

# THE **BROMLEY MESSENGER**

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## **CHARITY COASTAL WALK RAISES OVER**

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, a coastal walk was held from Frinton to Walton (and back) in memory of Nicole Abbott from Great Bromley, who lost her battle for cancer a year ago, aged only 34. Funds were raised for the charity **Cancer Active** and, to date, £1,400 has been collected, which, when Gift Aid is taken into account, amounts to over £1,600 for the Charity.

The day started off cool and breezy, but dry, and 49 intrepid walkers gathered on the greensward at Frinton, near the Golf Club, along with a number of dogs in a variety of outfits – prizes were offered for the best dressed – and plenty of pink balloons. After the group photos, everyone set off along the promenade towards Walton, being careful to avoid the spray from the high tide waves being blown in on the wind. The walk took them along past the beach huts to Walton Pier and then beyond to the Naze Tower. After a brief stop for refreshments, the more energetic walkers carried on to do the circuit round the Naze point before returning to the Promenade and

back to Frinton. In all, approximately 10 miles, taking about 4 hours for most of the walkers. As the day progressed, the clouds dispersed and the sun shone, making the whole event an enjoyable, albeit tiring, experience.

Thanks must go to the organisers, Suzanne Abbott, Linda Pinhey and Clare Thompson for publicity, posters, balloons and collection of the donations. Thanks also to **Cancer Active** for providing the large banner and T-Shirts.

**Cancer Active** ([www.canceractive.com](http://www.canceractive.com)) is a charity which help people affected by cancer build a programme of complementary and alternative therapies around orthodox treatment – the best of the best – and to help increase their personal odds of survival. This is achieved by providing cancer information through a magazine **ICON**, distributed to hospitals, and centres on **Cancer Watch** which records research studies from around the world.

*Peter Abbott*

# KATISHA'S KOLUM

Mistress haz been looking after the grandchildren for a fu dayz and is feeling rather tired so I am taking over the tarsk of getting the Bromley Messenger redy for u orl to reed this munth. I hav been sitting in the cattery wile Mistress haz been away so I hav had plenty of time to think. Mostly about orl the mice and rabbits hoo r playing in mi garden. But just wayt for me to get bak home. I will soon hav them.

Sum of u will hav hurd that Mistress haz a new dog. I hav had to teech her how to be nice to kats. She had had nuthing to do with kats befor and I feered for my life the first day she arrived. Also dogs are so stupid - they cannot climb trees! However, I qwickly taught her sum manners and we now get on very well. Even so, not shaw still that I would turn my bak on her for too long!



There are orl sawts of things going on in both villages so u will be kept very bizzy with orl the different events. U are very fortunate to hav so much choys and no distance to hav to travel.

I must get bak to making shaw the mice and rabbits don't get into the howse. I am so pleezed it haz stopped rayining, my fur is dri and it is warm in the sun so I can snooze after my work.

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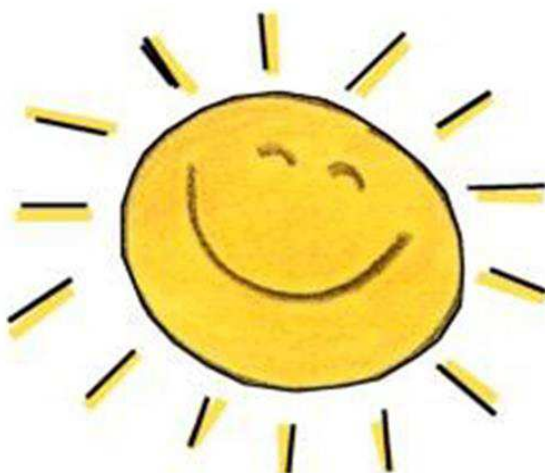


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# THE BROMLEY MESSENGER ACCOUNTS

## Treasurer's Report - Unaudited - April 2014

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 2013/14

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>
Donations	96.40	40.00
Advertisements	3467.00	2842.27
Sponsorship	920.00	264.00
Inserts	50.00	50.00
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	£4533.40	£3199.27
Due invoices		738.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Printing	3641.27	3959.95
Expenses/postage	274.33	156.67
Inserts	125.00	0.00
Prize	0.00	25.00
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	£4040.60	£4141.62
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	492.80	(204.35)

The Bromley Messenger remains in a sound financial position with a Bank Balance of over £4000 at the end of the year. However, during the year a loss is reported of just over £200. This is due to a larger than normal turnover in advertisers. The last two years' accounts have been audited by Owen Blowers, for which I thank him, and I shall be rewarding him with this year's books shortly.

Once again I would like to have it recorded that the magazine is only possible, due to the dedicated work undertaken by the editor and compiler, Leonie Henderson and Ann Fairley, who with her team of wonderful helpers, distributes the Messenger throughout the Bromleys.

*Richard Perry, Treasurer*

## THANKS

A very big thank you to all those committed volunteers who endeavour to deliver The Bromley messenger to your door by the first of the month.

Mrs Tracy Redfern who has delivered in Frating Road for some years has moved to Bradfield and we welcome to our team Nicki who has very kindly taken on that area.

The team consists of Mrs Estelle Kemp, Mrs Tracy Bird, Mr and Mrs Alan Ward, Mrs Jill Frostick, Mr and Mrs Peter Scott, Mrs Mary Hart, Mr and Mrs Tom Bush, Mrs Marion Bromfield, Mrs M Morling, Mr Tubby Austin, Mr and Mrs Gordon Jones, Mrs

Maureen Stokes, Mr and Mrs John Terry, Mr Stewart Harris, Mr Martin Barrett, Mrs Angela Prior, Mr Owen Blowers and Mrs Beverley Blake.

Some deliver up to 40 copies, others six copies but every single one helps.

Anita Spall and Brian Conner very kindly take care of the distribution around Little Bromley with the help of Mrs Ann Clark, Mrs Monica Rant and Mr Andrew Fairley.

Leonie is a wonderful editor and we all appreciate how much time and effort goes into the presentation of the Messenger.

Thank you to everyone.

*Henry and Ann Fairley.*

## AND FROM ME!!

I get rather embarrassed being thanked for doing something that I actually rather like (usually - some months I don't think like that!) to do and I would also like to add my thanks to the 'team' - Richard Perry, our treasurer, who deals with all things monetary as well as always being there with help and advice, Ann and Henry Fairley for their hard work each month getting everything ready for the distributors as well as distributing themselves, all the distributors as above and last, but not least,

my grateful thanks to Natalie Smith who proofreads the finished result each month and picks up any typos and mistakes that creep in.

