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Well we are at it again, not the usual line of speakers who come to the WI this month!! The Colchester Caledonian Society came to enthral us with their Scottish Dancing.

After a very informative explanation the team went into demonstration mode, sixes, eights, "do si do" circle left and circle right all terms that at some stage we must have heard, put to the back of our minds and forgotten about, but, oh no, we were asked to re-call them, take note and then, horror, we were asked to join in and put our

observation skills to the test.

The society were excellent and very friendly which was just as well as when we joined in after a little shaky start I have to say we put on an excellent show, it showed how fit we were - or not!! because even though we are all very active, this was a very different kind of exercise and really tested our stamina.

The society finished with a very fine rendition on the pipes, played very well by a lady member who pipes in the haggis at Burns Night. Thank you to them all for a very enjoyable evening

Joy Rolfe

THE FIRST PAGE



Wishing all our readers a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year

We had fourteen wonderful entries for our caption competition which we were very pleased with especially since this is our first excursion into something like this. Thank you to all those who entered. The BM Management Committee (what a grand name for us!) had a lovely evening laughing and deciding which we considered most appropriate. Find out who won on page 3.

Christmas and 2014 are almost upon us with many events over the next few weeks for you to enjoy. I shall be taking a break until mid-January for the February magazine by which time there will be lots of reports (hopefully) coming in about what you have all been up to over the Festive period.

Meanwhile on behalf of the BM Management Committee we wish all our readers, contributors and helpers a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Leonie Henderson

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Jackie Woodhouse

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Our "Grannie" moved in to Brook House with us in 2008 and as newcomers to the village we were given a warm welcome. Grannie joined the Friendship Club and the Bowls Club and was touched by the kindness shown to her. Her newfound friends were a great source of comfort to her in unfamiliar surroundings and helped to ensure that her final years were happy.

Thank you to all of you who sent good wishes and support during her illness. It was lovely that some of you were able to attend her funeral at St George's Church.

We were pleased to be able to make a donation of £585 to Jefferson Ward at Essex County Hospital in her memory.

Jane & Nigel Brind, Laura & Tanya Allen.

CAPTION COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS to the family of **Liz, Ian, Willow and Tia Kernutt** who won the £25 prize for the November Caption Competition.

Their winning entry was:

**Look for yourself these dentures
are great!**

Thank you to all those who entered into the spirit of the competition. The Bromley Messenger panel of judges had a thoroughly enjoyable evening deciding whose caption translated Ed's expression best.





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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

Children's University Graduation

On the evening of 15th November, 20 children from St George's and their parents, siblings and friends arrived at the



Ivor Crewe Lecture Theatre at Colchester University ready for their graduations. This ceremony is a celebration of the extra learning that our children choose to do outside of school hours in a wide variety of subjects; from drama, sport, music and art, as well as museum and zoo visits. It is a very proud moment when so many children you know are given a standing ovation on their entry into the lecture theatre. As another parent said to me, "it brings a lump to your throat". So, congratulations to: Luke, Alice, Harvey B, Harvey C, Brandon, Alexandrina, Millie, Charlotte, Jake, Sasha, Oliver, Lee, Evan, Cameron, Polina, Lex, Abbie, Katelynn, Oscar and Roxanne. Keep up the hard work.

Class 4 Trip to the Synagogue

On Tuesday 5 November we visited a synagogue in Colchester as part of our RE topic. We learnt that Judaism is one of the oldest and smallest religions in the world and that there are larger communities in places like Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds and London. We were told about

the many festivals they celebrate including ones for the Tree, the Moon and the Earth. We were given a tour and we were told about the different areas of a synagogue and their uses. In the kitchen they have to keep all the crockery and cutlery separate when using dairy products and meat.

In the main part, the men sit on one side and the women on the other. This is where the Torah Scroll is kept in a special cupboard, behind an ornate curtain displaying the 'burning bush'. When the



scrolls are taken out, there is much singing and dancing and special prayers are said. We had a go at saying one of these special prayers in Hebrew. We also recited the Hebrew alphabet. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the synagogue and learnt so much.

The PTA will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday 29 November from 6 – 8 pm in the school hall. Do come and join us and buy an early Christmas present or two!

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Little Bromley PC would like to welcome our new Chairman, Mr Roly Knott. Roly has been nominated due to the recent resignation of the previous Chairman, Mr S. Wilcox. We now have another vacancy for a Councillor and plan to co-opt, if anyone is interested in applying please contact the Acting Clerk, Sarah Candy, to register your interest.

The plans for the War Memorial restoration were discussed at our recent meeting and for anyone who didn't see last month's Messenger, we intend to remove the existing slabs and grass, make good the base, put down a membrane and relay the slabs. The whole area will be hard landscaped to make it easier to maintain – if anyone has any comments would they please contact the Clerk before work is planned to commence in the Spring. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this project.

The recent request for help with the admin for the Council saw two volunteers in the Village come forward to help with the Agenda papers and reports – which will help us in our aim to reduce our precept costs. The Council have set their budget for the next year of £2000 – a reduction of £1600 which is made possible by the Council's aims to involve the Community and share the administration work between the Councillors.

This year's Remembrance Service in the Village was well attended. Thanks to Mr Gregory Frostick for taking the Service; refreshments were laid on in the Church afterwards. Thanks to Carol Cordwell for organising this. Next year's service is being planned to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War and we hope to organise something in the Church afterwards. Details of this will be announced next year.

The 2nd Dog Bin in Little Bromley has been installed on land in Ardleigh Road. Weekly emptying has been put in place – please contact the Clerk if there are any more issues relating to this.

The Village now has its own Bottle Bank which has been sited in the car park of The Haywain. All residents can dispose of their glass in this but the Landlady has asked that residents adhere to the pub's opening hours for disposals.

The Council have proposed that the street light in the car park is now turned off – giving us a saving on the electricity costs. This street light's purpose, which was to illuminate the phone box, is no longer relevant since the phone box was removed. If any resident would like to comment on this please contact the Council.

The Council would like to welcome Mr Robert Barrett as the new Footpath Warden and Mr William Marshall as our new Internal Auditor. Robert can be contacted via the Council's email address if anyone has any problems with footpaths in Little Bromley.

