

The Messenger

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Great & Little
Bromley

May 2019



Sarah and Fly - see page 11 for story and more pictures

THE FIRST PAGE

I have had my lovely 9 and 6 year old grandchildren staying with me this past week and what fun we have had. The house is now very quiet - but less of a death trap on the floor! We went to see the new Dumbo film which we all enjoyed. It received full marks from the 9 year old who wasn't sure he wanted to see it thinking it would only be okay for his little sister and a bit sissy. I might say I jumped out of my skin a couple of times but they were completely unaffected. We played Adventure Golf at Ufford Park (we were all pretty useless) and visited the circus in Brightlingsea. The 9 year old came with me



to inspect the bees. He didn't last long though, not because he was worried by the bees, but because he got too hot in the beesuit! I quite understood. Beekeepers do suffer from heat in their beesuits and it was a very warm day (being the best kind of

day in any event to visit bees!).

I have never had to buy a new/used car all by myself before and it has been proving quite an experience! Entering a showroom

- just to look, mind you - one is pounced upon almost immediately by the salesman and any idea of wandering around just to see what there is is hijacked instantly. Then, once an interest is shown in a particular model (and I can only assume it is because I am a woman) I am informed whether or not the radio has DAB or if it has a cup holder. Or is this really important to some people? What about mpg? Performance? Insurance brackets? Size of engine? Following one question I asked I was told it was too long and boring to explain and to just wait for the test drive. I wondered afterwards if he knew the answer. The test drives are booked for next week when I shall hopefully see whether or not they are comfortable enough for long drives and whether or not they will 'turn on a sixpence' as my present car does which gets me in and out of tight parking spaces. By the way I had to explain what the phrase 'turning on a sixpence' meant to one very young man as he had no idea was a sixpence was - golly I felt old. There are also all the hidden costs of items you feel ought to be automatically included in every car but are not necessarily before finally realising that the car you really, really want is way too expensive. Changing a car is a minefield I have decided.

Leonie

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Elections

Following the Close of Nominations, TDC's Returning Officer has reported that eight valid nominations were received for the nine available seats on Great Bromley Parish Council, resulting in an uncontested election. Therefore, the persons whose names appear below were duly elected as Parish Councillors for the said Parish:

Blowers	Owen Peter
Hardy	David William
Heaney	Rosemary Anne
Lord [Lord]	Robert Richard [Rob]
Mander	Carole Anne
Nicholls [Nicholls]	Frederick Herbert [Fred]
Strowbridge [Strowbridge]	Catherine Anne [Kate]
Thomas [Thomas]	Gillian [Gill]

The District Elections will be taking place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. The Polling Place for Great Bromley will be the Village Hall and polling is from 7:00am until 10:00pm. A reminder that the District Boundary changes also come into effect from 2nd May, which will reduce the number of TDC councillors from 60 to 48. Great Bromley will come under the Alresford and Elmstead ward.

Affordable housing development on Parsons Hill - update

- Tree clearance works on the development have now taken place;
- Groundwork has commenced;
- Suggestions for street name have been sent to TDC;
- Monthly updates will be sent to the Parish Clerk.

Also:

- TDC's new waste scheme starts in June 2019 – further information can be found via the link on homepage of the TDC website.
- Hamilton Lodge – any prospective purchaser will be encouraged to attend a parish council meeting to discuss any plans.

Date for May meetings:

Due to election timescales and the availability of the Village Hall, the date of the meeting in May will be **Tuesday 14th May 2019**. The Annual Meeting will commence at 7pm, followed by the Parish Assembly at 7:20pm, and the ordinary Parish meeting at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Lizzie Ridout
Parish Clerk

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Planning Determination

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
19/00154/ AGRIC A Lochore and Sons	Proposed agricultural storage building.	Holly Lodge, Colchester Road CO7 7TN	Determination prior approval not required 22.02.2019 Delegated Decision

Planning Applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
19/00230/FUL Mr Fairley - Henry Fairley and Son Limited	Proposed new agricultural access road to wood barns further to Highways England roundabout scheme on Harwich Road. Great Bromley Parish Council had no comment on the application.	Wood Barns, North of A120, Harwich Road CO7 7US
19/00240/ OUT Mr Dodds	Vary condition 24 of approved planning application 16/00782/OUT. The condition requests a footway of 2.5m, see drawing for alternative proposal. Great Bromley Parish Council supported the application as it appears to comply with health and safety regulations.	Park 2 Land at Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road CO7 7HU
19/00321/FUL Mr Andy Hunt - Wentworth Developments Ltd	Proposed 4/5 bedroom chalet style dwelling with detached garage and new vehicular access. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to this application.	Land Between Fieldside and Eltone, Frating Road CO7 7JW
19/00216/FUL Mr Gary Rowe	Proposed construction of covered loading bay to existing warehouse building. Great Bromley Parish Council supported the application.	Crossways Centre Frating Road, Great Bromley, CO7 7JW
19/00324/FUL Mr & Mrs Martin & Kim O'Brien	Proposed replacement detached dwelling and detached double garage. Great Bromley Parish Council supported the application.	Little Paddocks, Frating Road, Great Bromley, CO7 7JL
19/00468/ TPO	Group of Limes - crown lift to around 3m Great Bromley Parish Council supported the application.	Copley Dene, Parsons Hill, Great Bromley, CO7 7JA

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NEWS

I am very pleased to inform all residents the new roundabout, for which I campaigned vigorously for several years, is nearing completion. The many delays and problems seem to have been overcome. I feel sure the wait has been worthwhile, to save lives has always been my intention and hopefully this will be true.