Finally, thank you, our Readers, for reading our village magazine and for the kind comments you pass on. If there is ever anything you would like to see or for us to feature do please let us know.

Thank you all.

*Leonie*

## THANK YOU

### Litterpick

In last month's Messenger, I mentioned that the £10 note donated to Multiple Sclerosis was found during the Litterpick by "Alfie". Advancing years are clearly taking their toll, because it was Ernie who found it, not Alfie. So Ernie, my profound apologies and thanks again for your help.

*Owen Blowers*



### 'A Bit of Me Time' Coffee Morning

Just a short thank you to everyone who, came, helped or donated for the "A bit of me time" Coffee Morning". We raised a total of £250.00 and had a lovely morning. It was great to meet people from the village who we had not met before as well as some old faces, friends and family. The whole event had a lovely feel to it and a start has been made towards the total of £2000.

Please watch out for future events.

Many Thanks

*Becky and Debbie Cudmore*



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## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

### PLEASE NOTE

**Letter received from** Ann Offord  
Tending Libraries Group Manager  
Customer, Libraries and Heritage

I understand that you edit the Bromley Messenger Magazine, your latest edition states that the mobile library will discontinue visiting both The Cross Inn and Church Meadow. We are deleting the stop at The Cross Inn, but **Church Meadow shall continue**. I do apologise for the confusion and hope you will be able to inform your community in the next edition.

Kind regards  
Ann

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[www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk);

- See page25 for Mobile Library Day 'Lunch at the church'
- My apologies for possibly misleading anyone last month with closures in Church Meadow library service -Editor



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

Head teacher: Julie O'Mara Telephone: 01206 230305

## Mothers Day Lunch

Our second Mother's Day lunch saw an even greater number of mums join their children for a delicious roast dinner. This year we had 70! A special thank you to Maxine Cooper and all the lunchtime staff for a wonderful meal.



Class 1 said 'We enjoyed the special Mother's Day lunch. We were really excited about it and we thought it was brilliant!'

We are currently organising our Father's Day lunch which we hope will be just as wonderful too.

## Diocese Centenary Smartie Box Challenge

We were thrilled to receive so many smartie boxes crammed with lots of tiny interesting things. Items included lentils, grains of rice, blades of grass and even an eyelash! Each child who entered received a packet of sweets. The child in each class who managed to collect the most items also won a pen.



The school will be holding a day of music at St George's Church on 11th July where we hope to achieve many more of our 100 challenges. In the meantime please look out for the next Centenary Challenge which will be announced soon.

## Small Schools Netball Cluster

Our school netball team took part in the annual netball tournament at Bradfield School. Five teams took part, Bradfield, St Joseph's, two Ardleigh teams and ourselves. Our hardest match was our first one against Ardleigh which unfortunately we lost 2 - 0. However, we went on to win our other three matches. All the teams played well, with great defending from James Carver-Hardy. Erin Burnby was our top scorer with many goals coming from the edge of the area. At the end of the afternoon it was announced that we had come second overall. Well done to the whole team for great play and sportsmanship.



## Vacancies

Kier Services are currently recruiting cleaners and caretakers for schools in the Tendring area. If you are interested in applying, please visit the Kier website on <https://careers.kier.co.uk>



# VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES



The Village Hall AGM was held recently and for those who were

unable to attend I thought that I would share the Secretary's report on the last year.

## **Secretary's Report for the Year End 31st March 2014**

This year I have been less involved than in the past due to work and family commitments. It has been the first year with Mike as Chairman who stepped in after only being on the Committee for a year. We have continued with much the same Committee as last year, many of whom were newbies too. We have experienced a steep learning curve and as the office holders have full time jobs too, time is at a premium.

Martin has been a power house this year in getting things done, he has organised, cajoled, encouraged and just grafted. Martin and Mike sorted out a problem that was hitherto unknown to all the Committee. In short we had been providing free electricity to the Cricket Club and sorting something as financially delicate with a fellow Village Club was not an easy thing to do. The toilets have been finished and they look great. With less income, and grants being harder to get, we have pulled in our horns as far as spending is concerned. We did, however, receive money from the Parish Council for the curtains and also a £500 grant towards heating costs.

We were blessed with a much milder winter this year so the heating bill has been lower. Jackie has done splendid work with the bank account, giving some flexibility so we can get better deals on our utility bills. Mike is working with Jackie to get a proper computer accounts programme installed to get things like the invoicing, bookings, billings and payments together. This will make things easier for all concerned.

This year is the first full year without the playgroup. We have slowly increased the number of bookings and have several future wedding bookings too. This is thanks to all the hard work of the dynamic pair, Jackie and Mary.

This year has seen much more fund raising. We have to run events every three months but there were more late last year and early this year. The Christmas Fayre was a great success, again run by Filipe. Again we made some good money but we still lacked young children attending. As usual Jane and Dinah came up trumps with the New Year's Eve Event which sold old early and also made a large amount of money. A new event run by Jackie and Mary, the Mind, Body and Spirit Day, was well run but lacked numbers however. We had a night of Mirth and Mysteries, The Dickens Night which was a great night and again this was a money maker. Mary was the instigator but Martin and Kate helped with the finish. The Quiz Night was run this year by Kate and Jayne and again was packed, well run and great fun and made money. The future looks much brighter with more things being thought of and planned. The most important thing we do with our fund raising events is give all who attend a really great night's entertainment all in their own Village. No need to travel far- its all happening here.

To sum up, this year has been another difficult one. However we have continued with the improvements from the last couple of years. We have made long term decisions that will reduce the running costs of the Hall and keep the Hall up to date and hence more attractive to future hirers. This has been achieved by the Committee working well together under the great leadership of Mike Corduff. The future has new problems, such as finding people who are prepared to give up their time to help run the Hall. There are people leaving the Committee this year - will there be people to take their place?

We have had many challenges but by working together have successfully overcome them. The Village Hall's future success is in our hands.

Next meeting Tuesday June 17th is a normal meeting at the normal time of **8:00pm**.. As always all welcome.

