other theatres come to watch the production and are very taken with the costumes and then offer to buy them; a real bonus for the society. Some of the costumes we see in productions may have been recycled and adapted quite a number of times!

The grand finale of the presentation was Beryl and Shirley dressed in fine costumes that had been used in a production at the Mercury in Colchester. It was a super evening all round.



Joy Rolfe

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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I will start this month by confirming the news that the Planning Appeal in respect of the proposed Carringtons Reservoir has been refused, which will come as great relief to most of the village. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr. Blowers who spearheaded the opposition, and Cllr. Perry who organised transport to the appeal which took place at County Hall in Chelmsford. The Planning Inspector dismissed the appeal on the following grounds:

- 1) It is in conflict with the Mineral Development Plan's Policies.
- 2) It will cause visual intrusion and health issues.
- 3) It will infringe on residential amenities because of noise.
- 4) It's against Highways policies.
- 5) It will create an unacceptable level of traffic.

Also, many thanks to those who turned out and attended the Planning Appeal - showing the impact the opposition in

attendance can have!

The Parish Council were sad to note that at the time of their September meeting another two accidents has just occurred on the A120, requiring the attendance of the Air Ambulance on one occasion. The results of the traffic survey on the A120 have been finalised and the Highways Agency will be writing to villagers soon.

Despite the coming of the Autumn season, Councillors will still be busy over the next few weeks making improvements in the village. Cllr. Nicholls and his wife will be planting spring bulbs, and another litter pick has been arranged for November 9th. We are looking for volunteers again to help with the litter pick, for which there was a good turn out last time. The litter picks will start at 10.00am meeting at the car parks of each of the Village pubs - The Cross, The Old Courthouse and The Snooty Fox.

Laura Austin, Clerk

A120 / HARWICH ROAD JUNCTION

The following are emails received from Bernard Jenkin MP and Andy Jobling, Highways Agency, by the Chairman of the Parish Council

From The Rt Hon Bernard Jenkin MP dated 15 September 2013

"I have given an ultimatum to ministers. It was clear to me that the previous roads minister was on the point of approving speed restrictions enforced by continuous speed monitoring cameras pending a roundabout construction. The change of minister seemed to put the policy back in the hands of the Highways Agency. They then decided to shut the gaps: understandable, but this disregarded the effects of diverting traffic, including public transport, school buses and emergency

vehicles onto unsuitable local roads, and creating much longer local journey times. Essex County Council rightly regarded this as passing the buck to them, and opposed the gap closures.

After this week, when the first autumn weather has contributed to two near fatal accidents, we now have all the evidence needed that this stalemate can continue no longer. I have told the minister he must act. If not, I will take the matter to the Prime Minister. This carnage can go on no longer. I will hold another debate ASAP and you can expect some very robust exchanges unless action is taken - a dereliction of duty to provide effective safety management of the road network."

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PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS

APP REF /DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00706/FUL - approval full	Harwin, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Erection of a Summer House in the garden
13/00346/FUL - approval outline	Land at Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Erection of 1 no. 5 bedroom dwelling with detached triple garage

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Though the Parish Council do not have the power to object to the planning matter relating to Crossways, a strongly worded letter will be sent to Tendring DC outlining the Parish Council's concerns regards the applicants persistence in working beyond permitted hours which has resulted in noise nuisance to neighbours. In addition it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the planning application for the land opposite Bush Farm as the site plan as drafted was inaccurate and therefore difficult to assess.

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00985/HHPNOT	2 Firtree Cottages, Stone Road, Great Bromley	Erection of Conservatory 3.3m wide 3.64m deep and 3.2m high
13/00921/luex	Crossways Centre, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Mixed or composite use for Class B8 storage, vehicle repair and maintenance (sui generis) and transport depot (sui generis)
13/00710/FUL	3 Hall Cottages, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Two storey side extension with front porch
13/00981/FUL	Land opposite Bush Farm, Hall Road	Erection of a general purpose agricultural building (addition to building approved under 09/01340/FUL currently under construction)

GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for August

1st Mrs Tracy Bird
2nd Mr. James Pirie
3rd Miss Julie Herring

May I remind all 100 club members that the last draw takes place in September therefore subscriptions are due from 1st October. I thank you all for your continued support.



Lynda Allam

What is the 100 Club?

The 100 Club is a fundraiser for the Cricket Club. There is a lucky draw that takes place on the last Wednesday of each month. Membership is just £12 a year.