Finally, for any residents who had problems getting water etc in the recent power cuts in the Village the Council are investigating setting up a contingency plan so residents can get help. More details of this will be announced later.

The next meeting of Little Bromley Council will be held on 16th January at The Haywain at 7.30pm

May we take this opportunity to wish all residents a Very Happy Christmas and New Year

Little Bromley Parish Council

LITTLE BROMLEY AMENITIES GROUP

October and November have been busy months for the Amenities Group events calendar. In October we held our second litter pick of the year where 10 volunteers turned up. We collected 19 bags of rubbish and 4 tyres. We also held our second daffodil planting day with in excess of 800 bulbs being planted around the village to compliment the 1000 bulbs that were planted last year. A big thank you to Dawn from the Haywain who provided refreshments for all volunteers following both events and thank you to everyone who offered their help.

In November we saw the return of the Fireworks Display which was a great success and attended by over 300 people (see separate article). We also held a Quiz Night on the 16th where we raised £302 and proceeds were donated to the Amenities Fund to support the Fireworks display.

We will be holding our first Children's Christmas Party on the 7th December at the Haywain where Father Christmas will be in attendance (see separate advert on page 18).

Congratulations to Steve Clark of Little Bromley who was voted in as captain of Stoke-by-Nayland Golf club. Steve (pictured) has lived in Little Bromley with his wife Ann for 29 years and has been a keen golfer for the last 16 years. Steve joined SBN GC in 1999 and has been



on the committee for the last 6 years. He plays off a handicap of 12 and is looking forward to his year as captain.

Christine Barrett, Secretary

Little Bromley Fireworks Display 2nd November

We were thrilled with the support our firework display had – thanks to everyone

who made it possible from Mick Murphy doing the risk assessment to all the people who came along and set up and cleared away. The day started off with a team of helpers putting up the barriers, tent and marking out the parking areas. Special thanks go to Mary Roughley for allowing us to hold the event on her land again and to Robert Fairley for all his help in opening up the gaps for parking and building up the bonfire with his tractor. Despite the worries over the weather



we were really lucky as it only rained for an hour. The evening started off with the Guy Competition which was won by Jake and Ellie Cooper of Great Bromley with their skeleton entry. Councillor Neil Stock, Chairman of Tendring DC, presented the prize. Ken Hatch and Brian Conner did a wonderful job at lighting all the fireworks and thanks to all the Amenities Group members who came along and acted as Marshalls on the night. Manningtree Fire Service sent along a fire engine with a full complement of firemen and lots of boys and girls had the chance to see inside. Thanks to Kate and Simon from St John's Ambulance for attending. Bob Barrett did a great job organising the car parking – it was a great team effort. Tara from TJ Catering was kept busy feeding everyone. Thank you for the donations we received on the night and the support from our sponsors: Little Bromley Parish Council, Hiskeys Kennels, Harlequin and TPW Graphics. It was a brilliant Community Event which we hope to repeat in 2015. We think we had over 300 people so thanks again to everyone for supporting us.

May I take this opportunity to wish all the Amenities Group members a very Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank you for all the support in 2013.

Chairman

THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

Gt Bentley Surgery

Well, December is here already! We've had a year of many changes to cope with here at the Surgery. It's not quite finished yet and neither have the changes. One of our longest serving members of staff Hugh Cronin is leaving after 20 years as Practice Manager with the last couple of months as part time Business Manager. Hugh has seen more changes than anyone, but has decided that it's time to hang up his surgery hat and move on to a new challenge. You may still see Hugh about however, as he's going to be helping to run the Green Pharmacy now it is completely separate from the Surgery. I wish Hugh well in his new job.

I want to acknowledge what I know has been a difficult time for our patients over the last few months. It's been very difficult to make both routine and urgent appointments and for that I apologise. I would like to explain why this has been the case and what we're doing about it. As you know we've had two GP partners and one nurse practitioner leave in a very short space of time. Although one of these departures was expected, the other two were not. Unfortunately we only got 1 week and 4 weeks' notice which left us in a very tricky position. As you may have seen in the press recently, there is a real problem recruiting both doctors and nurses in Tendring, so we really were very lucky to find replacements. Both new clinicians had to give notice to their previous employers, so even though we made employment offers very quickly, we had to wait until they could start. This is why we have been short of appointments recently. This is not an excuse, but a reality that we have had to do our best to work around. Moving ahead with our new team, we will be reviewing everything we do at the surgery and how we do it. This includes how and when we offer appointments for our patients. We've had the same system for many years but patient demands and expectations have changed significantly. No system is perfect, but we want to try to be as good as we can with the resources we have.

On a more positive note, I am very pleased to report that by the time you read this we will have had our very first Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meeting. We advertised in the surgery and had over 30 applications to join our new PPG, which will give our patients the chance to be involved in the way the surgery moves ahead into the future. At the time of writing the meeting is 4 days away and Dr Bhatti and I are very much looking forward to this new initiative.

With Christmas heading towards us at some speed, I also want to let you know of another initiative aimed at making the surgery, the Green Pharmacy but more importantly our patients' lives much easier. Every repeat prescription request taken from 11th November will have resulted in TWO prescriptions being issued to your chosen pharmacy. This is to ensure that patients' will have their medication ready to collect during December without having to suffer any delays due to the holiday period.

Finally (honest!) we are coming to the end of the 'flu season' and will be trying to get eligible patients in for their jabs before winter sets in properly. If you know you should be having a jab, please call us to book an appointment. If you're not sure, then call us anyway and we can check for you. Writing a surgery newsletter is very new to me and I hope you have found my first one both informative and interesting. I would like to try something new in 2014 by having a guest writer each month, but I would also welcome feedback at any time so please feel free to do just that!

Richard P Miller, Practice Manager

[I would like to say on behalf of all Messenger readers a big thank you to Hugh for his Surgery News articles over the years and also the, now traditional, April Fools which have sometimes taken us in and certainly given us a laugh. Welcome to Richard and look forward to his contributions on news from Great Bentley Surgery. - Ed.]