*David Beech*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our Speaker for the April Meeting was Barbara Faulkner who gave a very interesting talk on Easter. Barbara brought along a selection of knitted Easter chicks and other items connected to the subject, and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of Frank Griffiths, a long standing member of our Friendship Club, who on retiring had been made an Honorary

Member. Frank had been a very active member of the Concert Party throughout his time in the village, and was also a very knowledgeable gardener who loved swapping tips on how to get the best out of the garden. He will be greatly missed.

In June we have Kath and Peter to entertain us and the competition will be a bell.

*Sylvia Ward*



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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

May is now the month of the Annual General Meeting so historically could be boring and not many members attend. This was not the case at Gt. Bromley. We started the evening with Jerusalem, very much a favourite beginning with our members, with Jenny, our president, at the piano. After the usual introductions and business she handed over to Sheila Gunson, our WI advisor. Sheila carried out the technical part of the meeting and Jenny was re-elected our president for the next year. Refreshments then were the order of the day to be followed by "Bromley has Talent" - three of our members had agreed to give a short talk about one of their particular interests.

Joy started the proceedings with an illustrated talk about her love of decorating cakes especially celebration cakes. She explained about the need to improve her skills and this was whilst she was working full time as a nursing sister. Joy explained how she had completed a City & Guilds Sugarcraft course over 2 years successfully, and then still wanting more had gone on to do a two year course on Patisserie in one year, still working full time. WOW!

Irene was next up with her talk about the very intricate craft of crochet, Irene is very talented and showed us all very old techniques as well as more modern. She

went on to explain that over the years the method of Broomstick crochet, lattice Loop, Afghan were all types of crochet stitch. She has a term U.F.O. (unfinished object) and she was trying to sort these into some sort of order to turn them into items that could be used.

Joan brought up the rear with her talk about Dorset Buttons. A

gentleman, Abraham Case, was the first person to make these very small buttons and Joan had some originals to pass

around. Over the years this increased to a cottage industry making at least 30 different types of button. In 1805 skilled workers could earn one shilling a week. Mothers would make the buttons and the children would be expected to stitch them on cards. The Industrial Revolution changed the face of button making and the cottage industry slowly disappeared. Some of the old names were High Tops, Honeycombs, Baskets, and Dorset Nobs.

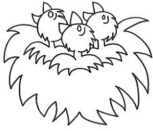
What a variety of talent we have at Great Bromley.

The evening was finished off with a beautiful birthday cake made by one of our members Sue.

*Joy Rolfe*







## IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

Great excitement in the garden, our Blue Tit in the camera box laid about 10 eggs and they have hatched. We saw them minutes afterwards, and truly only a mother could love them - they really are ugly!! The mother Blue Tit is very attentive and is constantly moving around, "tidying" the nest, and nipping out for a quick feed and a juicy morsel for the babies. Father Blue Tit has also put in an appearance, but presumably whilst the babies are so young, they don't need constant feeding, he spends most of his time elsewhere (has he got another family?) but I have no doubt that will change.

We had an enjoyable day at the plant sale at Ilex farm on Saturday, and seemed to sell almost all the plants. People were going away with wheelbarrow loads, apparently very happy. Unfortunately, I think it will be the last sale at Ilex farm, as James and Anne put an enormous amount of effort into the sale (Anne grows most of the plants herself), and they are finding it too much now. I have plans for next year, so watch this space. My garden looks as though someone has sprayed it with Miracle Gro. Everything, especially weeds, is growing at a tremendous rate, and my husband seems to have to cut the grass every five days or so. The mild temperatures have certainly got things off to a good start. Personally I will be delighted when the bedding plants can go out - my greenhouse is bursting! Probably it will be done by the time this article goes to print. Last year I was predicting a glut of ladybirds this summer, but I haven't yet seen a single one - has anyone else?

To gardening; greenhouses need shading from the hot summer sun if you are growing plants such as tomatoes, cucumber, chillies and aubergine. Paint or netting can be applied. In June, the sun is at its highest as we reach the equinox, and tender plants can be badly scorched. In the vegetable

garden, weeding and watering is a daily activity. However, now is also the time to start harvesting! We have been eating the most delicious asparagus for several weeks now. It amazes me the speed at which it grows - literally over the course of a day. Some baby carrots, beetroot, broad beans, lettuces and peas can also be harvested. Micro greens are very popular, and it is a good way of thinning crops. All remaining hardy plants such as cabbages, cauliflowers, celery and leeks should be planted by the middle of the month. Salad seeds should continue to be sown. Greedy plants such as those in the cabbage family, beetroot, celery, celeriac and leeks will benefit from supplementary feeding. Pest watch has started with pesky black fly, caterpillars and greenfly all doing their best to ruin your crops, not to mention slugs and snails.

The most important thing though is to make time to stand back and enjoy your garden.

*Kate Stowbridge*



## GT BROMLEY & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

### 100 Club Winners

#### March

- 1st. Mr. Mark Lamb (Snr.)
- 2nd. Jack Allam
- 3rd. Mr. George Kempster

#### April

- 1st. Mr. D. Lording
- 2nd. Mr. Clive Platt
- 3rd. Mrs. Helen Fairley

# THE DOCTORS' SURGERY NEWS

## Great Bentley Surgery

I want to focus on appointment availability in this month's newsletter. I've been hearing comments from receptionists, doctors and patients about the waiting time to see a doctor for routine appointments. I want to tell you about the changes we've made and what we are doing to do to improve the situation. We have roughly the same number of patients' as 10 years ago with the same mix of ages and medical conditions. We have the same number of doctors and appointments available too, so not much has changed in that respect. The only thing that has changed is that demand for appointments has increased and we find ourselves having a more difficult job of matching that demand with decreasing resources. We are in a period of severe financial cuts across the NHS so all surgeries are having to do much more work, for much less funding. This puts many, including us, in an increasingly tough position. We're luckier than some, in that we were able to attract new GPs to replace outgoing ones. In one local surgery, patients have to wait nearly two months to pre-book a routine appointment and is at risk of closing, so we feel lucky compared to some. For patients who need to be seen urgently on the same day, we will always see them. We introduced a triage system which ensures that these appointments are always medically appropriate. This helps to free routine appointments for everyone else. This is working very well and patients have provided positive feedback on this new process. Dr Chumbley has finished her training to be a GP trainer so by the time you read this we will have Dr Vine with us on a part time basis finishing her GP training. Having an extra registrar with us each year in the future as a result will help to reduce waiting times further and you can rest assured that we will always be looking for new and innovative ways to help further. If you have any ideas we are always keen to listen to any suggestions patients' may have

and the best way to bring these into discussion is to attend the Patient Participation Group meetings. This month's will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at the village hall so please do come along and get involved.