Cash prizes are:

- ◆ 1st £25
- ◆ 2nd £15
- ◆ 3rd £10

Anyone wishing to join the 100 club can contact Lynda on 01206 230375 or Pip Allam on 01206 250768

Email from Andy Jobling,
Asset Manager
Highways Agency
Dated 16th September 2013

UPDATE: A120 HARWICH ROAD, PARK ROAD AND PELLENS CORNER JUNCTIONS SAFETY

I promised to keep you informed of developments. As you are aware, the number of collisions at the Harwich Road, Park Road and Pellens Corner junctions remains a concern and, following the works completed in April 2012 to try to reduce the number and severity of collisions, the Highways Agency undertook a road safety audit to look at the reasons behind the personal injury collisions that have occurred here. This report recommended that further measures were needed to improve safety at these junctions and that the most effective way to improve safety would be to close the central reserve gaps. This would have the benefit of stopping collisions occurring, which in the majority of cases have involved vehicles turning right and failing to observe oncoming vehicles or correctly assessing their speed.

However, by closing the gaps, local residents and businesses would be adversely affected; although we hoped that we could identify reasonable mitigation measures that would enable the gaps to be closed whilst still allowing motorists and other road users to use a suitable and safe alternative route. Unfortunately this has not been possible and we are no longer

pursuing the gap closure option.

In addition to the safety audits, traffic surveys were carried out in June. Analysis of the traffic survey data has now been used to develop both possible short term and longer term improvement proposals. Although the development of these proposals is not quite complete, I am now able to inform you of the proposed way forward.

Our intention is to reduce the speed limit on the A120 through the junctions to 50mph, to be enforced by speed cameras. Although the problems at this location are not due to excessive speeds, by reducing the speed of vehicles, the severity of any collisions will also be reduced. We are now working to introduce the temporary speed cameras and preparing the temporary traffic regulation order that will be needed to lower the speed limit. The programme for delivery is to be finalised - once complete I will advise when the speed reduction will be introduced. It would not be practicable to introduce a lower speed limit without camera enforcement. Without camera enforcement it is unlikely that motorists will fully comply with the new speed limit, increasing the likelihood of vehicles travelling at different speeds and increasing the risk of collisions.

In the longer term we plan to construct a roundabout that will provide better and safer access onto the A120 at Little Bentley. We are currently working on the design and I will write again to outline the proposals once more details are known.

A testimonial from the Julian Smith Gig: "Cheerful people, making beautiful music to make us all feel happy!" See review on page 13



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TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

Firstly thank you to everyone who came on the only rainy Saturday in August to the Cooking Celebration day. The Chef Nick Rose and his assistant Phillip cooked some fantastic recipes, which everyone got to enjoy. We were grateful for the loan of gazebos but the heavens opened just as we were finishing so we managed beautifully. They are talking of returning next year with some more great recipes in their smoker for the outdoor free range pork.

Paul the pigman informed me that he had seen a wheatear this week. The wheatear is a fairly small mainly ground-dwelling bird. It hops or runs on the ground. It is blue grey above with black wings and white below



with an orange flush to the breast. It has a black cheek. In flight it shows a white rump and a black T shape on its tail. It is a summer visitor and passage migrant. These birds breed mainly in western

and northern Britain and western Ireland, although smaller numbers do breed in southern and eastern England. It winters in central Africa. It belongs to the chats and thrushes family. In the breeding season it is found on upland habitat but may be seen at coastal migration watchpoints and inland.

- **Colouring:** Male
- **Size:** between robin-blackbird
- **Feather colours:** brown, black, white, blue, orange, grey, cream/buff
- **Beak colours:** black/dark grey
- **Beak length:** medium
- **Beak thickness:** medium
- **Leg colour:** black/grey, brown
- **Behaviour:** on ground, wagging or flicking tail, bird hops on the ground, catches insects in flight, eats fruit

We had some other birdlife visit

the farm this month, the story goes the young assistants went out celebrating their excellent A Level results but managed to return to work the next morning. They said "We think there is a parrot in the barn. It's grey but not a pigeon because it has a hooked beak!" There on the straw bales was an African grey parrot who did not seem injured and did fly about the barn briefly. He was caught in a fishing landing net and safely popped into a cardboard box. We contacted a local RSPCA veterinary nurse who expertly checked it over. Robert and David decided that if he was not owned they would like to keep it! We had fun deciding the words we would teach it, one idea was keep it in the shop and teach it to say Welcome to Primrose Pork as a customer walks in. Luckily he was micro chipped, missing only a few days and was returned safely to his owner.

The very old combine harvester went surprisingly well with no breakages when combining our very small acreage of wheat. David and Tony had a fantastic day, the lines were a bit wonky and they were so dirty and dusty but enjoyed themselves so much. We now are busy moving the pigs onto new stubble ready for the next year, involving moving the straw, water and huts.

Son David's enterprise of growing pumpkins for Halloween is looking brilliant the pumpkins are really huge so if you need pumpkins for carving this year you know where to come!