The Local Highways Panel are intending to implement my "20 is Plenty" signs outside schools in Tendring. This is most pleasing as I put forward this motion a time ago and now has the support of all parties in Tendring.

The issue of fly tipping in our area seems to have been raised again. Fly tipping is a criminal offence and anybody found to be responsible will be prosecuted by TDC. Fly tipping in Tendring has been reduced, official figures from TDC show this. It should be remembered the public refuse site at Lawford is still open and available to anybody.

I wish to thank all residents for their kind wishes, cards and telephone calls following my recent operation, they have all been greatly appreciated.

Fred Nicholls

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

In the recent elections, Lt Bromley had an uncontested election and therefore the existing Councillors will continue to serve. Unfortunately one Councillor, Louise Joplin, decided to stand down so there will be a vacancy on the Council which will be advertised in accordance with the rules. We would like to thank Louise for her work and dedication during her time as a Parish Councillor.

The Council can confirm that the BT Openreach broadband programme is progressing well and will be completed whether or not County Broadband puts fibre in the Village as well. So potentially we could have two fast fibre broadband systems in Little Bromley after years of super slow speeds!

We have been contacted by the Chairman of the Tendring District Local History Recorders (www.tdlhr.uk). They are asking for a Local History Recorder for Little Bromley.

This is a voluntary, but not very onerous, task of collating what occurs in the village, and taking photos of changes etc, and creating a short report each year. This gets sent by them to the Essex Records Office. Examples can be seen here <https://www.tdlhr.uk/resource/Holland-on-Sea/2017%20Holland%20on%20Sea%20Local%20History%20Report.pdf> If anyone would be interested in taking on this role, please contact the Council by email and we will pass your details on.

The next meeting of the Council will consist of the AGM, the Parish Assembly as well as the normal Council meeting so will start at 7.00 pm on the 16th May at The Haywain.

Little Bromley Parish Council

MORE THAN JUST A FARM

With Spring here and the brighter evenings we have been making the most of the extra hours of daylight. On the fields we have been busy fertilising; this helps boost the growth of the crops and maximising yields. We have also been planting spring barley.



Our Oil Seed Rape fields have bloomed with stunning yellow flowers. Although produced for oil they are a good source for pollen for honey bees. Back at the farmyard we have been busy doing maintenance including servicing tractors and machines and putting up new fencing.

Every year we plant potatoes. It sure is a slow but satisfying job.

Other farms around Gt Bromley also produce potatoes. Firstly, stones are removed from the field using a de-stoner to reduce the risk of potatoes forming in odd shapes. Following this the borks (ridges) are formed which is where the potato seeds are placed. Potatoes need lots of room to grow so growing them in borks is the best way allowing maximum room to grow, maximum sunshine and water for each plant to grow and produce its best yield.



At the end of March, we had new arrivals of nine piglets. Ruthie (our Sow) and her piglets are doing great. They sure are time wasters....



We have finished lambing for this year and all lambs and their mothers are out on lush's green water meadows. We had a good lambing season this year with the introduction of a new ram - Mark.



The butchery has been busy, with a visit from the Countryside Alliance Awards judges, a spring spruce up and new products being added. Our delicious handmade pies have been selling fast. Have you tried them yet?

Until next time, Thank you

Becky

www.beckysbutchers.co.uk



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

With the end of the financial year now behind us, the

attention of trustees has turned to the Village Hall AGM which will be held on Wednesday 15th May commencing at 7.30pm in the Millennium Lounge. All parishioners and members of the public are welcome to attend the AGM, which reports on the past year and looks forward to the next. This is your opportunity to provide feedback in person on the facilities in our village hall and the way it is organised and managed.

As mentioned in the March magazine, the AGM is also your opportunity to volunteer to assist with the management of the village hall, either as an elected trustee, co-opted trustee or as a 'friend' of the hall. Apart from Marion Britton, our loyal caretaker who is paid for her work, the hall is managed entirely by volunteer trustees from the local area who form the management committee. The hard work of the trustees is critical if the hall is to be successful as a community facility and is to survive in the modern world. Trustees are responsible for a wide variety of management tasks including secretarial, bookings and hirer liaison, finance, licensing, food hygiene, health and safety, property maintenance, grounds maintenance, fire safety and advertising/business development. There are currently 4 vacancies on the management committee and my colleagues and I would really welcome 'new blood' on to the committee to help with the strategic and day-to-day running of the hall. No particular skills are needed but a desire to help our fine community facility to flourish and a willingness to get stuck in and take on a non-onerous management responsibility would make the role more meaningful and much more enjoyable. We have fun as trustees and are proud to be responsible for the village hall and its lovely grounds. If you are interested in joining us on the committee please contact me for further information.

Thanks to those of you who attended the Craft Fayre on 30th March. A large range of quality products were on sale and overall the event was successful, raising a net total of £513 for village hall funds.