*Richard P Miller – Practice Manager*



By the end of June all patients 75 years and over will soon be allocated a named GP as part of a new government scheme to improve continuity of care. Presently everyone is registered with the practice as a whole and is able to see a nurse practitioner or the call doctor for urgent problems and can choose to make routine appointments with a doctor of their choice for ongoing health conditions. By the end of June everyone in this age group should receive a letter informing them of their named GP. We will be trying to ensure that this is a doctor you have seen before and if possible that this is the doctor you have been seeing regularly. Each letter will offer an option of applying to change the allocated doctor if you prefer although we do need to ensure that each doctor has a fair allocation of patients' numbers. This system does not mean that the named doctor will always be able to see you for each appointment. We will continue to offer an on call service for urgent appointments and any home visits will need to be shared equally among the medical team to allow an efficient service. However it does offer a named doctor to discuss ongoing medical conditions in routine appointments should you wish. All our patients will be free to book appointments with other doctors or the nursing team if they prefer. We hope this scheme offers continuity of care to those who wish for it whilst continuing to allow the access to urgent appointments that has received such positive feedback in past patient surveys.

*Dr Chumbley – GP Partner*

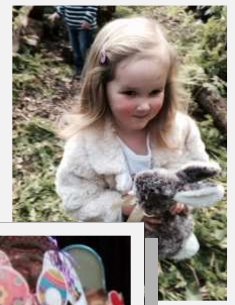
# LITTLE BROMLEY AMENITIES GROUP

## **Little Bromley Amenities Group Easter Egg Hunt**

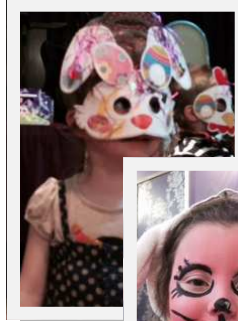
The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Good Friday and was well attended. The afternoon started with Easter masks being decorated followed by a hunt in the woods at the back of the Haywain where over 300 paper eggs and an Easter bunny had been hidden. The winner of the Egg Hunt was Amalie who managed to collect 43 eggs. The Easter bunny was found by Leila and the Easter mask competition was won by Tulip. There were Easter eggs for everyone!!

Thanks to Wendy who did a splendid job with the face painting and a big thank you to Carol for organising the games and to all the helpers who worked so hard entertaining all the children and for supplying the buffet and making this event a huge success.

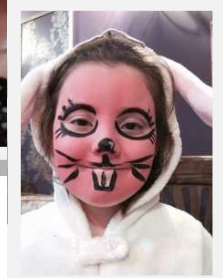
**Leila  
Winner of Find the  
Bunny  
Competition**



**Tulip  
Winner of  
the Easter  
Mask  
Competition**



**Amalie  
Winner of  
the Easter Egg Hunt**



## ESSEX POLICE

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### **Incidents in Gt Bromley for April**

**Theft** - Frating Road - (Debit cards stolen)

**Assault** - Parsons Hill

**Theft of Motor Vehicle** - Harwich Road - (Selecta cars)

**Animal** - Harwich Road - (Dog out of control)

**Suspicious Circumstances** - Hall Road - (Lines painted outside a property)

### **PCSO Barnes 71909**

Website: [http://www.essex.police.uk/my\\_neighbourhood.aspx](http://www.essex.police.uk/my_neighbourhood.aspx) Thorpe le Soken Police Station, Landermere Road, Thorpe le Soken, CO16 0LQ

# 2014 EVENTS

## JUNE

- 2 Public Meeting re Ardleigh Solar Farm, Ardleigh Village Hall, 7.00pm
- 4 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Bingo Night, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 11 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Little Dragons Pre-School Barnardo's Toddle
- 14 Primrose Prork Farmers' Market, 10.00am  
Rutter Concert, The Chapel, Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, 7.00pm
- 19 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm
- 21 Midsummer Tea Party, St Mary's church, Lt Bromley, 3.00pm
- 27 Summer Fayre, The Chase, 11.00am  
Strawberry Tea, Fryerning, 3.00pm  
Lt Bromley Amenities Group Ladies Pamper Night, Little Bromley. 7pm (see p25 )

## JULY

- 2 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5/6 Colchester Military Tournament, Abbey Fields, Colchester
- 9 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 St George's School Day of Music, St George's church
- 12 Tendring Show, Lawford
- 13 Grand Summer Fete, Seven Rivers Cheshire Home, 1.00pm
- 17 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm  
Lt Bromley Parish Council meeting, the Haywain, 7.30pm
- 20 Lt Bromley Amenities Group Team Race for Life, 11.00am
- 22 Lt Bromley Amenities Group meeting, The Haywain, 6.00pm

## AUGUST

- 6 WI meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Friendship Club meeting, 2.30pm

### Colchester Military Tournament

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July 2014

Abbey Field, Colchester CO2 7NZ

For details of ticket prices which are available from major tourist information centres and online at

[www.colchestermilitarytournament.co.uk](http://www.colchestermilitarytournament.co.uk) or call 0844 871 8819

### GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - 3.30 – 6.00 pm

The Old Rectory

The Green, Great Bentley

(courtesy of Jonathan & Penny Evans-Jones)

Tickets at £8 from Pam White, Coppice Farm, Gt Bentley CO7 8QZ 01255 831567

Or in person from Deli-Licious (formerly Cindy's) or Carpenter's Farm Shop or on the gate.

### CHARITY BARN DANCE and HOG ROAST

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7pm – 11pm

With "The Barnies" calling

In aid of "Men United Against Prostate Cancer"

at Abbey Farm, Frating

Price £10 (incl hog roast)

Bring your own drinks

Tickets Available From:

Primrose Pork, Hall Road, Great Bromley

# BINGO

Saturday 7th June at  
The Haywain Lt. Bromley  
7.30pm start

Books of 6 games at £2.50  
to buy on the Night

Profits to go to Cancer Research  
in the name of Sarah Candy

Light  
Buffet  
provided

Tel: 01206 390004  
to book a table

Come along and enjoy a social evening with

*Little Bromley Amenities Group*

## Little Bromley Amenities Group

### Ladies Pamper Night

Friday 27th June 7pm to 9pm

See page 25 for full details

We will be entering a team in the

### Colchester Race for Life

Sunday 20th July

at 11am

If you would like to join the Team  
and help raise money for Cancer  
Research email the

[amenitiesgroup@gmail.com](mailto:amenitiesgroup@gmail.com) for further  
details.