Karen Moss



A SPLENDID NIGHT OUT AT THE JULIAN SMITH CONCERT

The Church was alive last night (13th Sept) with the sound of music! Our visitor was Julian Smith, a soprano saxophonist who has found success after being runner up in Britain's Got Talent in 2009. He is a most personable presenter who involved his audience well.

Julian performed a wonderful variety of pieces, ranging from classical, musical theatre and pop tunes, showcasing his great technique. He also brought along three inspiring guest vocalists.

Amelia Whiteman is a classically-trained soprano with a stunning voice. She introduced herself, then looked around and said she would like to test the acoustics. As she wandered down the nave with neither microphone nor backing music, her rendition of the popular New Zealand song *Pokarekare Ana* was astonishing. Fred Nicholls later said that was the most beautiful thing he had heard in our church. (Surprising, as he has heard Peter Wenden and myself in the bass stalls of the choir! But I am in total agreement.) Amelia and Julian performed some mellow and lively sax-voice duets, a combination that worked so well.

Two teenage singers, Attiye Partridge and Alex Cardall, entertained us with some beautiful duets, their cheerful disposition greatly adding to the warm feeling of the event.

We all came away with wide smiles, humming the old favourites and savouring the original tunes. One lady said "I came along to support the church, although this is not my sort of thing, but I found I thoroughly enjoyed it - what marvellous talents!"

Many thanks to Julian and his guests for entertaining us, Mary Fawcett for inviting

Julian to perform here, the hard-working PCC for organising the concert, and all those involved in providing a wonderful range of nibbles and drinks in the interval.

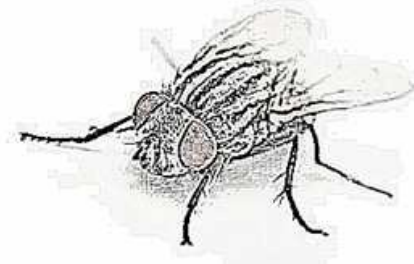
Hugh Frostick



IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

Since the last issue we have been plagued with cluster flies in this area, but thankfully, they seem to have reduced recently. What are they? Should we be concerned?

Cluster, or attic, flies are found throughout the UK, but mainly in rural areas. They lay their eggs in early spring on damp soil and leaf litter. The newly hatched larvae are parasitic on earthworms and eventually pupate in the soil. After hatching, the adult flies feed on the nectar of garden and wild flowers, and towards the end of summer they tend to congregate in large numbers looking for somewhere to hibernate. The flies tend to return to the same property year after year, and even if there are similar buildings nearby, they may not be affected. It is not known why one building is preferred, it may be that the flies are attracted to lighter coloured buildings, sunnier spots, or use pheromones to locate old roosts. This life cycle is part of nature's normal unseen jungle warfare that goes on in gardens, and the cluster fly lives in balance with the rest of the garden wildlife. From the human point of view the fly is harmless, does not breed indoors or lay eggs on food, and is not thought to carry any diseases- their presence is definitely not a sign of poor hygiene. So, in summary, they are extremely irritating rather than harmful but the good news is that they move slowly so are easy to swat!



Strangely, it is a good time of year to plan next year's garden. It is only too easy to forget what is in the garden when faced with bare soil, and I'm sure everyone has

dug up plants by mistake when planting in the spring. It's a good time to look at the overall shape and structure of the garden and see where a new tree or shrub could be planted to maximum effect. Trees and shrubs planted with bare roots in the winter often do better than container grown ones, and have the added advantage of often being cheaper.

October is often a month of warm days, but an early frost at night would not be unusual, and for that reason, all tender crops such as tomatoes, chillis, aubergines and peppers need to be picked and if not ripe, put in a paper bag with a ripe banana until they ripen. Apples and pears need to be picked and stored in a cool place as do quinces, and medlars after they have been "bletted".

Pumpkins and squashes - with their stalks still attached - need to be stored in a cool frost free shed to "cure".

Brassicas need protection from hungry pigeons with fleece or netting, and the last of the runner beans picked. Quite often, these beans are inedible as pods, but the seeds inside can be delicious, or they can be dried to use as next year's seed.



As I write, we are enjoying an Indian summer, though of course that could all have changed by the time this article goes to print. It has been one of the loveliest summers for a long time, but I suspect, British summers being what they are, we may have to wait a while for the next glorious one!

Enjoy your garden!

Kate Strowbridge



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

Thinking about holding a special event? Have you thought of hiring the Village Hall? Our prices are very competitive with a Village resident being able to hire the main hall for just £14!

The current prices per hour are:-
Village users: Main Hall £14, Millennium Lounge £8, Committee Room £6, Small Hall £5, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £5, combined Main Hall & Millennium Room £20.