KITCHEN CORNER

Devilled and Pulled Turkey

This is a nice old recipe for using up leftover poultry meat. These quantities serve 6 people.

Drumstick and thigh of a large turkey. Cut the meat from the bones into tidy pieces and slash the plumper bits in 2 or 3 places. Mix together a tablespoon of Dijon mustard, tablespoon fruit chutney chopped, tablespoon Worcester or anchovy sauce 2 tablespoons oil and ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper. Dip the meat in and spoon into the cuts so well coated. Line a grill rack with foil and lay the pieces on top. Leave while you pull the breast meat into thready pieces You need about 1lb. Melt 4oz butter in a frypan add 6oz double cream and boil 2-3 minutes to a smooth sauce. Add the turkey and season well with salt and pepper, chopped parsley and lemon juice.



Cook the devilled turkey under a hot grill turning the pieces as they become crusty brown. Put them round the edges of a warm serving dish and pile the sauce mix in the middle. Serve this with good bread or toast.

Happy Christmas and New Year to all!!!

Jill Frostick

THANKS

Great Bromley is fortunate to have one of the most beautiful churches in East Anglia. Whether or not a regular attendee at the services, most parishioners use the church for one reason or another. This would not be possible without the dedicated and loyal services of the Parochial Church Council who have made it their business to see that St George's is always a pleasure to visit, and who make sure that the church's profile is kept to the fore both in and outside the

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our October meeting Margaret gave a very interesting and descriptive talk on the Amish Community of Pennsylvania, a religious group which she had visited on several occasions. The Community have a very structured lifestyle and their clothes are in subdued colours without any ornate fastenings, buttons or zips. Their children attend Amish schools and transport is by buggy. Margaret had material samples and books for members to examine as well as small dolls dressed in the Amish style.

At our December meeting the Manningtree Daytimers will be entertaining us as we enjoy our Christmas party. There will not be a Competition for this month.

January 2014 will be an Open Meeting and social afternoon. The Competition - an unusual Christmas card or Calendar.

Sylvia Ward



GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

100 Club Winners for October

- 1st. Jack Allam
- 2nd. Mrs Judith Peeling
- 3rd. Mr Mark Lamb (Snr.)

village. I, for one, would like to take this moment to say a sincere thank you, particularly to Jenny Nicholls and Ann Fairley, for all their hard work and dedication - especially during the time(s) that the parish has not had a permanent minister. These good people beaver away in the background and we all benefit from their endeavours, so, again, many thanks and a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.

Brenda Perry

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR CHILDREN

Cup And Ball Santa

You will need:

Polystyrene ball
Paper cup
Pink paint
Red paint
Red and white felt
Small red pompom
White pompom
Wiggle eyes
Red, black and pink craft foam
Pink pen
Glue



Instructions:

- Paint the ball pink and the cup red and leave to dry. Glue the ball to the bottom of the cup.
- Cut two arms from red foam and two hands from pink. Glue one hand to the end of each arm and the other ends of the arms to the body.
- Cut a strip of black foam and glue it around the middle of the cup as a belt.
- Make a hat by rolling some red felt into a cone. Glue the edge of the cone and glue the hat to the top of the ball. Cut a band of white felt and glue it around the edge of the hat. Add a pompom at the end of the hat.
- Cut a beard from white felt and glue to the front of the face. Add a red pompom nose.
- Finally, add two eyes and draw on a mouth.

More crafts can be found on <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk> which is where this craft came from



Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

Church Meadow Bungalow, Hall Road, Great Bromley CO7 7TR
Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org

Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

OUTSTANDING

OFSTED INSPECTED JUNE 2013

Our AGM was held on October 24th, we would like to say a big thank you to the officers and committee members who stepped down for all their hard work over the past few years and to welcome the new members that are joining us, we look forward to working with you.

At the end of October the children enjoyed Halloween activities. They had great fun preparing the pumpkin for carving - scooping out the seeds and drawing the face on it and then experimenting with torches shining through the holes. The children decorated biscuits and made some lovely Halloween pictures too. We also had some wonderful firework pictures with lots of glue and glitter and we explored words that described the sounds the fireworks made.

The week of 11th November we looked at 'Healthy Eating' - the aim was to promote awareness of healthy foods with lots of fun activities.

We are looking forward to another busy month - December is always a special time at pre-school especially so this year as it will be the first in our new premises. In addition to the usual Christmas decorations and cards etc. to be made, we have been invited to the Church on the 4th December for the children to unwrap and help set up the nativity scene - very exciting. At the

end of term we will be having a Christmas sing-a-long at 'Leonard Cheshire Disability' with the children and their parents and finishing with our Christmas party which will include a visit from Santa. So lots to look forward to.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and friends for their help and support this year and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Just a reminder that we are collecting the 'Nestle box tops', so please tell family and friends.

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 on the above number.

Dates for your diary:

Dad's Week Beginning Monday 2nd
December

Christmas Holidays begin Monday 23rd
December

Pre-school reopens in New Year
Monday 6th January 2014



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GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.gbpc.org.uk

I write this as the first day of frost has settled overnight and the weather has turned extremely cold. The long summer evenings are but a distant memory, but panic not, by the time you read this the shortest day of the year will be looming before the days become long again!

This is always a quieter time of year as far as Parish matters are concerned. At our November meeting we discussed the play equipment at Hare Green. A full inspection had been undertaken and it was noted that some remedial works were needed including re-painting and the like so it is hoped that this can be undertaken in the new year. On the subject of play equipment the Parish Council hope to install some play equipment at Church Meadow next year. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

The litter pick organised in the village was successful with over a dozen people attending. Thanks to everybody who braved the weather to



help keep the village clean and tidy.

A concerning report was received from a member of the public regards asbestos burying in a field within the village. This has already been reported to TDC who have inspected the area. If you see or hear of anything similar within the village, please do inform us and we will ensure that the appropriate authorities are notified.

If you haven't already done so, do take some time to have a look at the Village and Parish website. The site is well looked after by Cllr. Skinner, and is regularly updated with important information. The Council have received notification of temporary road closures in the Village and surrounding areas, details of which are on our web page.