The leaking kitchen roof has been replaced by PD Construction. Unfortunately, the week in March chosen to undertake the work coincided with a wet and windy weather front sweeping across the country, which complicated and delayed matters somewhat. Now that the roofing work is complete, the worn out floor covering will be replaced and the kitchen redecorated.

Our next fundraising event is a Quiz Night being held at the Cross Inn on the evening of Thursday 9th May. Please come along to what is certain to be a fun occasion, whether you wish to enter or join a team, or simply support from the sidelines. This event is followed closely by the annual Plant Sale being held on Saturday 11th May at the village hall. Please do support us and buy some lovely plants for your borders and planters as summer approaches. Kate Strowbridge is organising the event, which will also offer refreshments. Kate would be grateful for any donations of plants; please contact her with details of what you could provide, prior to the event.

Martin Frostick
Secretary
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KITCHEN CORNER

May is the month for **English Asparagus**

This is the best time for the green spears which are so delicious. There are many ways to enjoy them, either steamed or boiled for a few minutes and served with melted butter or Hollandaise sauce or roasted in the oven. The tips can be used in omelettes or with scrambled eggs and make good additions to risottos or pasta dishes.

If oven roasted, prepare the stalks and lay on a baking tray, sprinkle with olive oil and salt and bake in a hot oven for about 10 minutes, depending on size; thin ones need less.

Asparagus soup is also good and I make this using the tough root ends which I snap off before cooking the stems. I boil these ends with onion and push them through a sieve. The resulting pulp makes a base for a cream soup to which can be added some tips as well.

Jill Frostick



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The March meeting began with apologies for absence from several members.

Correspondence was dealt with and it was suggested we send a donation to the Church Flower Festival in June. The theme this year "As long as I have Music".

Subscriptions were collected after which a discussion was held as to the future venue of the Club. This will be decided in due course.

Our Speaker for the afternoon was Jill Willens who had recently had her book of poems entitled "The girl in the Window"

published. Jill read extracts from several of her poems and talked about her life and how she came to the decision to publish her work.

After tea and cakes members were reminded of the fish and chip lunch arranged for 12-30 before the April meeting, after which our speaker will attend. The competition a child's toy or book.

The competition for May – a handkerchief.

Sylvia Ward

DEDHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

Enjoy walking, meeting new people?

Then why not come along to walks organised by the Dedham Footpath Group

We walk 4-5 miles on the first Sunday morning of each month from various locations.

Our May 2019 walk will be on Sunday 5 May at 10.30am.

Meet at Manningtree Coop Car Park for a 4-5 mile walk across fields and through bluebell woods.

The group welcomes all walkers and those with well behaved dogs, kept on leads at all times, are welcome to join us.

For more information email DedhamFG@gmail.com

Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

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30 Hours funding for eligible parents came into effect from September 2017 -give us a call for more details.

To celebrate Mother's Day - on March 29th - we invited our Mums into preschool to listen to their children perform a few songs. We are very proud of our children who all joined in singing (and signing) our 'Mother's Day' song. Afterwards each child presented their Mum with a daffodil and their handmade cards and presents. Quotes from Mums included: - 'Truly amazing, will always remember' and 'The sing-a-long was lovely and great to see so many children using signs'.

On Friday 5th April we took part in the 'Silly Sock Day' to raise money for Autism Anglia. Thank you to everyone who donated – the children and staff all looked great in their silliest socks!

The term ended with much excitement with the children enjoying an Easter egg hunt around the gardens. They also had fun making Easter cards, baskets and chocolate nests. Thank you to Rev Simon for visiting us to sing some songs and tell us the story of Easter.

Week beginning 13th May we will again be holding a 'Family's Week' where we invite Mums, Dads, Grandparents to join us in the setting.

HOLIDAY CLUB

We are running holiday clubs on the following days in the summer holidays:-
Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am- 400pm
Mon 29th July and Thur 1st August

Mon 5th August and Thur 8th August
Mon 12th August and Thur 15th August
Prices per child are £30.00 for one session, £27.50 for two to three sessions and £25.00 for four or more sessions. Give us a ring to book a place for your child.

FUNDRAISING:-

Upcoming events – make a note in your diary.

SUMMER FAYRE -Saturday 15th June – details to follow

Please help us to collect:

Biscuit wrappers (sweet and savoury)/ plastic bottle trigger heads and caps from washing up bottles.

OUR RECYCLING STATION now makes it easier to drop off items

We have set up an area - across the car park to the right of gate - with boxes for you to drop off collected items. Thank you.

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.

Party Table and Chair Hire

Having a party for Pre-School children?

We can offer 4 perfectly sized tables & 20 chairs.

Deposit only £10 Tables only £5.00 each Chairs Only £1.00 each

Collection Only - Contact us: Tel: 07857 503103

Email: littledragonspreschool@gmail.com

Dates for diary:

13 th May	Family week
Friday 24 th May	May half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Preschool returns
Saturday 15 th June	Summer Fayre
Friday 21 st June	Barnardo's Toddle
24 th July	Last day of term

IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE

First of all, may I remind everyone about the Plant Sale taking place on 11th May 2019 from 10am-12 noon at our Village Hall. On sale will be a large selection of donated locally grown plants at excellent prices. Please come along and make your selection and help support our Village Hall. Plant donations welcomed; please contact me on 07592735600 if you want me to collect any, otherwise, drop them off at the Village Hall between 8 and 9am. Many thanks.