### Primrose Pork Farmers' Market

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in every month

Outdoor & weather permitting

(With local producers and business!)

10-1pm

Next market is on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
at Primrose Farm Gt. Bromley CO7 7TR

### Mind Body and Soul

The Village Hall Committee regrets that  
due to unforeseen circumstances, June's  
Mind Body and Spirit event is cancelled  
but rescheduled for the Autumn. Details  
to follow in next month's edition.

The Friends of St. Mary's Church,  
Little Bromley

hope you'll join us for a

### Midsummer Tea Party

Saturday June 21st at 3pm  
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There'll be Music, Pimms,  
Tea & Coffee & Homemade  
Cakes!



Look out for our summer events  
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A vibrant, family-friendly concert from the  
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### GREAT BROMLEY SUMMER FAYRE

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# LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

littlebromleypc@gmail.com

We start this month's write up in the sad position of having recently lost our most experienced Councillor, Mrs Sarah Candy. Sarah died suddenly in April and will be sorely missed by all her colleagues on the Parish Council, as a trusted and experienced Parish Councillor, and also as a friend. Hopefully by the time this edition of the Parish Magazine comes out the Council will have been able to co-opt someone else to take our number back up to 5. The Council are still working towards getting the War Memorial work completed and are working in conjunction with the Village Amenities Group to achieve this. This work is being done by Volunteers from the Village so please be patient as we realise this has taken a bit longer than we originally planned for - things have also been brought to a stop by the wet weather but we do plan on this work being finished soon.

As mentioned in last month's Messenger, we are still compiling a list of people who would be willing to help out in emergencies. If you think you would be able to help then please email the Council at [littlebromleypc@gmail.com](mailto:littlebromleypc@gmail.com). We hope it won't be needed but if we were to suffer another power cut or damage in a winter

storm it would be good to have people that we can call on to help their neighbours in our Village.

The Council would like to thank our Chairman, Mr Roly Knott, for taking the time and trouble to make and fill 3 planters for the Village. Thanks also to the Amenities Group for funding the purchase of the wood to make these. We can look forward to a colourful display of plants when it gets warmer. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of our Village Jubilee Tree. This tree has recently been hit by a car for the second time and the last time was snapped off at the base. We now have to decide if we should replace it while this vandalism is on-going. The next meeting of the Council will be on the 17th of July.

*LB Parish Council*

## STOP PRESS

At the recent PC meeting a new **Clerk for the Council** was appointed. Her details are as follows:

Karen Tarling (Tel. 07766704177)  
Grove Cottage, Bentley Road, Little Bromley, Manningtree Essex CO11 2PL  
Email: [littlebromleypc@gmail.com](mailto:littlebromleypc@gmail.com)

## KITCHEN CORNER

### Strawberry Cake

This is the month for the strawberry bonanza so here is one way to use them in a cake.

Grease and bottom line 2 sandwich tins. Make a sponge mixture in the usual way with 4oz SR flour, 2 eggs, 4oz caster sugar, 4 oz butter or margarine.

Cream the butter and sugar, beat in the eggs and fold in flour. Either crush or chop 4 oz strawberries and fold these into the mixture together with another tbs flour and

a teaspoon of baking powder

Divide the mix between the tins and bake 20-25 minutes at 180°C. When firm to the touch run a knife round the edges and turn onto a rack to cool.

When cold, sandwich together with either a butter cream mixed with mashed strawberries. Or whipped cream and halved fruits.



*Jill Frostick*



# SHELL QUIZ

*compiled by Jill Newman*



1. What colour dye do murex shells make?
2. The Venerable Bede used dye from dog whelk shells in the 8th century to decorate manuscripts. True or false.
3. An Indian chank shell was used:  
a) to decorate paths. b) as a baby's bottle. or c) to bore holes in wood
4. 200 years ago the precious wentle trap shell was worth:  
a) £100. b) £200. c) £500.
5. How many eyes has a scallop? a) 1. b)10. c)100
6. Medieval Christians used scallop shells:  
a) as a scoop for food b) to scrape dirt off their bodies c) to stand a candle on.
7. Which of these shells have edible molluscs inside: a) cowrie b) razor c) abalone.
8. Which of these contain crushed cockle shell:  
a) fish fingers b) cement for Chinese coffins c) shoe polish
9. How many money cowrie shells were used in India in the 19th century by a European to buy a bungalow?  
a) 10,000 b) 5 million c) 16 million

*Answers on page 23*

# GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

[www.gbpc.org.uk](http://www.gbpc.org.uk)

## **First World War commemoration**

As part of the planned commemorations for WW1 Great Bromley Parish Council would like to encourage the residents to take part in a national activity "Lights Out", where between 10pm and 11pm on August 4th every building turns out their lights and displays a single bright light from a prominent position to mark the outbreak of the war.

The nationwide event is designed to echo the words attributed to Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, on the eve of the conflict: "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

The Parish Council have also secured the necessary planning permission to allow the construction of the Poppy Memorial, which will commemorate the first world war and stand at the war memorial from 4th August 2014 through to 11th November 2018. The necessary pieces are now being organised ready for erection nearer to August.

*Alan Thomas, Chairman GBPC*

At the May meeting of the Parish Council we held our AGM, Parish Assembly and regular Parish Council Meeting. A number of appointments were made to the various committees of the Parish Council but a vacancy or two remains - please see elsewhere in the Messenger for how you can get involved in your village and shape the community you live in.

The Chairman's annual report on the activities of the Parish Council 2013/14 was unanimously approved and will be made available to the public shortly.

The Parish Council were pleased to receive the news that the speed cameras were due to be installed on the A120 in approximately a month to six weeks' time. It was confirmed that the equipment had

been purchased and the contractors were in place to install it. In addition, the Parish Council were told that funds were in place for a roundabout, the building of which was expected to commence next year. The Parish Council have lobbied for this for some time and therefore hope that the changes will reduce the number of casualties that have arisen so close to our village.

A member of the public attended the meeting to provide further information regards the Solar Farm application at Burnt Heath at Ardleigh. It was noted that whilst the Parish Council had seen the plans, it had not been formally consulted as such because the application did not relate to Great Bromley and therefore it would not be appropriate for any comment to be raised at this stage. This however did not prevent any individual from commenting, if they so wish.