The Messenger is taking a break in January, so for now the Parish Council would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Laura Austin, Clerk

Each year the parish council makes small grants to support village community activities, if you would like to apply, please write or email me with the name of the organisation, how much you would like (£100's not £1,000's) and what you will use it for. The parish council will be considering these grants at our January meeting.

I would like to also remind you that the parish council is here to serve your interests and that everyone is very welcome to attend our meetings at the village hall 7:30 on the second Wednesday of each month. At the December meeting we will be finalising the precept - how much we add to the community charge to fund our work - the agendas are always on the notice boards four days before the meeting

*Alan Thomas, Chairman,
Great Bromley Parish Council
Maple Cottage, Brundells Road, CO77JP*

Adopt a tub

This winter, Deans, who planted up our lovely summer tubs, have offered to replant them with winter plants completely free of charge.



As they will not need a great deal of attention, but just occasional watering and deadheading, we are looking for volunteers to adopt a tub to care for during the winter. The tubs are situated as follows

**Opposite the Cross Inn
On the War Memorial
By St George's close
Outside Village Hall
By Selectcars
Balls Green**

If anyone would like to help keep the village looking cheerful over the winter and adopt a tub, please contact
Kate Strowbridge - 07592735600

PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS

APP REF /DECISION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/00710/FUL - approval, full	3 Hall Cottages, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Two storey side extension with front porch
12/01126/FUL - approval, full	Landmark House, Frating Road, Great Bromley	Change of use from office (use class B1) to a single dwelling (class C3)
13/00981/FUL a approval, full	Land opposite Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Erection of a general purpose agricultural building
13/00980/FUL - application withdrawn	Land off Hall Road, Great Bromley	Erection of four bedroom agricultural dwelling to replace temporary mobile home approved under 10/00585/FUL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
13/01060/FUL	Primrose Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Installation and operation of a ground mounted solar PV system up to 34kw.

TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

Our storm damage was quite minimal compared with the local photographs of major damage involving cars, houses and trees. We had a few flying bales from the top of the straw stacks, branches from the road trees and empty water drums rolling across the field ending up in the far hedgerow.

As part of the Countryside Stewardship scheme we have areas of the field growing pollen and nectar for the wildlife to feed and take cover. The scheme ensures you cut it this time of the



year leaving shorter grass, which has led to a hive of activity by the Kestrel. He has now a fantastic hunting ground and hovers

very mesmerised and concentrating on the small animals below before diving for his prey.

A Kestrel is a familiar sight with its pointed wings and long tail, hovering beside a roadside verge. Numbers of kestrels declined in the 1970s, probably as a result of change in farming methods. They have adapted readily to man-made environments and can survive right in the centre of cities.

Latin name is Falco tinnunculus

Family - Falcons and allies (Falconidae)

Where to see them - Kestrels are found in a wide variety of habitats, from moor and heath, to farmland and urban areas. The only places they do not favour are dense

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2013/14 EVENTS



DECEMBER

- 1 Messy Christingle, Ardleigh Village Hall, 3.00pm
- 7 Christmas Fayre Village Hall with Children's Competition, 10.00am
Lt Bromley Amenities Group - Children's Christmas Party, 2.00pm Haywain
- 7 & 8 Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's church, Gt Bentley
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 14 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Christmas Dinner at Haywain
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
- 21 Carol service, Lt Bromley church, 3.00pm
- 24 Crib Services at Ardleigh & Great Bromley - *see box opposite*
- 31 New Year's Eve Party, Village Hall - **SOLD OUT**

JANUARY

- 8 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm Village Hall
- 14 Little Bromley Amenities Group meeting, 7:30pm, the Haywain
Copy deadline for The Bromley Messenger
- 16 Friendship Club meeting, Village Hall, 2.00pm
WEA History of the World in 100 objects, Ardleigh Village Hall, 2.30pm
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7:30pm
- 18 The Big Breakfast, Village Hall - check date when booking
- 25 Essex on Tour production, Village Hall

FEBRUARY

- 1 Charles Dickens Magic Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm
Little Bromley Amenities Group Bingo night, the Haywain (to be confirmed)
- 15 Quiz Night, Village Hall.
- tba Whist Drive, Village Hall, Watch this space

MARCH

LT BROMLEY AMENITIES GROUP

Children's Christmas Party - *see below* Group Christmas 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 a place.

Childrens Christmas Party
Saturday 7th December
2pm-5pm at The Haywain
Tickets £3pp

Food
Music
Santa
Games
Face Painting

Tickets available at The Haywain or ring 07767 238870 for more info.
Little Bromley Amenities Group

Friends of Little Bromley Church

are holding their last event of the year
on Saturday, 21st December
at 3.00pm

Come and join us at our **Carol Service**

Will it be candle-lit? Come and see.

Will there be mince-pies afterwards? Come and see.

Will it lead you towards Christmas? Come and see.

We look forward to welcoming you.

If you are new to the area,
the church post-code for your

Sat-Nav is CO11 2PP



*A Christmas Service
For all the Family*

Please join us for
our...



**Christmas Eve Crib
Service**

On Tuesday 24th December
St Mary's Church, Ardleigh at

4.00pm

Or

St George's church, Gt Bromley at

5.30pm

WEA Ardleigh Branch



**HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN
100 OBJECTS**

Tutor: Frances BOARDMAN
Venue: Ardleigh Village Hall,
Station Road, CO7 7RS

Thursdays 14.30 (1 and a half hour
sessions) (Tea break 15 minutes)
10 Meetings from 16th January 2014
Fee £45.30

Man has always produced interesting or beautiful objects with which to decorate his life, home and places of worship. Up to c10,000BC (Palaeolithic), man existed in small tribal groups surviving by hunting, fishing and gathering fruit, a nomadic life as these sources of food changed, but pipes and whistles have been found at Palaeolithic sites all over the world showing man's desire to create music, and cave painting of power and beauty was already an ancient art form.

Around the end of the last Ice Age, (c15,000 years ago), a more settled pattern of life emerged. Urban revolution brought huge cultural transition, in turn generating new needs. These were met by a quantum leap in innovation and the establishment of craftsmen and scientists, as well as priests. For the first time, manufacturing became established and excess could be used to provide for non-producers – art as we know it was born. Today we can look back and admire some of these treasures and give an account of the artistic achievements of man through the objects produced from the Neolithic to the 20th century.