Non Village residents: Main Hall £16.50, Millennium Lounge £9.50, Committee Room £7, Small Hall £6, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £6, Combined Main Hall & Millennium Room £23.

Details of the Hall are on the web site

or if you have not been down to the hall recently why not take a look and see if we can help you? Mary Fawcett is in charge of bookings and her details are on the inside cover.

Some forthcoming VH events:

- 1 Oct - Autumn Fayre
- 1 Oct - Badminton starts weekly
- 12 Oct - Cricket/School Casino Night
- 19 Oct - Bingo night
- (Note the theatre night is cancelled)*
- 31 Oct - Messy Church
- 9 Nov - Mind, Body and Soul
- 7 Dec - Christmas Fayre
- 31 Dec - New Year's Event—sold out??
- 1 Feb - Charles Dickens Magic Night
- TBA - Whist Drive
- TBA - Murder Mystery Night
- TBA - Film Nights

That's all for now, thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of our Great Bromley Village Hall in 2013!

David Beech

LITTLE DRAGONS PRE-SCHOOL

OFSTED INSPECTED JUNE 2013 -
OUTSTANDING

The beginning of the Autumn Term saw us welcoming our new children - it's fantastic to see so many new faces, we hope you all enjoy your time with us. Some of the children that have left to start school are now attending our breakfast and after school clubs too- lovely that we continue to see them progress.

The children have been harvesting the carrots, beans and tomatoes that they planted in the spring; they have enjoyed picking, washing and then eating them for snacks.

We are looking forward to exploring the changing season in our outdoor area too. We take children from the age of two years and offer a 'home visit' to families of

children prior to them starting Pre-school. This gives the child the opportunity to meet their

key-person in their own home, aiding the transition stage to pre-school. It also enables us to collect and share information in a confidential environment.

For further information or to arrange a visit to the setting please contact us.

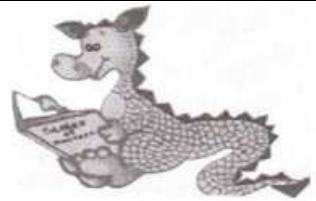
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Dates for your diary:

Half Term begins: Monday 28th October

Preschool reopens: Monday 4th November



2013 EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Badminton, Village Hall, 5.00pm—then every Tuesday
- 4 School Harvest Festival, 9am S George's Church
- 6 Harvest Service, Lt Bromley Church, 6.30pm with refreshments
- 9 Great Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 12 School PTA & Great Bromley Cricket Club—Casino Night, Village Hall
- 19 Little Bromley Litter Pick—10 am from Village Car park—come and help!!!
- 19 Bingo Night, Village Hall 8pm (*Essex on Tour production CANCELLED*)
- 26 Daffodil planting in Lt Bromley. Refreshments afterwards in The Haywain
- 31 Messy Church, Village Hall, 10.00am

NOVEMBER

- 2 Little Bromley Fireworks Display, Barlon Rd, 6:30pm. Guy competition.
- 2 Cheshire Homes Hallowe'en and Bonfire 6pm
- 9 Mind, Body & Soul event, Village Hall, 10.00am. See below for details
- 9 Gt Bromley Litter Pick—come and help!!!
- 9 Donkey Charity Comedy Night, Frating Kings Arms 7:30pm
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 14 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm, The Haywain
- 16 Tabletop Sale, Village Hall, 10am-1pm
- 16 Lt Bromley Amenities Quiz Night, Haywain 7:30pm

DECEMBER

- 7 Christmas Fayre Village Hall with Children's Competition
- 7 Lt Bromley Amenities Group—Children's Christmas Party at Haywain
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 14 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Christmas Meal at Haywain
- 21 Carol service, Lt Bromley church, 3pm
- 31 New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall—be quick, may be selling out!

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JANUARY

- 8 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 16 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7:30pm
- 25 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall

FEBRUARY

- 1 Charles Dickens Magic Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- tba Quiz Night, Village Hall. Watch this space
- tba Whist Drive, Village Hall, Watch this space

MARCH

- 13 Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm

Mind, Body and Soul

Saturday November 9th Village Hall. Doors open at 10am, finish approx 2pm. Featuring: **Aromatherapy, massage, beauty, facials, pedicure, organic food, charms, perfume, candles, raiki, Zumba, jazzercise, keep fit, personal trainer, tarot, dance, boxing and weight management.** This should be a great day!!!

Great Bromley Litter Pick

The date is Saturday 9th November, so all will look spick and span for Remembrance Sunday. Full details, including contact information and timings, will be included next month. *Owen Blowers*

Bingo

There will be a Bingo night in the Village Hall on Saturday 19th October at 8pm. Do come along and have a fun evening, cards cost £1 per game. Lots of prizes!!!! Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tabletop Sale

Tabletop Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th November from 10am-1pm. Tables are available at a cost of £5 each, or £3 for ½ table.