May is a super busy time in the garden, the grass is growing at a rate of knots, as are the weeds, and regular attention is the only way to keep things vaguely under control. Flowering shrubs such as forsythia will need to be pruned, after flowering, back to a strong new leafy side shoot. Lavender, if not already pruned, needs to have its old flower spikes removed and the growing shoots shortened by 1". Climbers need to be tied in as they grow fast at this time of year.

Perennials, if tall, will need supports put in now before they get too big and clumps of polyanthus and primroses can be divided. Spring flowering plants need to be cleared to prepare the ground for the summer flowers, but leave foliage on bulbs for at least six weeks after flowering to ensure healthy flowers next year.

In the vegetable garden, swede, beetroot, main crop carrots, autumn cabbage, cauliflower, calabrese, peas, Swiss chard, radish and lettuce can be direct sown. Frost tender vegetable such as French and runner beans, sweet corn, courgettes, pumpkin and squash need to be started under cover and then planted out when all

risks of frosts have passed. Potatoes need to be earthed up regularly, and lettuce, asparagus, radishes, rocket and overwintering onions may be ready for harvest.

Garden pots and tubs should be cleared of their winter displays and replanted with summer bedding, but if outside may need to be fleeced at night, or kept inside the greenhouse until all risks of frosts have passed.



Bedding plants will need to be hardened off before planting in their flowering positions, placing them outside on fine days and returning them undercover at night. Continue to prick out and pot on seedlings and cuttings.

Pests are also on the move now, scarlet lily beetles may appear on fritillaries and lilies, and slugs and snails will be doing their best to decimate new growth. It is worth mentioning here that metaldehyde, a common constituent of slug pellets, is to be banned from next spring. This is due to the environmental effects on wildlife, so now is the time to think of alternative strategies, from making your garden more hedgehog friendly, to investing in slug pubs, or getting into the habit of a nightly slug picking patrol! Personally I favour slug pubs - at least they die happy!

If you have time, enjoy your garden!

Kate Strowbridge



**Community Library
at The Cross**



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Local winner for BRC Junior Winter Championships

Sarah Endean and Fly have been on many junior teams for Tendring Hundred Riding Club juniors over the years, showing how successful they are by qualifying for several British Riding Club National Championships. Last weekend Sarah took part in the 80cm show jumping junior national championships at Arena UK. She and Fly rode three superb clear rounds against 83 other riders from all over the country to secure her second national junior title.

This will be her last outing as a junior, as she is now 18. She moves on to the Senior Championships with Fly, who is 24! Sarah thanks Jo Mason, the Junior Team Manager and her trainer, for helping with her success.



2019 EVENTS

MAY

- 3 WI AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
5 Dedham Footpath Group meet Manningtree Coop Car park, 10.30am
8 Gt Bromley parish council meeting incl AGM & Annual Parish Assembly, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Quiz, The Cross Inn
11 Plant Sale, Village Hall, 10.00am
Friends of Lt Bromley Coffee Morning, Lt Bromley Church, 10.30am
Dog Show, Seven Rivers, from 11.30pm
Midnight Walk, St Helena Hospice
14 Gt Bromley Parish Council Annual Meeting @ 7pm, followed by Parish Assembly @ 7:20pm & ordinary Parish meeting @ 7:30pm, Village Hall
15 Village Hall AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
16 Friendship Club, Village Hall, 2.00pm
Lt Bromley parish council meeting (comprising AGM, Parish Assembly & Council meeting), The Haywain, 7.00pm
31 May-2June Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show

JUNE

- 5 WI meeting, Savoury Nibbles Demo, Village Hall, 7.30pm
8 Midsummer Tea and Pimms Party, Lt Bromley Church, 3.30pm
11 Romeo and Juliet *This is My Theatre* group, Lt Bromley Church, 7.30pm
15 Little Dragons Summer Fayre
20 Friendship Club, Village Hall, 2.00pm
28-30, 1 July Gt Bromley Church Flower Festival
30 Service followed by Benefice BBQ, Gt Bromley church

JULY

- 13 Tendring Show, Lawford



OPEN GARDENS

- 8th-9th June 11.00am-4.00pm
2 Open Gardens in Spring Valley Lane, Ardleigh CO7 7SA
IN AID OF St Helena Hospice
To enter both gardens £5 per couple.
Children free
Melmillo & Sunnyside are both ¼-½ acre gardens
With ponds, varied beds and borders, mature areas, vegetables, trees, greenhouse, wild flowers
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Withers

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FROM 1.00PM**

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Quiz Night

at the Cross Inn Community Pub
on Thursday 9th May, 8.00pm
In aid of Village Hall funds

**St George's Church, Great Bromley
we will be holding our
Flower Festival 2019
over the weekend of Friday 28th June,
Saturday 29th June, Sunday 30th June
and Monday 1st July.**

There will be a large raffle, concert, exhi-
bitions, competition, refreshments, and a
variety of stalls to keep you entertained.
Not forgetting all the wonderful flowers
on display; all based around the theme
of

'As Long as I have Music'.