The Parish Council 2013/14 accounts had been finalised, the meeting were informed. The accounts had been approved by Cllr. Blowers, the Council's accounts monitor, and were now with the internal auditor before being sent to the external auditors. A number of other planning applications were considered with no objections. A number of planning decisions were noted and in particular it was noted that a planning appeal had been refused by TDC.

The Parish Council again received some very generous contributions from local businesses and individuals towards the village flower tubs and would like to thank people for donating so generously.

*Laura Austin  
Clerk to Great Bromley Parish Council*

# PLANNING

## Decisions

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00270/FUL - approval, full	Land adjacent Cross PH, Colchester Road, Great Bromley	Erection of 1 no 4 bedroom dwelling
14/00002/REFUSE PP - 2759605 Planning appeal refused	Westward House, Mary Lane South, Great Bromley	Conversion and alteration of redundant building to form a single family dwelling house, erection of garage/garden store and change of use of land to garden

## Applications

APP REF	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
14/00573/DISCON	Land opposite Bush Farm, Hall Road, Great Bromley	Discharge of Condition 01 (materials) of planning permission 13/00981/FUL
14/00504/FUL	Anthrath Cold Hall Farm, Harwich Road, Great Bromley	Storage barn for hay

### **Little Bromley Amenities Group Ladies Pamper Night Friday 27th June 7pm to 9pm**

Colour can have a huge impact on how we look, how we feel and how others perceive us. When we get it right, it transforms our look. Colour is a wonderful tool for giving your look an instant boost. Wearing colours that complement your colouring can make you look healthier, more vibrant and younger.

#### **Format of event:**

- On arrival the women will be supplied with a simple questionnaire to complete with regards to their colouring, preferences, etc.
- An approximately 20 minute introductory group talk will follow discussing the principles of colour and its application in terms of make-up and fashion.
- After the talk there will be stations where you will have a private 10 minute Colour consultation, discussing the questionnaire and covering topics such

as your dominant colouring category and what this means in terms of make-up and clothing. This will include the demonstration of some Colour Me Beautiful cosmetics as appropriate for the person.

Divine Beauty and Nails in Manningtree will have two therapists available to give a 20 minute express manicure. This will include a cut, file and paint. There are lots of colours to choose from including NEW summer pastels and sparkles. To book either a Colour consultation or a Nail consultation telephone **Christine** on 07767 238870 or email [amenitiesgroup@gmail.com](mailto:amenitiesgroup@gmail.com) You will be assigned an allocated slot following the introductory group talk. The cost will be £8 per person for the Colour Consultation and £5 per person for the Nail consultation. While you are waiting for your allocated slot for either the Colour consultation or the Nail therapist, you will be able to enjoy a glass of wine and canapés with members of the Amenities Committee

# ARDLEIGH SOLAR FARM



Dear residents of Bromley  
You may recall in the last edition of this publication an article about the proposed Solar Farm just over the border in Ardleigh. I would like to address some of the content in the article that the author had twisted and warped to their own ends in an effort to cause distress and outrage amongst residents. Please accept my sincere apologies if you have suffered any stress or anxiety.

The first inaccuracy regards the quoted size of the site, it is 41-acres not almost 50 as stated in the article, 9-acres is a big bit of land to me.

The second inaccuracy states that the site is surrounded by properties please check on a map. Note to the author on the definition of surrounded “be or go all around on every side “.

The next statement is not so much an inaccuracy as a truth warped to induce anger at the perceived greed of the farmer (technically I am a grower but I will let that one slide). Here I quote the original article “ This land was used for apple production until the farmer took advantage of an E.U. subsidy in the mid 90’s to grub the apple trees out, being paid not to grow any there for the next 15 years.” The grant was a one off payment to cover grubbing costs, the bank had that just as they had taken our home the previous year, there was also an agreement not to replant for fifteen years, it was a traumatic time for the whole family, we managed to cling on to the farm but it has cost 20 years of hard labour. To insinuate that it was to our advantage is repugnant; the bank benefited and indeed so did the author with a large garden extension.

The article goes on to point out the panel height as 3 meters a statement clearly designed to cause alarm, the highest part of the structure will be 1.7 meters from the ground. Grass grows well in the shade and it is clear on the plans there are plenty of

open spaces for wild flowers along with over 500 fruit trees.

As for Brownfield and factory roofs, there is no comparison between building houses and commercial units over solar power, the money is in property and it’s foolish to think otherwise, take a look around Colchester and find a 40-acre Brownfield site and while you are there a 40-acre factory roof that can take the weight of a solar array, and car parks? They are full of cars for a start and make far more money than a solar farm, and the ruination of “our” countryside? Chancery Farm is private property.

This project is about farm diversification using what we have at our disposal, I am not a farmer and lack the machinery to farm, we need capital to plant new orchards, restructure old orchards, machinery and investment in our storage facilities. Without this the farm will disappear, we will be forced to pull out the remaining orchards and change the face of Burnt Heath forever. Please believe us when we say we are not out to destroy anybody’s way of life, we strongly believe that this site can sit discreetly and quietly, and despite the common misconception we are by no means making millions of pounds, the rent per acre will be equivalent to a crop of apples. Please look at the plans and reach your own conclusions.

*For Chancery Farm Ltd by J.R.Hardy.*

## PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting to discuss the Solar Farm application will be held at Ardleigh Village Hall on Monday 2nd June at 7.00pm.

This will be followed by a meeting of Ardleigh Parish council on Friday, 6th June at 7.00pm



# Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

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

Website: [www.littledragonspreschool.org](http://www.littledragonspreschool.org)

Email: [littledragonspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:littledragonspreschool@gmail.com)

## OUTSTANDING - OFSTED INSPECTED

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April we held an open day for prospective parents and children to visit, meet the staff and look around our setting. It was very successful and we look forward to the new children starting.

The variety in weather that we have been experiencing has led to some great opportunities to explore the environment - the wind, puddles, sounds and smells that the rain brings, great fun!

The children have been busy in the garden, caring for and watching their seedlings grow - we have also been watching our tadpoles as they gradually get bigger and start to change.

Lots of exciting activities are planned as we start preparing for our display at the Tendring Hundred Show - don't forget to come and see our work in the Education Tent.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June we will once again be taking part in the 'Barnardo's Toddle' - this year the theme is 'space'.