Clear out your unwanted toys/clothes/books etc or bring along your handmade items. Make some money for Christmas! Come and buy some early Christmas presents!!! Contact Kate Strowbridge 07592 735600 to reserve a table.

Badminton

Badminton will be **every Tuesday** starting on 1st October in the Village Hall from 5-7pm.

This is purely a fun evening, and will cost £1.50 each. However, if only a few people turn up, the costs will have to rise to cover hall hire.

Do come along and have some fun, and get some exercise too! Bring your racquet if you have one and wear non-marking shoes please.



Friends of Little Bromley Church

Coming Events

6 October Harvest service 6.30pm
21 December Carol Service 3.00pm



Messy Church

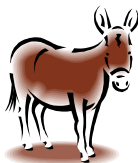
Thursday 31st October
at 10.00am
in Great Bromley Village Hall.

CHARITY EVENT: DINE FOR THE DONKEYS

Wed 9 October - 7.30PM
at the Kings Arms, Frating

A EVENING OF COMEDY AND MUSIC STARRING JOHN SCOTT CREE

to raise funds for the **ASSWIN PROJECT** - bringing medical and veterinary help to the children and donkeys who have to work on the rubbish tips and in the stone quarries in India. Their plight is pitiful - your support would be so appreciated.



Tickets £6 including light supper
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LT BROMLEY AMENITIES GROUP

Litter Pick - 19th October. This will be our second litter pick for 2013. If you would like to help tidy the village meet us at 10:00am in the Village Car Park.

Daffodil Planting - 26th October. We will meet at 10am in the Village Car Park to plant daffodils around the village.

Quiz Night - 16th November at the Haywain commencing 7:30. Teams of 4 people. Tickets £5 per person to include a light buffet. There will be a raffle on the night and proceeds will go to support the Fireworks Display and Amenities Group.

Children's Xmas Party - 7th December at the Haywain. Details will be in the November Messenger.

Xmas Meal - 14th December. All members of the Amenities Group are invited to this year's Xmas meal at the Haywain. Please telephone Christine (Secretary) on 07767 238870 to book.

Autumn Fair

in Aid of Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

Tuesday 1st October

10am until 3pm

Admission £3

at Great Bromley Village Hall CO7 7JR

Stallholders include:

- Badu
 - Rocking Pony
 - Daisy Mae
 - Terra Nova Shoes
 - Shiny Moon Jewels
 - Phoenix cards
 - Indian scarves
 - Wishlist
 - Ho Ho Ho
 - Artyfactz
 - Italian wardrobe
 - Vanilla Hearts
 - Serendipity
 - Refreshments available from the café
- LCD Charity Number 218186



WANTED!



Green fingers

Last seen pottering in a garden
near your back door.

MUST BE APPREHENDED

AT ALL COSTS!

Help with Autumn Tidy-Up needed
at Seven Rivers Cheshire Home
in Great Bromley.

Please help us if you have a few
hours to spare this autumn.

Just call Pauline Melton
on 01206 230345

Lets Party!



Yes, you get 2 for the price of one at our

Grand Halloween

come

Bonfire Night Party!!

at Seven Rivers Residential Home,
Hall Road, Great Bromley.

Saturday 2nd November
from 6pm.

£2 per head or £5 Family Ticket.

Refreshments on sale.

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

It's the flu jab season again, so if you are due a free one – most of you who are will already know it – book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and let's get you protected. Anyone aged 65 or over on 31st March 2014 is on our hit-list, as are people (including children from 6 months upwards) with a variety of chronic diseases.

Also this year, all other children born between 2nd September 2009 and 1st September 2011 are entitled to vaccination, though this will be via a nasal spray rather than a jab. This is the first step in the government's efforts to get all children aged 2 to 16 years vaccinated each year. If you think you or members of your family might be eligible, you can check on the NHS website, www.nhs.uk, or our own, www.greatbentleysurgery.nhs.uk, or you can enquire here at the surgery.

September also saw the start of a new campaign to get all people aged 70 or over vaccinated against shingles. It isn't practical to jab everyone in a single year, so this year the target groups are people born between 2nd September 1942 – 1st September 1943, and those with dates of birth 2nd September 1933 – 1st September 1934. We will be sending out invitations, and if you get one, please take us up on it.

If anyone thought that the changes here at "The Hollies" had finished, I'm sorry to disappoint as there are still more to report. The most significant is that Dr Cavenagh retired completely at the end of August, having worked as a part-time Salaried GP since he gave up his partnership early in January. Dr Cavenagh had been with us even longer than Dr Hunt. Since arriving in 1984 Nick has been the practice's main ideas and business man, and its lead on medicines management. As such, as well as

being the driving force behind many innovations and improvements here at "The Hollies", he steered us through all sorts of health scares, some serious and others pretty silly – remember AIDS, Sars, Pandemic Flu, Mad Cow Disease, Edwina Currie and her rotten eggs? Well he survived the lot, and one of the least known facts about him is that in his whole working life he never took a single day off sick – not one!