If you would like to donate a raffle/ tom-
bola prize, make a cake or volunteer
over the weekend, please phone Jenny -
01206230688 or Carol - 01206395103.
Next month we will give you a more de-
tailed calendar of events for your diary.
Carol Cordwell

Plant Sale

Great Bromley Village Hall

Sat May 11th 10.00-12.00



In aid of Village Hall funds

Come and purchase locally grown plants for
your garden

Refreshments available

Further information from Kate 07592735600

Plant donations welcomed

Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden Show

Gale Evening 31st May 6.00-9.00pm
1st & 2nd June 10.00am-5.00pm



Saturday 4th May 11.00am - 1.00pm
Clacton Garden Centre, St John's Road,
Clacton on sea

Friends of Little Bromley Church
Saturday May 11th at 10.30am
Coffee Morning, Music, & Annual Friends'
meeting

10.30am to 12 noon.

All welcome. Admission free

St Helena Hospice The Midnight Walk

Saturday 11th May
starting and finishing at
Severalls Business Park, Colchester
See page 13 for more details

A HARP NAMED MR JARRETT

As a village archivist I love hearing from people, sometimes very far afield, about their connections with the village. Last year I had a most unusual email, and certainly one I wanted to share! Becky Chapman from Southern California was following her childhood dream of learning to play the harp. She bought an old harp at an estate sale. She told me:

"It went ridiculously cheap as it was unplayable, with broken strings and problems in the pedal section, but actually the condition was excellent for its age. I was able to order the certificate of provenance and a copy of the sales ledger from Clive Morley in the UK (who had acquired the original production records). My harp turned out to be 199 years old and made by Sebastian Erard of London, and it was purchased by Herbert Jarrett Esquire of Great Bromley Lodge on November 12, 1819.

"Now I'm having so much fun trying to trace how this harp travelled from England to California! I found out a little about the last owner of the harp. A Jewish man named Eugene, he was born in New York in 1920 and loved traveling the world with his wife. His father was born in Russia and apparently lived in the UK for a very short time. We found a page of the boat passengers list when he emigrated to the US in the early 1900s with his occupation listed as artist. I have yet to reach any of Eugene's surviving family members who may know how the harp ended up in their family. Was it acquired while Eugene travelled, or did his father purchase it before moving to the US?

"I have completely fallen in love with this harp, which I am restoring to its former glory, and have named it "Mr Jarrett". A friend suggested that I need to buy the old Great Bromley Lodge,



fix it up, and then send the harp back home!"

Herbert Newton Jarrett, a maternal descendent of Oliver Cromwell, owned the Lodge from about 1816. In 1822 he was an Essex Sherriff. By 1828 he was trying to sell the Lodge, possibly because he was living in Jamaica at that time, where he died aged 63 following "the effects of an accident in Orange Valley" on 8th December 1829. Throughout 1830 the British newspapers carried numerous adverts about auctions for the sale of the Lodge and its contents. (One of these adverts mentions two pianofortes, but not the harp.)

Hugh Frostick





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

Telephone: 01206 230305

We have received the results of the Tesco Bags of Help project which we participated in via the blue token scheme in local stores. We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £2250! This money will be used to create an outdoor learning area for our Year One pupils to use during lessons. We will keep you updated as the project takes place; we hope to have everything in place ready for the new school year in September. Thank you to all who voted for us.

Music Sharing

We all joined together in the hall to share the work the children have been doing in their Music lessons with Mrs Weaver this term. Class One performed their own version of 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm' entitled 'Cool MacDonald Had a Band' which involved a variety of instruments.

Class Two had made their own African rainsticks and used them in their songs: 'Shake Your Sillies Out' and 'Che Che Kulay'.

The children in Class Three have been learning songs from the musical 'Matilda' as part of their topic work and performed two tricky songs from the show with great energy.

Finally, Class Four treated us to two songs linked to their Roman topic - one about Roman numerals with complicated actions and one very funny song which made us all laugh.

It was wonderful to see all the work the classes have been doing this term and the enjoyment they get out of singing, performing and playing instruments.





SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Dog Show. This Year we hope it will be bigger and better than last year. With 2 top judges coming in to do all the honours for us in 15 different classes.



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We are now all looking forward to our Dog Show. We have been lucky to get the judging services of Mr. Chris Mills of Blackthorpe and Ms. Marion Withers, both well-known and highly respected judges.

We are hoping to have a few stalls for you all to look round, but the most important this on this day will be the dogs. As I said earlier, we have 15 classes this year which includes Pedigree classes, I will list them so you are all aware of what you can look forward too.

Any Variety Puppy (6-12months), Any variety sporting dog (hounds, gundog terrier), Any non-sporting (working pastoral toy utility) Any open variety, Any variety veteran, Handler(child aged 6-12, junior aged 12-16, adult over 16), prettiest girl, handsome boy, fastest sausage eater, best Gt Bromley dog (boy or girl), best trick (dogs under 5, and over 5 Years), best trick for a disabled dog. All these classes will be followed by Best in Show.

If I have forgotten any classes please forgive me, I'm sure you will come across a poster giving you full details.