## Party Table and Chair Hire

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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 Diary

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June Barnardo's Toddle

## TAILS FROM PRIMROSE FARM

Our first farmers market was a hive of activity with a variety of stalls, and a promise of some different ones on 14<sup>th</sup> June 10-1pm. Popular was Nicks wonky Label jams and chutneys, new stall honey from a local beekeeper, cakes and Tendring enterprize studio school who took some brilliant photos of the day.

The farm is busy again with the higher stewardship schemes now taking place we are having quite a gaggle of geese now every day, chasing ducks and a great deal of honking!!!. The pond is very pretty with a fine cover of white flowers and ducks visiting. All part of the scheme to

encourage wild birds and the natural pond. Lovely to see a few bluebells in amongst the trees and the blossoms filling the hedgerows.

The shop is now getting busy with combination of roast dinners one week and BBQ the next!!!.

We had a competition for the sausage of the month and this month's winner was the honey and mustard very tasty!!!.

*Karen Moss*



With the **World Cup** coming to our television screens and front rooms in June all the way from Brazil here are some World Cup facts and a short quiz. Plus a Sports Wordsearch.

England is in Group D with England's first game being played against Italy on Saturday 14th June

## The Qualifying Quiz

- In 1934, Italy had to qualify - even though the finals were being held in Italy. True or false?
- India qualified from the Asia group for the 1950 tournament, but then withdrew after being told - what?
  - That their footwear wouldn't be allowed
  - That they'd have to change their shorts for longer ones
  - That they would have to change the colour of their shorts.
- Wales won the African and Asian group in 1958. True or false?
- Belgium won their 1974 qualifying group without losing a match or conceding as goal. True or false?
- When did the opening game of qualification for the 2014 World Cup take place?
  - 15th June 2010
  - 15th June 2011
  - 15th June 2012

## Facts - England Records

- Goalkeeper Peter Shilton holds the record for the most England appearances at the World Cup finals, playing 17 matches between 1982 and 1990. Shilton is also the oldest England player to feature at the tournament, making his last appearance aged 40 years and 295 days against hosts Italy in the playoff for third place in 1990.
- With 10 goals to his name Gary Lineker is England's record scorer at the World Cup. Lineker struck six times at the 1986 tournament - itself a record by an England player - to win the Golden Boot, and then added four more goals at Italia

'90 to help his country teach the semi-finals. Along with Geoff Hurst, Lineker is also one of just two England players to score a hat-trick at the finals, grabbing all three of his team's goals in a 3-0 win against Poland in 1986.

- Three players have captained England at a record 10 World Cup matches: Billy Weight (1950-58), Bobby Moore (1966-70) and David Beckham (2002-06).
- Just three England players have been sent off at the World Cup: Ray Wilkins (for throwing the ball at the referee against Morocco in 1986), David Beckham 9for retaliating after being fouled against Argentina in 1998), and Wayne Rooney (for stamping on an opponent against Portugal in 2006).
- David Beckham is also the only England player to have scored at three World Cups

## Sport Wordsearch

See if you can find the following words:

BASEBALL	POOL
FISHING	RUGBY
GOLF	SKIING
HOCKEY	SQUASH

F	H	S	R	U	G	B	Y
I	O	P	Q	P	I	S	L
S	C	O	O	U	I	H	G
H	K	O	B	N	A	N	Y
I	E	L	N	E	I	S	C
N	Y	E	S	I	G	N	H
G	T	F	K	G	O	L	F
B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L

Answers to Qualifying Quiz on page 22

With thanks to Carol and Nel for their help and informative books



## LITTLE BROMLEY TUG O' WAR

In the early 1970s Little Bromley had a very successful tug-of-war team. Below is a picture of the victorious team unbeaten at West Bergholt Fête in 1970 where entries included an Army team (and they won again there in 1971 beating HMS Ganges).

Ray Parker was involved from the start and recalls the successful 1970 West Bergholt event. "We pulled the army all over the place, and they suggested afterwards we should enter the AAA East of England Championships at Felixstowe. This we did and the judge, Mr Robson from Ipswich (not Bobbie!) eyed us up and said, quite rightly, "This will be a learning curve for you!" At that time we just wore boiler suits, unlike all the other entrants, and also when we first started out we just picked up the rope and pulled. We soon learned that the top teams put "treacle" on their hands - resin boiled up in petrol - to help hold tight on the rope.

"We didn't win a thing that day, but Robson asked if we wanted to do this thing properly, which we did, so he invited us to Ipswich to give us hints about weight classes, techniques and so on. Soon after that we got proper kit with some sponsorship and started using "treacle"; after the tug you had to take some care peeling it away from the rope to not lose any skin. Ronnie and Alan used to make up the mix, but one time they set light to it and burned their hands!

"The next big event for us was at Christchurch Park in Ipswich where we came up against a top team in the country, the Reedham Vikings. We were so chuffed that we got an end off them! Although I suspect they went

easy on us for that one to gain favour. Anyway, we came away with a cup for the best disciplined team, marching out in our smart new gear!"

Margaret Herrington, wife of the late Lionel, has a scrapbook with cuttings. During the 1971 season, where they had won four cups and two shields, an article in the Standard said the nine regular members of the team used to train three nights a week in a local meadow at the start of the season, but with seven farm labourers in the side "harvesting naturally curtailed their activities". Lionel said "We need a surplus of men so we can adjust our total weight to as near the limit as possible and give ourselves a better chance. There is a lot more to it than many people think, and practise and use of the rope are very important. We are learning all the time and the support we are getting from the village - they recently took a coachload of supporters to one event - is very encouraging."

*With thanks to Ray & Lyn Parker, Alan & Vera Rowe and Margaret Herrington. As always, any memories or additional information gratefully received on this or any other subject! Tel: 617324 Email: hugh@greatbromley.org.uk*

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*PTO for picture*



**Little Bromley Tug of War team - photo courtesy of Alan Rowe**

Back: Des Pryke, Michael Titshall, Chrissie Gladwin,  
"Hoss" from Tendring, Alan Rowe

Front: Ray Parker, Eric Soames, Lionel Herrington (Coach),  
Ronnie Soames

**Answers to Children's World Cup Qualifying Quiz on page 20**

1. True. Just as well they did. After 1934, FIFA, realising how few spectators would turn up to watch the finals if the host country wasn't taking part, decided that they wouldn't have to qualify in future. The reigning champions have never had to qualify.
2. a). They had no footwear - they wanted to play in bare feet and FIFA rules didn't allow it.
3. True! When all the other teams withdrew from this group rather than play Israel, FIFA drew lots for another team to challenge them for a place in the finals. Wales won the draw and beat Israel to claim their place.
4. False. Belgium didn't lose a match or concede a goal, but they didn't go through. Holland did. The two countries drew 0-0 against each other, but Holland beat the other teams in their group by more goals than Belgium and therefore went through on goal difference.
5. b) The 2014 World Cup opened on 15th June 2011 with a match between Montserrat and Belize.