This course examines some of these treasures.

Please just come along to the first session on 16th January and see if this is the course for you. If you enjoy it and decided to continue, payment must be made on the second week of the course. We have had Frances for our courses before and I am sure this will be of great interest to everyone attending.

For further details contact
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Messy Christingle

Come and have some family time
and some messy Fun followed by a
light tea

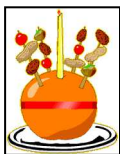
on **Sunday 1st December**
3.00-5.30pm at Ardleigh
Village Hall

All Welcome!

Donations of £1.00 per
child (Accompanying adults
free)

For more information
please contact:

Carol Cordwell: 01206 395103



Badminton

There will be **NO** badminton in
the Village Hall on 10th, 24th and
31st December.



Village Hall Events

all at the Village Hall, Great Bromley

Christmas Fayre

Saturday December 7th 10.00am-1.00pm
Santa Claus, Slot Car racing, the Human Fruit Machine, raffle prizes as well as all the usual favourites will definitely be there and we are also hoping for some live music.

This year the Fayre is run with the Church

December 31st

New Year's Eve event

SOLD OUT - SORRY, no tickets left

Who likes a big fry up? Are you hungry, especially on a cold and fresh morning?

Then we have something for you
January 18th is a highly probable date for
"The Big Breakfast"
at the Village Hall.

Book yourself a big cooked breakfast, bring the family and enjoy some great company too but please check date when booking

Saturday February 1st 2014
at 7:30 pm

Charles Dickens Magic Night

full of mirth, marvels and mysteries
Tickets are £8 each for this cabaret style seating night.

Please book your table, bring your own food and drink. It promises to be something a little different.

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Whist Drive
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provisional date for the next

Mind Body and Spirit event in 2014
more info soon.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church, Great Bentley
Saturday 7th December 10am to 4.00pm
Sunday 8th December 11am to 4.00pm.

There will be workshops and short entertainments throughout the day (times to be arranged)

A Large Stall of Christmas Food, Cakes, Puddings Shortbreads etc.

Gift Stall and Tombola.

Light Lunches, Soup and Teas/Sandwiches/ Cakes etc. throughout both days.

Entry Programme: £1 with children free.

Friday 6th December

Come along to a fun night at the Venture Centre 2000, Lawford

Sweet Success are hosting their popular Friday evening dinner with a

Medieval Feast

Open 7.30 for 8.00pm sit down.

Goblets for wine, Hessian Table Cloths, Candelabras, Bread Plates, scooped out loaves for the pottage to be served in

Dress accordingly if you so wish

Menu available upon request.

£10.00 deposit when booking, menu choices requested 10 days before the night, **£25.00 per head**

Licensed bar. Pre booking essential.

Contact Linda Pinhey on 01206 230126

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

A demonstration by Brenda Evers
NAFAS East of England
Demonstrator

St Mary's Church, Great Bentley

Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm
Tickets £5.00

includes mulled wine & mince pies

The arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening

Available from

Carole Allington 01206 251086

Rita Coles 01206 251506

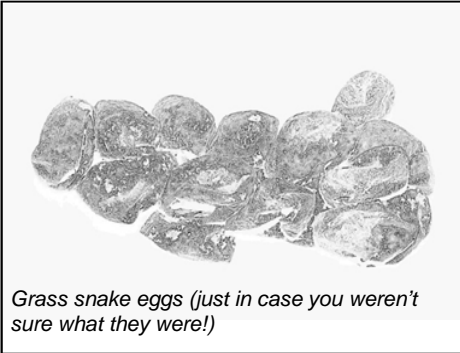
Mary Maskell 01206 250524

Brenda Evers 01206 250594



IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

A week or so ago I was turning over the compost heap and found two strings of what looked like deflated ping pong balls. When I came in, I googled it, and found they were grass snake eggs. All were empty, so I now have (possibly) 16 or so baby grass snakes in my garden, together



Grass snake eggs (just in case you weren't sure what they were!)

with their 3 foot mother. Looking at the hatching times, I'm wondering if my sighting of the snake was just after she had laid these eggs. Unfortunately, I don't know what the infant mortality figures are for grass snakes, but sadly I suspect few of them will survive.

One of my jobs at the beginning of December is cutting holly whilst it still has some berries on it and putting it in a bucket of water in the green house. When we first came to Bromley and I was still working, I promised various colleagues some holly with berries as we had a glut. When I came to pick it a few days before Christmas, I found that all the berries had been stripped off by the birds. Very embarrassing! I also pick ivy and weave it into wreaths and also put it in the greenhouse where it stays fresh for a long time. Ivy seems to grow very vigorously in my garden, and if wasn't for the fact that the flowers are a valuable source of nectar for insects in the colder months, I think my husband would have pulled it all up. We have a brick barbecue in the garden which has long since

disappeared under the ivy!

So far, the weather has been quite mild, and some of my annuals are still flowering. If I deadhead them regularly, the cosmos and rudbeckias are still flowering their socks off, but sadly, I am sure one morning soon I will look out the window and see that they resemble stewed cabbage having caught the frost.

A far as gardening is concerned, vegetable beds need digging over, if they are not too wet, with plenty of organic manure. Horse manure is ideal, and if incorporated now, should have rotted down before the planting season starts next year. Most horse owners would be only too pleased if you beg some of their growing manure pile, as most of them have to pay to have it removed.

Winter vegetables continue to be harvested, and parsnips are meant to taste better when there has been a frost. Carrots can be stored in sand, and chard and spinach continue to grow if picked regularly.

All pots and trays need washing before use next year, and the greenhouse glass should be kept as clean as possible to maximise light levels. Rhubarb can be forced by covering it with a bucket anchored with a brick. Allegedly, you get much sweeter earlier stems, but personally I have had little success with this.

There is no Messenger in January, so I will not be back until February. Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Kate Strowbridge

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forests, vast treeless wetlands and mountains. They are a familiar sight, hovering beside a motorway, or other main road. They can often be seen perched on a high tree branch, or on a telephone post or wire, on the look out for prey.