All dogs need to be registered to enter class/classes this can be done on-line via e-mail from Monday 6 May by e-mailing me at Elizabeth.barrenger@leonardcheshire.org and pay on arrival, this will hopefully mean less time in the que. You may like to register and pay on the day. Gates for the dog show will open at 11.30am with judging starting at 1.00pm. we will carry on till the end of the programme

We will have Burgers, Sausages (sorry can't bring myself to say hot dog, for the dog show) Teas, Coffees, and various other refreshments on sale from 11.30.

We are hoping that this event will be well supported by everyone in Great Bromley (don't forget your own dog class) and the surrounding area.

If your not into dogs next time I'll be talking about our June Cream tea. Take care

Liz x

The Great Bromley Cross

More than a Pub....

Events May

****Every Friday Pub Food 6:30 to 8:30****

Sat 4th - Takeaway night, choose from a selection of menus from the pub or bring your own

Thu 9th - Charity Quiz Night hosted by Kate & Jayne in aid of The Village Hall from 8:00pm, book tables in advance, some food at halftime.

Sat 11th Burrito Night Pub Open from 6:30pm book in advance

Mon 13th Monthly Monday Club Pub Open from 6:30pm

Sat 18th - The Duke Pizza Van from 6pm until 8:30pm

Thu 23rd - Meditation Course 6 Weeks 10:30am book with Amanda

Thu 23rd - Mimi's Spring Fashion Event from 7:30pm

Sat 25th - Robbie Williams tribute Act "Live Music"

Thu 30th - Open Floor Music Night hosted by Peter Kerr come and sing, play or listen!

Opening Times

Wednesday 6pm - 9pm • Thursday - Saturday 6pm - 11pm • Sunday 12 Noon - 3pm •

Cafe/Post Office Wednesday 10am - Noon

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VACCINATIONS

I wrote about this subject back in October 2017 and in these last few weeks there has been much uproar about vaccinations again on the news.

It much reminds me, dare I say, of the 'Brexit' referendum.

There wasn't enough information given to the people at the time, so how could anyone arrive at the 'correct' decision without the full facts? And what a mess we are in right now. By the time this magazine is printed, who knows what the outcome of 'The Brexit' will be.

Back in 2017 I wrote about the protests against mandatory vaccinations that were taking place in Europe at the time and I repeat some of the article here as I believe it is of utmost importance for people to know what is being planned behind their backs as we speak.

The protests were not so much about whether we should vaccinate our children or not, but whether we should retain the right to make that decision ourselves. The European Forum for Vaccine Vigilance (efvv.eu), which has organised the Europe-wide protests, described mandatory vaccination as a **breach of fundamental human rights**.

Asset (www.asset-scienceinsociety.eu) – a pro-vaccine group, also doesn't believe that a compulsory programme is valid.

Strict, draconian laws are being introduced in some countries in Europe where parents are being threatened with high fines, non-admission of their children to nursery or school and sometimes threats of the children being taken away by social services! The Italian government approved making 12 vaccines, including measles, rubella and chickenpox, mandatory starting in September 2017, for children entering school. Children will not be accepted into nursery or pre-schools without proof of vaccinations, while parents of school-age children will face hefty fines for non-compliance.

If you were unaware of this going on in Europe, the British Medical Association (BMA) is being asked to consider

introducing mandatory vaccinations in the UK too, and this is happening now in 2019! Shouldn't there be a public debate on this matter? This is dictatorship at its worst where people won't be allowed to make their own mind up. It's quite unbelievable that this is going on in a democratic country where we have freedom of speech as well as freedom of choice. It's incredible that this idea is even being considered, let alone instigated! If you don't know very much about vaccinations, then start reading literature that will give you all the facts you need to know. Yes, there is much misinformation out there and one needs to know where to start.

The informed parent website – www.informedparent.co.uk/info - is an excellent starting point. There is much science based information on the site explaining the facts about vaccinations. The European Forum for Vaccine Vigilance – www.efvv.eu – you can find pro-choice organisations here and a list of vaccinations in all the European countries, including the UK.

www.arnica.org.uk – Arnica is a parent support group that helps parents to make their own informed decisions on various health issues, including vaccinations. A new book covering everything you need to know about vaccines has just been released in November 2018. It's called 'Vaccines – making the right choice for your child' by Dr Richard Halvorsen. (Amazon). This is an extremely controversial and complicated subject, which needs a thorough independent examination, without accusation and intimidating measures which could impact our freedom of choice.

Suzanne

Naturopathic Nutritionist

Past Meetings

On 10 April the popular speaker Mark Mitchels talked to us on "The Genius of Charles Dickens". Dickens rose to become a great novelist by sheer talent and determination. He worked a self-imposed schedule that never relaxed and in the end he probably brought about his early death. But his novels survive, to be rediscovered by each generation. Mitchels commented on the sort of man Dickens was and told us that his genius was astonishing. The talk used biography and extracts from his books to re-create the man and his achievements.