# STOUR VALLEY LADIES PROBUS

We meet at Brantham Leisure Centre on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, starting at 10.30am. The first meeting in the month is a lunch meeting and the second meeting is a coffee meeting. Both meetings have interesting speakers, giving us food for thought as well as enjoyment. There is a small charge at each meeting and should you wish to join there is also a membership fee. All the members are semi or completely retired and have held positions in either the professions or business. Should you wish to come as a visitor to a coffee morning, or for further information please contact myself Joy Rolfe on 01206 393665 or our secretary Jill Nicholls on 01206 393680. Either of us will be happy to meet you at the venue or talk to you before you decide.

A little history about Probus: The movement was formed in the UK in 1965. It was designed to be a club for retired or semi-retired men in the first instance, however, the women thought this was a good thing and decided to form their own club. The members from both areas were taken from professional and business people who had recently retired. The name was taken from the first three letters of PROfessional and BUSiness. Although most of the clubs are in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, it now includes the USA, Belgium, India, South Africa and several other countries in Africa and Asia.

By 2002 there were over 300,000 members in approximately 4,000 clubs world wide.

*Joy Rolfe*



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## Around the Clock Relay

St Helena Hospice is holding a new

summer event called Around the Clock Relay, which will take place from 11am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at Philip Morant School and College, Colchester. This exciting, family friendly event is a 24 hour sponsored team relay, with the only rule being that you keep at least one member of your team on the track at all times!

Teams can consist of between two and 30 members. The track will be an interesting

walk, taking participants through the Philip Morant school grounds and into a woodland area.

Team members will be invited to stay for the whole 24 hours and get in to the spirit of the event by putting up tents and gazebos and camping overnight

Registration is free and closes on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm. To register for this event, go to [www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/clock14](http://www.sthelenahospice.org.uk/clock14) or call the Fundraising office on 01206 791740.



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Answers to Shell Quiz on page 15

1. Purple - 12,000 shells makes 1.4g of dye 2. True 3. b. 4. a. 5. c. 6. a. 7. b and c. 8. b. 9. c.

## CHURCH JOTTINGS

Good News!" There may be a "light at the end of the tunnel!"

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May the P.C.C. of The Bromley's was invited by Archdeacon Annette to a meeting with Elmstead P.C.C. and Ardleigh P.C.C.

The necessary finances have been made available to enable a priest to be appointed for our three parishes and the contract will be for three years. So, the process of appointment has begun and Annette is hopeful that we shall have a new priest installed perhaps by the autumn.

For us it is excellent news and the Church Wardens and P.C.C. will do all that we can to speed the process along. It is not decided yet where the priest will live as there are two rectories vacant, one here in The Bromleys and one at Elmstead. We were very encouraged and hopeful to hear the "Good News" and we ask that you keep us all in your thoughts and prayers during this time of change.

On Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> Ann Fairley officially retired as senior church warden of the Parish of the Bromley's. Ann has worked tirelessly in her role for the good of our parishes. We thank her and welcome that she wishes to remain one of our team at St. George's and St Mary's. (Church wardens are elected annually at the Vestry Meeting which precedes the Annual Meeting. Gregory Frostick and I were duly elected as Bishop's Representatives in March 2014).

The incoming Church Wardens have to attend an Episcopal Visitation. It is a legal requirement of Office and is overseen by the Diocesan Registrar. The ceremony usually takes place at a church in our Deanery and is overseen by the Archdeacon, However this year because the Diocese of Chelmsford is celebrating its Centenary the ceremony was held at Chelmsford Cathedral and it was Bishop Stephen Cottrell who led the service.

Ann, Gregory and myself were invited to attend along with Church Wardens and Priests from the Deaneries of Harwich, Witham, St. Osyth, Colchester, Hinckford, Dunmow, Stansted, Saffron Walden and Braintree. Refreshments were served from 10am and the service began promptly at 11am. Bishop Stephen processed into the Cathedral behind the Arch Deacon of Colchester Annette, the Arch Deacon of Stansted Robin. The rural Deans and the Lay Chairs of each Deanery, watched by roughly 500 in the congregation. An amazing sight so many Church Wardens gathered together in the Cathedral, men and women from all professions and walks of life

The Church Wardens are officers of the Bishop and have to sign a legal Declaration of office – they have responsibilities to not only the Bishop, but the Arch Deacon, Rural Dean and the P.C.C. and the Parish. The role of Church Warden could be described as Management, Maintenance and Ministry.

Management refers to the Church Wardens relationship with the clergy, the P.C.C. and the members of the congregation; Maintenance refers to their responsibilities to look after the church building; and Ministry refers to their pastoral role with regard to their priest, the priest's family and to the congregation.

So, being a Church Warden can be a very challenging role, the daily demands and responsibilities set a very busy life style. But however big the challenges the rewards and satisfaction in looking after our wonderful Parish Churches and community make it all worth while.

So Gregory and I are legally enabled to be your Church Wardens for the year 2014-15 and you can contact Gregory or myself anytime by telephone or email we are always ready and willing to help you.

*Jenny Nicholls, Churchwarden*

# ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



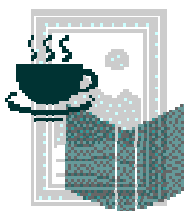
## Church of England Services - June

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost</b>	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
4.00pm	<i>Evensong</i>	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>1st Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	<b>SS Peter and Paul</b>	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
<b>Sunday 6th July</b>	<b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.00am	Eucharist	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>
10.30am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St. Mary the Virgin</i>
6.30pm	Evensong	<i>St. George the Martyr</i>

### LUNCH

at St George's church  
Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>  
and  
Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 12 noon.  
All welcome.

Change your library  
book and lunch  
afterwards.



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

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Wedding

24th April Luke Ealden and Kathryn  
Fawcett

#### Funeral

2nd May Sarah Candy.