When to see them - All year round.

What they eat - Small mammals and birds

Population - UK breeding (36,800 pairs) is the number of pairs breeding annually. UK wintering is the number of individuals present from October to March. UK passage is the number of individuals passing through on migration in spring and/or autumn.

The farm shop is also a hive of activity with Christmas preparations, with the printing of the Christmas orders forms we have already got our first turkey order in. British sausage week was a huge success with a big demand for the 10 varieties that we made that week. They were Best, Cumberland, Old English, Lincolnshire, Toulouse, Hot Spanish, Tomato, Black Pudding, Pork and Apple, and finally Pork and Bacon. Our now famous Swedish roast is selling well, many people are trying it and then have as an alternative meat on Boxing day. Bread sales are taking off as well as cakes and hot cross buns. We have smoked and unsmoked gammons for cooking and I found a lovely recipe just right for Christmas.

Just leaves space to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Primrose farm Great Bromley.

Karen Moss

Recipe for Christmas Gammon. **Honey and marmalade-glazed gammon joint**

This stunning gammon joint glazed with fruity marmalade and sticky honey is great for feeding a crowd.

Ingredients

For the gammon

6kg/13lb 3½oz gammon joint

fresh orange juice, to cover

water, to cover

8 cloves, plus extra for

studding the gammon

2 onions, peeled, halved

4 large bay leaves

For the glaze

120g/4oz soft brown sugar

3 oranges, zest of three, juice of two

3 tbsp clear honey

3 heaped tbsp orange marmalade

3 tbsp wholegrain mustard

To serve

apple compote

pickled red cabbage

Preparation method

For the gammon, place the gammon into a large, deep pan and cover with water.

Bring to the boil, then remove from the heat and drain.

Return the gammon to the pan, then pour in enough orange juice to cover half of the gammon. Pour in enough cold water to cover the gammon completely.

Push two cloves into each onion half and add to the pan along with the bay leaves.

Cover with a lid and bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook gently for three hours, adding more hot water to the pan as necessary.

Preheat the oven to 180C/360F/Gas 4.

Remove the gammon from the pan and place into a roasting tin. Remove the skin, leaving behind a thin layer of fat. Score the gammon in a diamond pattern with the tip of a sharp knife. Stud the centre of each diamond with a clove.

For the glaze, mix together all of the glaze ingredients in a bowl until well combined.

Spoon the glaze evenly over the gammon.

Roast the gammon in the oven for 45 minutes, basting frequently with the glaze and pan juices, until the gammon is cooked through and golden-brown all over.

Set aside to rest, then carve into thick slices to serve. Alternatively, the gammon can be eaten cold. Serve with apple compote and pickled red cabbage.





VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

We are still here, working hard to keep our Village Hall up and running for all the people in the local

area. As a result of the increase in energy costs, meeting all present legislation and increased heating costs over the past few years the amount of effort needed is constantly going up. There are a lot of hard working people giving up their time to raise money to keep everything in top condition. What we ask is for people, families, residents and users to attend some of our fund raising events, you never know you may be pleasantly surprised.

The Bingo event was run and made a profit for the Hall of £73 and the Mind Body and Spirit event made £258. The Mind Body and Spirit proved to be very popular with a slow start but a strong finish. We had happy stall holders who are already asking when the next event is going to be. The table top sale will have occurred (before you read this) on November 16th but we have 23 tables sold so far.

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The Film night plans are moving with committee members Jaquie Terry and David Beech are doing a bit of research on how other Halls in our area run their events. It's a hard life having to eat the popcorn while watching a film in a nearby village but someone has to do it!

Thinking about holding a special event? Thought of hiring the Village Hall? Our prices are very competitive with a Village resident being able to hire the main hall for as little as £14.00 per hour.

The full prices per hour are:- Village users, Main Hall £14, Millennium Hall £8, Committee Room £6, Small Hall £5, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £5, Main and Millennium Hall £20 Non Village resident Main Hall £16.50, Millennium Hall £9.50, Committee Room £7, Small Hall £6, Kitchen (in isolation, non commercial) £6, Main and Millennium Hall £23.

Over the last few years it has been upgraded to one of the better halls in the area with the exterior painting, new kitchen, new toilets, interior painting, floors sealed, new cleaning regime, new heating controls and a large declutter. 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 our booking and her details are on the inside face of The Bromley Messenger.

That's all for now, as always thank you for your support. Let's all make the most of Great Bromley Village Hall. Let's use it, not lose it!

Next meeting Tuesday January 14 2014 at the normal time of **8:00pm**.. As always all welcome.

David Beech

THE GREAT BROMLEY VILLAGE PANTOMIME (PART I)

The Pantomime season is soon upon us! For many years Great Bromley had its own pantomime which many locals look back on very fondly.

The Panto was originally started by the Women's Institute and hence had an all female cast. The Great Bromley WI started up in 1948 and a Drama Group was soon formed to do plays and revues for member meetings and the annual Old Folks party. Their first Pantomime was in December 1958, "Cinderella Revisited", in which my mother Jill played the principal boy. I will list snippets of her diary reveal some of the story!

3 July 1958 We decided to do a pantomime for Christmas, I was cast as principal boy!

8 Oct At drama rehearsal I stood in as huntsman, fairie, as well as my own part. It is beginning to take shape, with dances and stage groups being worked out

4 Nov Rehearsal in the evening. Little progress and too much chat as usual!

26 Nov Last rehearsal before dress rehearsal! It was hopeless - so slow and scrappy and much too short. We shall have to add dances and songs.

29 Nov Spent the afternoon fixing up various greenery for the hunting scene. Went up to the Austin's house and practised Rock 'n' Roll - Nancy and I worked out a goodish dance sequence.

Dec 5 The pantomime performance. I was extremely ill with sickness bug, weak and unwell all day but managed to have a nap in the afternoon and felt better. I was not able to give of my best at the performance which was annoying. We had a full house and very appreciative audience. Mr Deere warmed them up with a few conjuring tricks! The performance went pretty well on the whole and was successful. We felt pleased with it and everyone thought it worthwhile and the costumes very much admired.