Future Meetings & Diary Dates

- Our speaker on 8 May is Dr Helen Geake, National Finds Adviser, Portable Antiquities Scheme. She will talk about local finds recorded by PAS, archaeology found by the public. She will explain what to do if you find an historic artefact whilst gardening, beachcombing or walking the dog. This talk look at how archaeologists reconstruct items and will include details of local finds.
- Dr Stephen Ashworth, Senior Lecturer at UEA will talk on "Lies, Damned Lies & Statistics" on 12 June. How good are we at intuitively judging probabilities? Should everyone be able to earn more than the average wage Is it a scandal that doctors/dentists/academics are below the national average? An excursion into statistics & probabilities, which is hoped, will encourage critical consideration of the statistics with which we are bombarded every day.
- On Wednesday 10 July Paul Stancliffe, Media Manager of The British Trust For Ornithology, will talk to us on "Bird Migration". He will explain what we know and what we don't know. How the BTO is using the very latest technology to uncover the mysteries of bird migration. We will follow cuckoos, nightingales and swifts as they undertake amazing journeys to and from their wintering grounds.

- Each month, the Coffee Grinders meet at The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD from 10-12 noon. This meeting especially welcomes new members but gives all members the opportunity of meeting the activity Group Leaders and the Committee whilst enjoying a cup of coffee. The next meeting is on Friday 24 May.

Membership

Our main purpose is to encourage lifelong learning for those who are no longer in full time employment and emphasis is always placed on making learning active and fun as well as helping in developing friendships. We have a wide range of groups including language study, country walking, computer studies and gardens, churches and historic buildings visits. In the main, membership is drawn from communities in the lower Stour Valley and adjacent areas including Brantham, Capel St Mary, Dedham, East Bergholt, Holbrook, Lawford, Manningtree, Raydon, & Stratford St Mary. We are affiliated to the ThirdAge Trust, have over 370 members and 35 active groups. For further information please visit www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk where our membership secretary Val Pretty may be contacted.

Meeting Venue

We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 a year and this entitles members to attend the meetings that take place on the second Wednesday of each month, except December. Whilst Visitors are welcome to join us on a limited number of occasions, paying a donation each time, Members are given priority, for safety reasons, due the halls limited capacity.

Remember

It's never too late to learn! Join over 400,000 members across over 1,000 U3As throughout the UK today!



STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Recent Meetings

At our recent AGM Dave Carman was voted in as President and Speaker Secretary, Graeme Forsyth Secretary and Val Pretty Treasurer.

On 3 April Chris Parfitt introduced us to "Bhutan, Land of The Thunder Dragon" and David Ablewhite returned again and this time presented "The Horrible Hanoverians" on 17 April.

Future Meetings

- Francis Boardman will talk about "Son Of A Gun - Woman in Nelson's Navy" on Wednesday 1 May and on 15 May Bill Roberts will recall "Memoirs Of An Armed Protection Officer"
- On 5 June Norman Jacobs will bring back memories of "Light Entertainment from the 1920's to the 1950's". Two weeks later on 19 June Cathy Shelbourne will speak on "In the Wake of the Mayflower"

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB

New members are welcomed

Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and involve members to a minimal cost. New Members are always very welcome to join us at a future meeting of the Stour Valley Men's Probus Club just join us at 10am on a meeting date. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and provide the opportunity for development of acquaintances. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10 for 10.30am. Please contact Speaker Secretary Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL?

Make or amend your will this June as part of St Helena's Wills Month and help local people face incurable illness and bereavement.

Throughout June, participating local solicitors are waiving their fee and will write or amend a basic or mirror will for you, in return for a donation to St Helena.

Solicitors taking part in St Helena's Wills Month include: Fisher Jones Greenwood, Birkett Long, John Fowlers, GoodyBurrett, Powis & Co, Sparlings and Rhodda & Co. A suggested donation for a basic will is £100 and £175 for a mirror will.

Having a will is really important, whatever your age or circumstances. Making a will can allow you to ensure your affairs are in order, final wishes are met and your loved ones are looked after in the future and it may reduce inheritance tax.

Fliss Klarner, St Helena's Individual Giving Manager, said: "If you haven't made your will yet or you need to update it, this June is the perfect time to do so. Seven local solicitors are waiving their usual fees for

writing or amending your will in return for a donation to St Helena.

"All the money raised from Wills Month goes towards helping St Helena to be here every step of the way for everyone who needs us, helping life to go on in the face of dying, death and bereavement.

"Once you've made your will and after you've taken care of your loved ones, would you consider leaving a gift in your will to St Helena? Gifts in wills currently provide the funds for us to care for 1 in every 5 of the people we support. Just as gifts pledged in the past are supporting the care we provide today, gifts pledged now will allow us to continue supporting the local community in the future."

Appointments can only be booked direct with your chosen solicitor from 1st June and are only available until 30th June. For the list of participating solicitors and their contact details and to find out more, visit sthelena.org.uk/willsmoonth2019

CHURCH NEWS

Saturday 13th April was rather a busy day. All was ready when at 10 o'clock the Student Cross arrived at the Lych Gate via Badley Hall Road.

Twenty one folk, men and women, arrived at St George's to rest awhile and enjoy coffee, tea and refreshment before moving on to Little Bentley for lunch.

The Student Cross has been welcomed at St. George's every year since 1948 – rain, shine or snow walking a route of Pilgrimage to arrive in Walsingham in Norfolk by Good Friday taking it in turns to carry a very large symbolic wooden cross. Thank you for visiting Great Bromley

Following the students' visit a group of willing volunteer workers gathered to give

our lovely church a Spring clean.