Many patients, myself included, have benefited from his medical skills, sharp mind and inexhaustible patience. The stories of his being able to raise pets from the dead, however, have to remain urban myth. Nick wants to wish all his friends well and thank everyone who made his career so happy and rewarding.

I have been asked to remind everyone about a couple of things: Firstly if you have more than one problem to discuss with a doctor or nurse, please remember to tell the receptionist when you make your appointment so that you can be allotted extra time. We find the main cause of GPs in particular running late is patients with shopping lists of issues they want to talk about. This leads to inconvenience, frustration and annoyance as people following on are delayed. The doctors are perfectly happy to deal with extra problems if they are forewarned and more time has been set aside, but if you don't let us know beforehand, they might well have to cut you off in full-flow and ask you to return another day to finish your list.

Secondly, if you feel that a few words of advice from a GP or nurse might help you avoid a trip into the surgery, please ask about booking a telephone appointment. Especially over the winter, it might save you exposure to various germs lurking in the waiting room, not to mention travelling and waiting time.

Hugh Cronin, Great Bentley Surgery

LITTLE BROMLEY FOLK DAY



ages dancing merrily through the churchyard! During the afternoon large amounts of quiche, cakes and tea were consumed and we all had great fun.

Warm thanks to all the contributors, organisers and visitors. More than 100 people participated and although the event was free to all, donations and refreshments raised £200 for the Churches

Conservation Trust who preserve our church.

Many people asked if this was an annual event. We think that sounds good - what about you?

Dorothy O'Grady

All manner of Folk-loving folk descended on Little Bromley on 18th August. The sun came too! The church was humming and feet were tapping to the rhythms of the assembled musicians.

Stour Valley's "The River Band" and "Recover the Morning", featuring Rhiannon from Ardleigh, played lively sets of original music. Local folk musicians Louis, Ben, Nick and David all brought their own original compositions to keep us jigging in our pews! Lynne and Neil Morley played traditional folk tunes on bouzouki and cello. Hoyoie O'Grady entertained with some original guitar songs.

The community singing group Soakin' Sound, that meets monthly in Manningtree, gave us a sample of their fun sessions. Leader Lynne Morley drew us all together as we joined in for some easy harmonies.

Outside, Jacquie and John Terry initiated us into the mysteries and wonders of folk dancing. It was quite something to see so many people of all



Photos: Graeme Bruce

Little Bromley Firework Display



It's Back!

On Saturday 2nd November

FREE ENTRY

Guy competition
(6.30pm judging)

Fireworks 7pm

Sparklers

Burgers and Hot Dogs



to be held at
Barlon Road,
Little Bromley

Little Bromley Amateurs Group & Little Bromley Parish Council

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The governors of the **Dedham Educational Foundation** invite applications from residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories:

Secondary School & Sixth Form College:

Applicants must be at least 12 years old on the 1st August in the year of application.

University & College of Further Education

Applicants must have lived in one or more of the five parishes for at least 2 years prior to the application date.

For an application form or further details, contact the Clerk to the Governors:
Mrs Jean Flewin, Coppins, Crown Street,
Dedham, Colchester, Essex CO7 6AT.

Closing date for applications:
25th October 2013



ESSEX POLICE

PCSO Les Barnes is resuming duties with our community. If you need to talk to him for any Police Community problems, you can contact him on 07967 466876,

Incidents in Great Bromley August '13

Suspicious Circumstances - Rectory Road

Animal - Chase Road

Burglary - Mary Lane South - attempted

RTC - Harwich Road

PCSO 72834 Rachael Oscroft



St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

CRAFTY LADIES

"Crafty Ladies" meet once a month at Langham Community Centre to work on our individual projects. We patchwork & quilt, knit, sew, crochet & craft.

If you would like to work on your current project with like minded people you would be most welcome to join us. We are a friendly club and welcome new members.

For more information
please contact
Jacqui on
07979 947931



DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever wondered why there is big recycling bin next to the bottle banks in Church Meadow car park?



Well, that bin is for Newspapers and Magazines ONLY and their collection raises money towards expenses like mowing the car park and keeping the graveyard tidy. Please save your newspapers & magazines and, instead of putting them out for road collection, drop them to Church Meadow when you are passing or when recycling your bottles. Thanks!



All
Welcome!

Donations of £1 per child
(accompanying adults free)

For more information
please contact:

Carol Cordwell
01206 395103

Come and have some family time,
some messy fun and a light lunch

on
Thursday 31st October
10.00am – 12.30pm
at **Great Bromley Village Hall**



JOYS THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY

Despite the wonderful weather, the year, so far, had been very sad one way or another and it was becoming more and more difficult to keep a cheerful outlook on life. I decided to do some footpath clearance - a bit of physical work usually being therapeutic - but when I saw the copious amount of litter strewn around the entrance to the path, my mood didn't exactly lighten.

Hacking away at the brambles and briars, a lad of about 10 years old approached. He was cycling a bit erratically and my first thought was 'Oh dear, he shouldn't be riding that here'. As he passed, he gave me a cheery hello and trundled on his way. I watched him disappear, feeling thankful that I'd had the sense to keep my thoughts to myself.

About 20 minutes later, said lad returned accompanied by friends on various forms of wheeled transport (children's pedal-power) and all greeted me as they passed - except for the tail-ender whom I hadn't seen, and nearly knocked off his bike as I stepped into his path! Before I could apologise, HE did, and departed before I could make it clear that the fault was mine.

Again, as I watched the boys ride off I realised I was seeing children do what they've been doing for time immemorial - calling for their friends to go out to play. As the sun shone, and I thought about the fun those children were going to have - not just then but throughout the summer holidays - the gloom lifted and I had one of those 'Pollyanna' moments that are easy to sneer at but that we all need from time to time.

Get to my age and all you read about is how kids are losing their childhood to playstations, computers, i-pods *etc* and you feel so sad that the unsophisticated pleasures of life have somehow passed them by - but it's not a universal truth, is it?

I found the boys' easy companionship and friendship to be very re-assuring and I was grateful to them for demonstrating, quite unconsciously, that comfort and pleasure can be found in the very simple, but often forgotten things of life.

Not always easy to remember, of course, but it's lovely to be reminded from time to time.

KITCHEN CORNER

Lemon Oat Cakes

A recipe from WI Suffolk Federation's Gilly Denny.

1 lemon
8 oz SR flour
8 oz butter
4 oz sugar
6 oz porridge oats
6 oz icing sugar.



Melt butter then mix with sugar, flour, oats and grated lemon zest in a large bowl to make a stiff paste. Press into a greased tray 12x9", bake 160C 15-20 mins. Meanwhile mix 3tbs lemon juice with the icing sugar to make a thin icing. Spread this over the cake whilst still hot making sure it covers the edges, then cut into squares or bars.

Leave to cool, then cut again before removing from the tin.

Jill Frostick



ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL UPDATE

We give a very warm welcome to all of our new children and staff that have joined us this term. We are delighted

that they have all settled in so quickly!

Some of our Reception children were asked what they liked about school.

Pru Fricker said 'I like playing in the house', William Daff said, 'I like going outside and playing with my friends' and Imogen Carr said 'I like drawing and cutting'.

We are beginning to explore the new topics for this term. Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage will be learning about themselves and the world around them. Children in the rest of our school will be using the medium of film to explore their topics. Parents will be invited to our 'Celebration of Learning' event in December.

We were delighted to receive a letter from Tim Coulson, The Director of Education

and Learning in Essex on 4 September: "I am pleased to be writing specifically to you to congratulate you and your staff on your summer results. The school was one of those that showed the highest improvement across Key Stage 2 and achieved some of the highest performance areas for the county at Key Stage 2."

We have already begun rehearsing for our Harvest Festival, which will be held in George's Church on Friday 4 October at 9.00 am. We are looking forward to, once again, welcoming the Great Bromley Friendship Club to school later that afternoon to enjoy an afternoon tea and receive a harvest basket from the children.

The school PTA and Great Bromley Cricket Club have joined forces again to hold a Casino Night on 12 October at the Village Hall. This is a really fun evening and we do hope that you will join us. Please contact the school office for further details.
Tel: 01206 230305

HAMILTON LODGE, FORMERLY GREAT BROMLEY LODGE



and visiting scientists, close to the Bromley Camp where the dormitories, mess and cookhouse were.

One prior resident was Sir Frederick Gill Rice, MP for Harwich 1924-29 who died in 1935. Tubby Austin remembers his father telling him that

Hamilton Lodge in Rectory Road used to be called Great Bromley Lodge. As you will know, it is now a residential care home started by Mrs Palmer to offer specialist care for people with learning disabilities. Kathleen Palmer had her family in British Guiana in the 1920s; her second son David was born prematurely in poor conditions and was brain-damaged. After her husband, Charles Hamilton Palmer, died in 1946 she returned to Britain. Despairing of the level of care available in institutions of the time, she decided she needed to set up a private care home herself. When she saw Great Bromley Lodge, driving up the long drive with the grounds and seeing the big windows "everything seemed to fit into place". She worked hard to obtain a mortgage and set up the Hamilton Lodge for David and then other patients, once the health authorities could finally be persuaded. David died in 1970; Kathleen died in 1988 aged 94.

This picture shows the hall before it was "de-Victorianised," in what year, I wonder? There were clearly some major changes carried out. John Appleby's "Where the Broom Grows" says the Lodge was an RAF Decoding Station in the war, but Julian Foynes (author of "The Pylons in Great Bromley") thinks that is unlikely. He does say it was used to house officers

they had to cut a semi-circular piece out of the dining table so the Sir Frederick could be wheeled in close enough to eat his meals! There is a postcard showing some stonework, entitled "an old bit of the Houses of Commons" in the grounds, as well as a sundial that John Appleby says was removed when Lady Rice vacated the premises. There remains a Rice family vault in the churchyard.

I wondered how best to find out who owned the house between the Rice family and Mrs Palmer. It occurred to me to ask George Austin, as he worked there during the war (see last month). George said "he or his son played cricket with us. Double-barrelled name." Out came my copy of Peter Wenden's cricket club membership book; when George heard the name he remembered it - Guy Napier-Martin. Tubby remembers he had one good shot, a golf swing; George said "when he connected it really went - I remember him putting a 6 through the pavilion window at Wivenhoe!" Unfortunately we can't look back in the actual match records as I hear that, for reasons unknown, someone cleared out the pavilion with a bonfire some years back. What a terrible shame.

Thanks to: Ruth Smith (Colchester) for Hamilton Lodge background; Tubby & George Austin and Peter Wenden.

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CHURCH JOTTINGS

We did it!! Olive Sparling wrote in the visitors book "Glory Be For The Toilet".

I couldn't agree more. One or two snags are still to be sorted out but the general opinion is that it's a "very good job done".

Ann Fairley and I cannot express how grateful we are to Dawn & Steven who have worked so hard to complete this project, countless visits to the church, telephone calls, emails to and fro. Dawn and Steven we thank you for your generosity and determination to complete this project on behalf of the church and our community.

With the paint barely dry we were able to use the toilet at the concert on September 13th – I am not sure whether the audience were desperate to use the loo or were curious to look inside, the queue grew and grew, I can assure you it is a great success



– I think my father would be very pleased!!

I am sitting in church today waiting for visitors who are joining in the Ride and Stride run by Friends of Essex Church Trust. My first customer was dear Ruth, Church Warden from Arleigh, closely followed by cyclists from Hatfield Peverel and Manningtree. Such courage on a very windy rainy day but the banana bread and home made biscuits seemed to hit the right spot... closely followed by a visit to the new loo!

Our bat families continue to flourish and to be very active here at St George's Church. Do you know we are very fortunate to have both Natterers and Pipistrelles who choose to nest and breed in St George's? During times of extreme activity it is necessary to cover and protect areas where damage can occur so at the present time all kneelers (which are now valuable historically and much admired) and carpets have to be covered with dust sheets as do brass plates and candlesticks.

Of course builders and bats make more work for the long suffering volunteers who help to keep St George's looking clean and bright for our weekly services. Thank you to all of you who give of your time so willingly and regularly. We would really welcome more help. If you would like to join us, either on the cleaning rota or on the flower rota then please do phone Ann or myself – come and join us – we are a very happy team.

Starting with this month's issue of the Messenger we have decided to include a new section called "From the Register"; we hope you enjoy this new addition.

Jenny Nicholls

FROM THE REGISTER

Baptism

*Jack Nicholas Spires
25th August 2013.*

Marriage

*Benjamin John Reed
Eilidh Karin Sutherland
13th July 2013*

Funerals

*Edith Woodhouse
26th June 2013
Kenneth Alfred Bromfield
31st July 2013*

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

united with St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh



Church of England Services October

Sunday 6th

8.00am Eucharist
10.30am Harvest Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Harvest Evensong

*St. George the Martyr
St. Mary the Virgin
Lt Bromley Church*

Sunday 13th

8.00am Eucharist
10.30am The Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

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

Sunday 20th

8.00am Eucharist
10.30am Parish Eucharist

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

Sunday 27th

8.00am Eucharist
10.30am The Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

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

November 3rd

8.00am Eucharist
10.30am The Parish Eucharist for All Saints
6.30pm Evensong

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

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

WANTED!!

POSTCARDS, PHOTOS, HISTORY OF GREAT & LITTLE BROMLEY

I am always looking out for social history items for my growing collection, and hearing new stories for my books about our villages. I am very happy to borrow items to copy, but will even purchase them if necessary to keep them local.

If you can help - please contact me!
Hugh Frostick 01206 250263