Dec 8 We did our pantomime at the Seven Rivers Home as were not able to

ask the patients into the V Hall on Friday. The arrangements were primitive, with no proper stage, but it went well. They seemed to enjoy it very much and we really enjoyed doing it for them.

28 Jan 1959 Last performance of our panto in Alresford in aid of their school funds.

1 Mar The drama group came here for a meeting. We have an estimate of £30 for lighting installation - we have decided to go ahead although this will take all our funds.

Jill missed having much involvement in the 1959 show due to pregnancy, but was full of praise for the show:

4 Dec 1959 "We went to the WI drama group pantomime "Beauty and the Beast". It was most enjoyable and really very good. As usual the costumes were first rate and this year the stage was much improved with the new side curtains, new lighting and also scenery made by Mr Deere and Bunny Austin. All the acting and singing was good and improved on last year in most respects. There were four children as fairies who looked very pretty and did several attractive dances including one very effective moonlight dance to Blue Danube waltz. It was altogether an excellent show."

The last WI-only pantomime was Dick Whittington in January 1961 where Jill had volunteered to do scenery, costumes and advertising! More about that, and how the men got involved, another time.

By the way, two stalwarts of the Panto for many years, Nigel & Amanda Rowe, are involved in "Ali Babar" at the Manifest Theatre in Manningtree this season.

Many thanks to Jillian Frostick for permission to use her diary. I would like to make a copy of all the old pantomime programmes in order to record the members of the cast; if you have any would be very grateful to borrow them. Thanks!

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St Helena Hospice
your time...your hospice

St Helena Hospice Tree of Memories appeal

As Christmas is drawing closer, St Helena Hospice is launching a refreshed appeal for 2013. Tree of Memories replaces their Light up a Life appeal from previous years and invites supporters to make a dedication to someone special, along with a donation to the Hospice. In return for their donation, supporters will receive a personal copy of their dedication on a decorative tag and, if they wish, their dedication will also be hung on a Tree of Memories at the Myland Hall site, based at

Highwoods, Colchester.

The tree will be on display to those who have made dedications from Monday 16th December until Friday 10th January 2014. The Hospice will also be holding a special Tree of Memories Service at Myland Hall, which will take place on Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm in their Joan Tomkins Centre. If you are unable to make this service, there are a number of other services in the area, please see our website for more details.

To make a dedication and for more information, please go to www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/treeofmemories13 or contact the Fundraising Office on 01206 791740.

St Helena Hospice Stall Briar Road

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the stall this year. Between us all we have raised an amazing £6,015.58 which has now been forwarded to the Hospice.

A lot of this money has been raised through the sale of all the goodies that have been donated. Thank you.

Normally in our thank you letter we don't mention individual people, but, we feel we should say a big thank you to Bob, who has arrived every Saturday with an abundance of donated produce, and to William for our weekly supply of mushrooms.

Sadly though the year didn't go without a 'blip'. Someone reported the stall to the Council for operating without planning consent and we had a visit from T.D.C. At about the same time a local was seen taking photographs of the stall on our property but we don't know if there was any connection with the Council. We then had a visit from a gentleman from HMRC Valuation Office in Colchester. Thankfully for the stall common sense and humanity prevailed and the stall is still here.



It costs £6m plus to run the Hospice for a year and all the money comes from local businesses and fundraising in North Essex. The Hospice is there for all of us, should we ever need it - hopefully we won't.

Kindling will again be available during the winter along with everything else that comes our way.

Once again thank you to everyone who supports the stall.

N.B. During the winter months the stall will be closing at 1.00pm on Sundays.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Jenny and John (Briar Road)

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Harvest

On Thursday 31st October at 10am, we held our Messy Harvest at Great Bromley Village hall. On a cold, wet day we welcomed around 37 children and their families to our session.

Starting with a drink and biscuit, we then heard the story of The Sower, before heading off to do some crafts. With plenty of helpers on hand children soon had lots of items to take home. The bird's headbands were very popular, looked after by Sue and Angela. Barbara, aided by Elaine had the children doing some vegetable printing, whilst with Ruth they made smelly sunflower heads. Chris and Olivia had the children writing their prayer petals and some beautiful colouring went on their harvest word. The children got the chance to choose where to plant their seeds with Mal, deciding on sand or soil to grow them in. Playdough, toys and colouring sheets filled in the gaps until it was time to regroup.

Action songs and prayers followed, before we went off to enjoy a light lunch in the hall.

With lots of help in the kitchen, a feast was spread before the children which disappeared very quickly.

We would like to thank all those who came and helped and all those who attended for making the morning another enjoyable event.

Our next session will be our **Messy Christingle** on Sunday 1st December at Ardleigh Village Hall between 3pm and 5.30pm. Come and join us at the start of Advent for a fun and busy afternoon.

Carol Cordwell



ESSEX POLICE

If you need to talk to me for any Police Community problems, you can contact me on 07967466876, or 101 Ext 487603 (free phone) or email me leslie.barnes@essex.pnn.police.uk. Please note if you leave a message I will try to reply to your call the day I am next on duty. Website: http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx
Thorpe le Soken Police Station,
Landermere Road, Thorpe le Soken, CO16 0LQ

Animal - Golding Farm - (Horse's loose)

- Chase Road - (Loose dog)

Burglary Dwelling

- Meadow Close - (Money taken)

Burglary Other

- Hall Road - The Church x 2

Suspicious Circumstances

- Ardleigh Road - (2 males acting suspiciously on a drive way at 2 am)

RTC - Ardleigh Road

PCSO Barnes 71909

CHURCH JOTTINGS

The Bromleys P.C.C. (Parochial Church Council) are an elected body of faithful, committed members of Great and Little Bromley.

The members of this corporate body are elected at the A.P.C.M. (The Annual Parochial Church Meeting). All members of the community are eligible for election as long as they are registered on the electoral roll.

The wardens and members of the P.C.C. have a great responsibility, even more so now that we do not have an incumbent.

The responsibility and duties of the P.C.C. are huge. Responsible for the Fabric of the building of St George's in Great Bromley, responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the church yards at Great Bromley and Little Bromley. Responsible for the organisation of the type of services and the continuity of regular services offered to our community are also the responsibility of the P.C.C. The wardens organise priest and lay readers who take these services and the money to pay them is authorised, as with any expenditure, by the P.C.C.

Where does the money come from? The upkeep and maintenance of a C14 building and two church yards (The building of St Mary's, Little Bromley is maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust) is an expensive business.

The P.C.C. of the Bromleys relies heavily on the generosity and regular giving of their loyal (but rather small congregation). Some give weekly, some monthly (by direct debit), some contribute by annual donations.

This regular income for the general day to day expenses is supplemented by very necessary fund raising events, bequests and gifts from family and friends and, in previous years, Section 137 grants from both Parish Councils.

For Fabric Repairs grants of money are sought from organisations such as English Heritage, Friends of Essex Churches,

Garfield Weston, Essex Environment Trust, National Churches Trust, etc etc and much hard work on the part of the P.C.C. Many really urgent repairs have been managed and completed over the last five years due to the determination and commitment of the P.C.C. It is obvious that this task of keeping St. George's Church and the two church yards open for the community is an onerous one. For the wardens and the P.C.C. it is really a "full time job", but because we want the church and church yards to remain open and available for Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals (everyone who lives in our villages is entitled to be buried in our church yards) it is our duty. It is also a pleasure and privilege to be custodians of this beautiful church – we are only passing through and want it to remain in the community for future generations.

Sadly the money for grass cutting has now run out, as we focus on filling the oil tank and paying the electricity bill.

Many of you are most generous and do understand that we have no regular income or money from the Diocese of Chelmsford – what we have is what you give us! Thank you for your continued support – to date we have had donations towards the grass cutting, the renovation of the Lych Gate, the new flag pole and flag, the new Reredos in memory of John Appleby and of course your generosity paid for the toilet!!

Maintaining and running two church yards is quite a headache financially.

Unfortunately, to add to the cost, we lost an ash tree at Little Bromley on Monday 28th October causing damage to the fencing and costing £320 just to remove the debris!! The Bromley's P.C.C. have to find the money for this extra expense.

Contributions towards the maintenance of both church yards are always most welcome. Everyone who has a loved one interred in either church yard expects to see the grass mown and tidy. We have tried to economise by creating wild life

areas in both church yards but it is very expensive to have the grass cut regularly. Perhaps we should return to sheep safely grazing as was tried in the 60s! Weather permitting there will be a churchyard working party on 23rd November at St. George's.

If you have any suggestions as to how we might manage this situation please do not hesitate to contact a member of your P.C.C. listed below.

The P.C.C. will seek re-election again in 2014.

If you want to join us on the Church Council and are not sure how to proceed please contact Ann or myself you will be most welcome.

Thank you for supporting our Services of Remembrance and Reflection in both Parishes. 70 people gathered at Great Bromley; most of them came into the church building to continue the service led by Canon Gillian Greenslade.

15 villagers gathered at Little Bromley Memorial and we thank Gregory Frostick for leading the service. The Wardens and P.C.C are delighted that providing a different format of service for this special occasion was so successful.

Finally we look forward to seeing you at all our Church Services this Christmastide the dates and times are as follows:

Please join us for our Community Advent Service on December 1st, we are honoured that Archdeacon Annette Cooper of Colchester will lead this service. The lessons will be read by members of our community. This service, preparing us for the impending Christmas Tide, begins at 6.30pm and will be followed by seasonal refreshments. You are all very welcome.

Little Dragons School visit December 4th

The Christmas "St. Nicholas Fayre" takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday December 7th. The church have been invited to share this event in 2013. There will be fun for all the family from 10am onwards. Donations for our tombola and cake stalls are most welcome.

St George's School Carol Concert
December 20th at 2pm
Carol Service 21st December 3pm St Mary's Little Bromley
Crib Service 24th December 5.30pm at St. George's
Midnight Service 24th December 11.30pm at St George's. (There will be no incense this year)

Members of The Bromley's P.C.C.:

Mrs Ann Fairley Chairman and Church Warden
Mrs Marion Bromfield Treasurer
Mrs Mary Fawcett Secretary
Mrs Jenny Nicholls Church Warden/ Flowers
Mr Peter Wenden Verger
Mr Gregory Frostick Organist/Fabric Committee Chairman
Mrs Anne Clapham
Mrs Yvonne Cobbold Deanery Synod & Children's Committee
Miss Christine Mingay Deanery Synod.

The Church Wardens and P.C.C. of The Bromley's would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014.

Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden

FROM THE REGISTER	
Baptism	
27.10.2013	George Stuart Smith
Memorial Service	
19.10.2013	Irene Mary Childs.
Funeral	
15.11.2013	Keith Hughes

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



Church of England Services - December & January

Sunday 1st	8.00am 10.30am 3-5.30pm 6.30pm	Advent Sunday Eucharist Parish Eucharist Messy Christingle Advent Readings & Carols <i>Archdeacon Annette Cooper will lead this Service</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin Ardleigh Village Hall St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 8th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 15th	8.00am 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist <i>with Holy Baptism</i>	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Saturday, 21st	3.00pm	Carols and Readings	<i>St. Mary's, Little Bromley</i>
Sunday 22nd	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	4th Sunday of Advent Eucharist Parish Eucharist Readings and Carols	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Tuesday 24th	4.00pm 5.30pm 11.30pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service Crib Service Midnight Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. George the Martyr</i>
Wednesday 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Christmas Morning Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 29th	8.00am 10.30am	1st Sunday of Christmas Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 5th	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Epiphany Sunday Eucharist Parish Eucharist for The Epiphany <i>Incense will be used</i> Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 12th	8.00am 10.30am 4.00pm	The Baptism of Christ Eucharist Parish Eucharist Evensong	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 19th	8.00am 10.30am	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Eucharist United Service for the Week of Christian Unity	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin</i>
Sunday 26th	8.00am 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Epiphany Eucharist Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr</i>
Sunday 2nd February	8.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	The Presentation of Christ - Candlemas Eucharist Parish Eucharist for The Epiphany <i>Incense will be used</i> Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr St. Mary the Virgin St. George the Martyr</i>

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