Thank you to all who came and helped this month. There is always much to do and help is always so welcome.

The church truly sparkled in the sunlight all ready for our Palm Sunday Service the following day.

Thank you to Jane and donkey friend who met us at the Lych Gate and then led us into church as we sang " Ride on Ride on in Majesty" accompanied by Stephen on the violin.

Yes - a busy weekend.

Jenny Nicholls

FLOWER FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION

Just a quick update to let you know that arrangements for our Festival this year at the end of June are nearing completion. So many of our friends and village organisations have volunteered to come and help and be involved.

The dates for your diary are Friday 28th, Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th and Monday 1st July. Please come and help, there will be fun for all the family.

Sunday will be a busy day - Benefice Service at 10.30am followed by Benefice Bar-B-Q for all to enjoy. Concert in the afternoon followed by Community Songs of Praise at 6.30pm led by Bishop Roger.

If you would like to help with refreshments, sell raffle tickets or meet and greet on the door please let me know.

The title this year is "As Long As I Have Music"



**Come and Join us for
Bluebell Service in Little Bentley Woods**

Sunday 5th May at 3pm

Meet at St Mary's Church, Church Road,
Little Bentley CO7 8SE at 2.30pm for
short walk to the Wood.

Transport available for the less able.

Ponies, Dogs etc are all welcome.

This wonderful annual gathering is a
short open air informal service for all
Denominations in the middle of a private
100 Acre Bluebell Wood. Afterwards you
are all welcome to walk around the Bluebell wood, and then meet back to the Church Hall
for Tea and Scones.

We look forward to welcoming you all.



FROM THE RECTORY

Do you have a song that you could call 'your song'? Maybe it's something that reminds you of a particular time of your life. A favourite of your parents that they would have on the wireless or the record player (a quick explanation for those under 30, the wireless is the radio, and a record player was used to play large plastic discs with a needle!) Maybe it's a tune that you had playing when you were a teenager on a particular holiday or hanging out with a specific group of mates. Maybe it's the song you had the first dance to at your wedding.

Whatever it is, music can be extremely evocative. It can transport us away from where we are now and take us through time and space to a different reality. Happy or sad events and memories that go with them spring to life, and seem as real now as they were when they were actually taking place.

For those who write the songs, they have a similar function. The life events - teenage angst, unrequited love, marriage, children, divorce even death are subjects that fall easily within the grasp of the songwriter. Famously, when guitarist Eric Clapton's young son died, he wrote 'Tears in Heaven' an extraordinary ballad of pain and loss.

In the bible, the book of Psalms also record the words to songs and hymns that document the times in the lives of their writers. These are songs of praise to God. Heart wrenching songs of sorrow, songs of victory, of confusion, of questioning and of love. Many of these were penned by one of the bible's great heroes, King David, who experienced near enough all of these

feelings in a life defined by his relationship with God.

When we gather together in church, part of our time together is spent raising our voice to God in song. Just as King David did, we can express what is happening in our lives. Good or bad, they are the sum of the human experience and God loves to hear from his creation.

Simon

Rev Canon Simon Heron
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'Loving God. Living Life.'

Easter Lilies

Thank you to all who donated so generously in memory of a loved one this year.

The Easter Lilies were absolutely stunning and looked beautiful in the Church.

Thank you to all who helped arrange the flowers this Eastertide, your hardworking is much appreciated.

You are very welcome to join our band of flower arrangers.

J.A.M. DROP-IN

Every Friday in St George's church

Term time only

Parents and children welcome

All are welcome

3.00pm to 3.45pm

Refreshments, activities

Church Lunch

Friday, 3rd May

12 noon.

All welcome to join us.

All welcome.



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY



Services for May and June

St George's Church, Great Bromley

Welcome to our services

5 th May	Easter 3 (Second after Easter) 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
12 th May	Easter 4 10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW1)
19 th May	Easter 5 9.15am Family Service
26 th May	Easter 6 (Fifth after Easter) 10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW1) 6.30pm Evensong (BCP) with choir
30 th May Thursday	Ascension Day 7.30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's Lawford
2 nd June	Sunday after Ascension 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
9 th June	Pentecost (Whitsunday) 10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW1)
16 th June	Trinity Sunday 9.15am Family Service
23 rd June	Trinity 1 10.30am Parish Eucharist (CW1) 6.30pm Evensong (BCP) with choir
30 th June	Trinity 2 (Flower Festival) 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (CW1) 6.30pm Songs of Praise

Vicar: Revd Canon Simon Heron 01206 392659

Churchwardens: Mrs Jenny Nicholls 01206 230688

Mrs Yvonne Cobbold 01206 230360

***The church is open daily and you are welcome to visit.
More details and information at www.greatbromley.org.uk
Facebook or Twitter @StGeorgesGtBrom***

St Mary's Church, Lawford

Every Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion
1st Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evensong
3rd Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Café Church
4th Sunday	10.30am Morning Worship
Wednesdays	9.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Little Bentley

1st Sunday	10.30am Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Ardleigh

1st Sunday	10.3am Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	10.30am Parish Eucharist
4th Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion