

The Messenger

The Magazine of
the villages of
Great & Little
Bromley
September 2019



The 7th Annual Bromfest Music Day proved an excellent way to spend a blustery, rainy Saturday on August 10th, and the Church at Little Bromley was full to bursting with toe tapping music lovers! We were treated to a superb and varied selection of music. More than 30 musicians came along to sing and play old favourites and new versions of folk songs, and original songs, complete with guitars, accordions, small pipes, fiddles, flutes, whistles and bells. We heard dynamic and lively sets from groups such as Strange Combination, Scarlet's Road, Columbines, Friendly Visit, Peter Kerr and friends, Mark and Angela, The Merino Trio, ELLY Tree, David and Margaret, among others. The atmosphere was warm and lively, with much joining-in!

Many thanks to all the players for coming along to play with so much energy, and making such an enjoyable and friendly day of it.

Huge thanks also to all those who provided a mouthwatering selection of cakes, and who prepared (and served and washed up after) a truly sumptuous lunch, and countless cups of tea. Missed out? Another Bromfest is planned for next summer. Make sure you look in the events section of the village magazine for details, and add your name to the Friends of Little Bromley Church mailing list for monthly updates on

friends@littlebromley.org.uk

For forthcoming events at Little Bromley, see inside

THE FIRST PAGE

I have been looking after the three year old for over a week now with a break of 3 days in between and what fun we have had during the day. However, he is not a good sleeper and his parents are usually worn out. I then rediscovered this particular 'joy' when on two nights (fortunately not following each other) grandson woke up and potted along to me and climbed into bed. I had forgotten how much room a hot and fidgety little person can take up in a bed especially when they sleep diagonally. I spent much of these nights waking up, moving said small person over and trying to keep hold of 'my space' and not be pushed out of MY bed!

A recent excursion has been to the Naze at Walton and on a beautiful (windy) clear day we climbed to the top of the Tower which I had never done before. What an amazing view!

in this day and age of satnavs, computer records etc) I hear you say. I would agree. It was eventually tracked down with the result that I have to wait a few extra days because it was delivered to the wrong port and is waiting to be picked up from Great Yarmouth, not a million miles away, rather than Tilbury! Changing a car is a stressful business I have decided but still not as stressful as moving house.

Did you notice the deliberate mistake last month? In the Events Diary there was a typo. I suggested you needed to get up extremely early and be alert for the WEA course to be held in Gt Bromley Village Hall - 2.30am to be precise! Well done to the reader who spotted the mistake. I am just glad it was noticed and that none of you went along to the village hall in the middle of the night for the first session of the



I wrote a while back about the fact I was looking to change my car and I have now bought one. At time of writing I was going to pick it up on the morrow. However It did not get delivered to the garage when it was supposed to and was missing with no-one knowing where it was. A farce (especially

course!

September is the month of new beginnings. Good luck and all the best for the future to all going to new schools, on to higher education or to new jobs or about to experience any other life changing occasion.

Leonie

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Little Bromley Parish Council are here to listen to Residents' concerns and act on them. We aim to support programs that benefit the Village and be responsive to any queries. We are proud to do this whilst having the lowest precept of any local Council.

Parish Council meetings are held every 2 months, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at The Haywain, and are open to all residents of the Village. If there are issues you are concerned about, or ideas you would like to share, please come along and talk to us or email the Clerk on littlebromleypc@gmail.com.

Superfast Broadband

Since July this year, the Council are pleased to announce the installation and availability of Openreach Superfast Broadband in the Village. It took a concerted effort, but eventually with the help of Tendring Council, local residents and OpenReach, the service is available now.

Join us - come along to the next meeting in September or email us at:

Littlebromleypc@gmail.com

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Email: littlebromleypc@gmail.com

Several residents have had Superfast Broadband installed by BT - and so far all seems to be working well. The other residents in the Village who are able to access the Open Reach Network but are with other providers, should be able to access Superfast Broadband in the near future,

At the next meeting of the Council in September, the organisers of the Car Rally will be attending to discuss this and answer any questions that residents have. If you would like to ask any questions and can't attend the meeting, please email the Clerk on

Littlebromleypc@gmail.com and we will put these to the organisers on your behalf.

We still have a vacancy on the Council which we hope will be filled at September's meeting, if you would like to be considered for this please, again, email the Clerk.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at The Haywain on the 19th September, at 7.30pm

Lt Bromley Parish Council

THE DEDHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors invite applications for residents in the Parishes of Ardleigh, Bradfield, Dedham, Great Bromley and Stratford St Mary for financial grants that are available in the following categories.

Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Colleges:

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

Universities and Colleges of Further Education:

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

For an application form or further details contact the Clerk to the Governors: Mrs Jean Flewin, Coppins, Crown Street, Dedham, Colchester CO7 6AT. Tel: 01206 322215.

Closing date for applications: 31.10.19





GT BENTLEY DOCTORS' SURGERY

We are fast approaching yet another winter and flu vaccination season is now already upon us. I want to take this chance to remind everyone who is eligible to call us to make an appointment for your annual NHS flu jab. I'm pleased to report we will be getting our delivery of vaccines earlier and in a more orderly way this year.

Although I cannot give you exact dates as I write this newsletter, we will be holding two Saturday flu clinics as usual as well as some weekday clinics. We will of course continue to provide vaccinations opportunistically during



normal routine appointments to eligible patients, so no need to book a separate flu appointment if you are already seeing a doctor or nurse for an appointment in

September. Flu is an unpredictable virus that can cause mild or unpleasant illness in most people. BUT, it can cause severe illness and even death among vulnerable groups including older people, pregnant women and people with an underlying health condition. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please give us a call. We are unable to provide private vaccinations, but many local pharmacies do.

By having your flu jab, you are not

only helping yourself, but you are also helping to protect the wider population from this nasty virus which can easily spread to vulnerable people who are much more at risk from complications.

In the same way as last year, there is a different vaccine for patients aged 65 and over, compared to eligible patients under the age of 65. In addition if you are over age 65 and have not yet had your 'one off' pneumococcal vaccination, you can have this at the same time.

Call 01206 250691 NOW to book your appointment or if you are already signed up to the online service 'Patient Access' you will be able to book your vaccination online for the first time this year!

If you would like to register for online services for the first time, visit www.patientaccess.com and click the register button at the top right hand side of the page and follow the instructions.

Patient Participation Group

This month the patient participation group will be meeting on Thursday September 19th at 6.30pm at the Great Bentley village hall for the first time since the summer break.

Richard P Miller, Practice Manager

The Great Bromley Cross

More than a Pub....

Events September

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

Sat 7th - Takeaway night choose from a selection of menus from the pub or bring your own.

Thu 12th - Charity Quiz Night hosted by Quizzzy Rascals from 8:00pm, book tables in advance, sandwiches at halfprice £3pp.

Sat 14th The Duke Pizza Van from 6pm until 8:30pm.

Sat 21st - Takeaway night choose from a selection of menus from the pub or bring your own.

Wed 25th - MacMillan Coffee Morning 10:00am until 12 midday.

Thu 26th - Open Floor Music Night come and sing, play or listen! Hosted by Richard Brazeal from 8:00pm. All welcome.

Opening Times

Wednesday 6pm - 9pm • Thursday - Friday 5pm - 11pm •

Saturday 6pm - 11pm • Sunday 12 Noon - 3pm •

Cafe/Post Office Wednesday 10am - Noon

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September

The breezes taste of apple peel.
The air is full of smells to feel -
Ripe fruit, old footballs, burning brush,
New books, erasers, chalk, and such.
The bee, his hive, well-honeyed hum,
And Mother cuts chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean with suds, the days
Are polished with a morning haze.

- John Updike

THE 2020 BROMLEY CALENDAR

The 2020 calendar is coming! The finishing touches are just being put into the design, and the proofs should be along shortly. More details on that coming soon. We are very excited to share fantastic photographs of Great and Little Bromley taken by the community. Judging was undertaken by John Merison of Alresford Camera Club and we have excellent design advice from Jason Mageehan of Distinct Vision in Little Bromley.

We are in the middle of choosing the winning photograph plus runner up for super prizes - The River Stour Trust has

donated a trip on one of their electric boats to sail between Dedham and Flatford to admire and maybe take pictures, of the wildlife and beautiful environment.

All proceeds from the sale of the Calendar will be split between Leonard Cheshire Seven Rivers and the Essex Wildlife Trust.

We wish to thank all our sponsors to help this project possible.

More details next month.

The Bromley 2020 Calendar Committee



IN THE GARDEN WITH KATE



Not so long ago, September was the end of the season; the garden was put to bed and the first frosts

anticipated. However, milder autumns now mean that the growing season has been extended and it may well be two to three months before a frost occurs.

Many plants come into their own at this time of year, red hot pokers, golden rod, perennial grasses and asters. A most beautiful plant, the very un-PC named Kaffir Lily (*schizostylis coccinea*) suddenly appears, and autumn cyclamen pop up under the base of trees. Many shrubs, cultivated for their autumn colours, are starting to change to vivid oranges, yellows and reds and the tree nuts are starting to ripen.

Autumn is a time of garden bounty. Cereal crops used to be harvested in August and harvest festivals celebrated in September. Harvesting seems to be much earlier now, mostly in July or even earlier, and the rumble of combines, especially at night, seems to have finished. Most gardens however are coming into their own with trees laden with apples, pears and quinces, marrows, squashes and pumpkins ready for harvest as are autumn cauliflower, cabbages, maincrop potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic. Tomatoes are probably finishing now, and can be encouraged to ripen by putting in a paper bag with a ripe banana.

Asparagus foliage needs to be cut down when it turns brown, and cane fruit cut to the ground.

September is the time when garden centres and nurseries start stocking spring bulbs, including those especially prepared for mid winter flowering indoors, and these can now be planted. Autumn bulbs for outside need to be planted for a spring display, but hold off planting tulips until November.

It is an excellent time, when greenhouse crops have finished, to give the greenhouse a good scrub, cleaning the glass, and washing down work surfaces. I always use Jeyes fluid, which sterilises too. Any pots and containers should be washed before storing - try and do it on a dry breezy day so that everything dries out.

September is also the time for blackberries, though I have been picking some early varieties for a couple of weeks. The blackberries seem to be especially prolific this year, and a bumper crop forecast. Nothing says autumn like a blackberry and apple crumble!

Lawns usually need a bit of TLC at this time of year. Moss, weeds and thatch can be removed with a wire rake, but lawn dethatchers can be hired, and it is astonishing the amount of thatch that is removed. The lawn often looks a great deal worse initially, but don't worry, it will recover! Spiking can also be done at this stage, if only a small area, by hand, or for larger lawns with a spiking machine which again can be hired. Spiking improves the drainage in a compacted lawn. Finally feed with a low nitrogen feed. The experts then say top dress the lawn, but I am not sure I have ever done that!

Busy time, but enjoy the fruits of your labours!

Kate Strowbridge



SEVEN RIVERS CHESHIRE HOME

Hi everyone,

I went shopping yesterday with my sister, nothing strange in that you might think but it was the 1st August, still nothing wrong with that, but what was wrong was that we went into a shop that was selling Christmas cards! If you have read this right today is the 2nd August but when the deadline for our monthly pieces that we put into The Messenger need to be in by the end of the second week of the month, and next week I start my grandchildren sitting I needed to get this to Leonie early.

On September the 21st we will be doing our sponsored walk that we had to cancel in June. If any of you would like to sponsor us or take part in the walk please contact me here at Seven Rivers. We are walking / pushing from Dovercourt swimming pool to Half Penny pier and back. This is a footpath walk that makes it suitable for wheelchairs this way it enables our residents to take part. We are hoping to be joined by some of the dogs that come into the home.

We have a lovely Pets As Therapy Dog (P.A.T) who comes in whose name is Grace, we also have Benson and Phoenix who come in with their owners on a regular basis.

We all enjoy having animals coming into our home in the last few months we have horses, tortoises, guinea pigs plus the dogs, we also have had the geese and ducks who come up from the lake and numerous birds and other wildlife. All of these are greatly enjoyed by our residents.

We will also be holding a Coffee

Morning on Saturday 28 September, this is being held to launch our next big project. Over the next year we hope to raise money for a new sensory room, with Lights, a magic carpet plus lots of other items to enable those who have limited freedom and expression. Please join us to see how this all works and once up and running if it could be of any help to those who live in the village.

As I have already mentioned about Christmas I am still able to take bookings for our Christmas Market this is being held on Sunday 1st December, I have already written to Santa and he will be here, and will be happy to take letters back with him.

Anyway must get some work done today so best close for now,

So take care till next time
Liz

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We had a general meeting in July due to the absence of a Speaker. August will be the Auction and it is hoped members will bring along items they no longer use to raise funds for the Club. The competition – a paper weight.

Our speaker for September is Barbara Faulkner and the competition a salt and pepper set. Do come along and enjoy the company for a couple of hours it is a good way to make friends and discover the variety of activities our village has to offer.

Sylvia Ward

Little Dragons Pre-School - Great Bromley & Frating

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

Ofsted Inspected

Website: www.littledragonspreschool.org



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If you require further information please call us on the numbers above or pop in to see us.

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

Once again our 'Holiday Club' was very successful; the children enjoyed lots of crafts, games and outdoor fun. We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and we look forward to seeing you in the new term. Preschool returns on Thursday 5th September. We are open for breakfast and after school clubs on Wednesday 4th September.

FUNDRAISING:-

Please help us to collect:

We are now collecting **CRISP PACKETS** – reduce landfill waste and help us raise money too! Any brand of crisp packets accepted including multi-pack outer packaging.

We are still collecting 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.

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Dates for diary:

Wednesday 4th September - Breakfast and after school club. (for school children)

Thursday 5th September – Preschool reopens

COMMON GROUND THEATRE
COMPANY PRESENTS

A SIDECAR NAMED DESPAIR!

By Pat Whymark & Julian Harries
**Touring East Anglia – 13th September
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Headgate Theatre, Colchester, CO2 7AT

17th, 18th & 19th September - 7.30pm

Adults £12. U21s/unwaged £7

01206 366000 / [Book Online](#)

Sir John Mills Theatre, Ipswich IP1 2LQ

26th, 27th & 28th September 7.30pm

Adults £12. U21s/unwaged £7

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Julian Harries & Pat Whymark
Common Ground Theatre Company
07807 341364

"Summer Serenade"

What could be more enjoyable on a summers evening in mid July than listening to, and being entertained by, the superb ladies group from Clacton "Spectrum" (formerly "The Cavender Singers" the large group is now called "Spectrum".)

What a fabulous concert, a fine mixture of easy listening music, ladies in harmony, who so obviously enjoy singing together.

Kathryn Cavender, musical director, very kindly invited two very talented young musicians to join the concert giving Spectrum a well earned break. A young man, Robbie Long sang for us and gifted Rachael de Roy played the keyboard.

Tasty Nibbles and wine were served to a very appreciative audience during the interval when folk were able to wander

outside and enjoy the last rays as the sun set on this lovely summer evening.

Thank you especially to Kathryn who helped me to organise the concert and sold a substantial number of tickets to followers from Clacton.

Thank you to all who kindly provided such 'tasty' nibbles and wine. The Raspberry/strawberry and marshmallow kebabs went down a "storm".

So many folk visibly enjoyed the concert and were full of praise and admiration for our wonderful church as they said their goodbyes (for many of them their first visit), but they promised to come again.

Thank you, thank you dear friends.
Jenny Nicholls



VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

At their meeting on 6th June the village hall trustees were

pleased to note that demand for the hall remained steady and that a good mix of local clubs, private users and commercial organisations were using the facilities on a regular basis. A budget of £5000 for planned maintenance was set for the year which would include redecoration and a new floor for the kitchen and some external repairs and redecoration.

The management committee agreed that the main Christmas fundraising event this year would be a Christmas Market, to be held on Saturday 16th November from 10am to 2pm. The annual Grand Christmas Draw would take place during the Christmas Market, with the usual range of cash and quality prizes on offer. Draw tickets would be available from management committee members and at various local events from the middle of September.

There are still vacancies on the management committee for anyone wishing to play a role in managing the village hall. A volunteer with an interest in marketing and maintaining the profile of the hall on social media would be particularly welcome.

The village hall trustees look forward to welcoming you at an event at the hall and providing accommodation for you whether it is for a birthday party, reception or reunion. They would also be delighted to receive any comments that you have on the hall either as a visitor or hirer; these and any ideas for further improvements to the hall are always much appreciated.

Martin Frostick
villagehallsecretary@greatbromley.org.uk
or 01206 250263

MORE THAN JUST A FARM

It is usual for barley to be ready for combining around the Tendring Hundred Show, and this year for some farmers it was. We didn't start until a week afterwards as the crop wasn't quite ready. This year has been about working in between the rain showers. Luckily it has been warm and the crop has dried off quickly. Barley is usually the first crop to be combined followed by oil seed rape, wheat and any spring crops. You will have seen many dust clouds in and around the village and tractors with big



trailers carting the corn from field to barn where it is stored until needed. Our barley crop is grown for animal feed as well as our wheat. Other varieties are grown for human consumption to make bread, pasta, pizza, breakfast cereal and beer and lots more.

The farm has also been busy with the livestock and ensuring all animals have been well watered throughout the extremely hot period at the beginning of August.



Frequent checks on the sheep and cattle and mud baths for the pigs.



We have finished harvest and the fields will go from being a golden colour back to brown as farmers will be cultivating and ploughing the ground to get their seed beds ready for another season.

The butchery has been busy over the summer months making many BBQ packs and orders for private and local events. We had a fantastic write up in the EADT about diversification of farming. We now have lambs available again. Do get in touch with the butchery to order yours.

Until next time, Thank you
Becky

www.beckysbutchers.co.uk

HALLOWEEN CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

In aid of The Multiple Sclerosis Society
Sunday 27th October 10.30am - 4pm
Lawford Venture Centre, Bromley Road,
Manningtree, CO11 2JE

**30 Local Craft Stalls, Home Made
Cakes, Christmas Gifts
Free Entry. Free Car Park.
Refreshments.**

Tel 01206 396868 or email:
louisejoplin@btinternet.com

2019 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Probus meeting, Manningtree, 10.00am
- 9 Stour Choral Society, Methodist Hall, Manningtree, 7.30pm
- 11 U3A meeting, Constable Hall, E Bergholt, 2.00pm
Gt Bromley Parish Council meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Little Bromley Parish Council meeting, The Haywain, 7.30pm
- 21 Sponsored Walk, Seven Rivers
- 22 Harvest Festival, St George's church, 10.30am
- 26 Ardleigh WEA, Village Hall, 2.30pm
- 28 Open Day/Coffee Morning, Seven Rivers
Boxted Silver Band, Thorington church, 7.30pm



OCTOBER

- 2 Probus meeting, Manningtree, 10.00am
- 3 Autumn Fair, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 9 Anglia Baroque concert, Lt Bromley church, 1.00pm
U3A meeting, Constable Hall, E Bergholt, 2.00pm
- 12-13 Quilt Show, Ardleigh Village Hall, 10.00am
- 31 Closing date for application for Dedham Educational Foundation

NOVEMBER

- 6 Probus meeting, Manningtree, 10.00am
- 13 U3A meeting, Constable Hall, E Bergholt, 2.00pm
- 16 Village Hall Christmas Market, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 20 Probus meeting, Manningtree, 10.00am
- 29 The Snow Queen play, Lt Bromley church, 7.30pm

WI COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 12th
Great Bromley Village Hall
10.00am-12 noon

Christmas Market

Village Hall
Saturday 16th November
10.00am-2.00pm

More details tba



St Mary Magdalen
Church



Thorington presents
Boxted Silver Band

Saturday 28th September 2019
at 7.30pm

Come and join us for an evening of
entertaining music
Light refreshments served during interval
Entry £8

Friends of Little Bromley Church
EVENTS 2019

October 9th

Anglia Baroque lunchtime concert
1.00pm. Free admission

November 29th

The Snow Queen (This is My Theatre
group)

7.30pm tickets from

www.thisismytheatre.com

December 23rd

Christmas Carols

with seasonal refreshments
7.30pm. Free admission

GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 7th December
Village Hall
10.00am-12 noon

Ardleigh WEA

meeting at Great Bromley Village Hall,
Parsons Hill, Great Bromley,
Colchester CO7 7JA

Title of Course:

Shakespeare's Women (Ref: C2226658)

An exploration of some of the extraordinary and powerful female characters Shakespeare invented for boys and men to act: companions, lovers, mothers, daughters, viragos at war, victims of jealousy, agents of destruction and angels of redemption! We speculate about Shakespeare's life, including political and religious factors as well as his marital and other relationships, in so far as light may be cast on the way he presents his female roles, and consider how the all-male world of the theatre companies affected their construction and presentation. We shall discuss some of the non-dramatic poetry to see if these too shed illumination, and proceed to study some roles fairly briefly, others in more depth, covering the most significant from the Comedies, Histories, Tragedies and Romances, discussing Shakespeare's "empowerment" of his women. How much justification is there for the suggestion that Shakespeare's women, at least, are the deadlier of the species?

Course Tutor: Ron Marks - (Ron is a very experienced Tutor and his courses are always extremely good and interesting)

Commencing Date:

26th September 2019 at 2.30 pm.

10 sessions ending on 28th November 2019,
1.5 hours per session

Fee £57.75

As from this term you have to book online at least a week before the commencement of the course at <https://www.wea.org.uk/find-course> or you can book by phoning 0300 303 3464 and quoting the name of course and Ref: number shown above. If you have any problems booking please contact me at john@terrys.org.uk or telephone me on 01206 397101 and I will try and help you with your booking.

We have to get around 17 people attending to make the course viable, if this number is not attained before the commencement of the course it is likely be cancelled and any money paid will be returned.

Contacts: John Terry (Chairman) 01206 397101 or 07566 880504 or email

john@terrys.org.uk or

Judy Owens (Secretary) 01206 257429 or 07557 090094 or email

judyowens379@gmail.com



Essex & Suffolk Quilters

QUILT SHOW

At Ardleigh Village Hall

Saturday 12th October 10.00am-4.00pm

Sunday 13th October 10.00am-3.00pm

Charity Raffle Quilts * Craft Stall
Bag Tombola * Refreshments
Traders * Disabled Facilities

Entry £3, accompanied under 12s Free
Supporting St Helena Hospice

*For further information contact
Jean 01206 385330*

Autumn Fair

Great Bromley
Great Bromley Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd October

10.00am-2.00pm

Admission £3

In aid of

Seven Rivers Leonard Cheshire Home

TABLE TENNIS FOR PLEASURE

Lawford Venture Centre

Mondays 10.00am-12 noon

All standards-Any age-All are welcome
£2.50 per session

4 tables, bats and TTE qualified coach
available

We are a Non League club and can
introduce players who wish to play
competitively for local clubs in the
Colchester league.

Don't be shy. Come and try

Please just turn up or contact George Earle
01206 323264

Seven Rivers Cheshire Home

The **Sponsored Walk**

earlier this year was postponed due to bad
weather on the day.

The new date for this walk is

Saturday 21 September.

If anyone is interested in joining us please
contact 01206 230345

28th September

Open Day/Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st December

Christmas Market

GREAT BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Lizzie Ridout Email: clerk@gbpc.org.uk



At our August meeting we agreed to support our neighbouring Parish in Ardleigh in their request to ECC to have less weight restricted roads - thus requiring quarry traffic to have the best unrestricted route available to them but minimising the opportunity for them to travel other roads. We hope that the recent changes in rubbish and recycling collections are going as planned for the village. We are aware of an increase in calls to TDC reporting problems but we have been assured that any initial problems should be sorted soon. There is information and FAQs on the TDC website.

We are delighted to welcome Graham

Smith to the role of Footpath Warden for the village. Graham will liaise with our Maintenance team on issues raised, and report issues to the Public Rights of Way team at ECC as necessary.

We have been thinking about celebrations for VE Day 2020 and have some ideas which will be coordinated by a committee led by Cllr Wood. This will ensure that the whole community can be involved to celebrate this important occasion.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome

Planning determinations

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	DECISION
19/00692/FUL Mr and Mrs Slade	Proposed single storey front extension and extension to existing garage.	Chumleigh, Back Lane East, Great Bromley CO7 7UE	Approval - Full 08.07.2019 Delegated Decision
19/00674/OUT Mr and Mrs Owens	Proposed erection of a bungalow with associated double garage, driveway and garden area.	Wisteria House, Back Lane East, Great Bromley CO7 7UE	Refusal - Outline 12.07.2019 Delegated Decision
18/01634/OUT Mrs Stennett	Construction of 7 no. Bungalows.	Land North of Harwich Road, Great Bromley CO7 7UH	Refusal - Outline 19.07.2019 Delegated Decision

Planning applications

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
19/01035/FUL Mr Colin Wake	Proposed two storey side extension and rear conservatory to be rebuilt as a sunroom. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Southerndown, Frating Road, Great Bromley CO7 7JW
19/01050/OUT K W Robinson	Erection of dwelling for a farm stockman. Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road, Gt Bromley CO7 7UU
19/01104/TPO Mrs Nicky Robinson	1 No. Horse Chestnut - fell Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.	Badley Hall Farm, Badley Hall Road, Gt Bromley CO7 7UU

Planning applications - *continued*

REFERENCE	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
19/00875/OUT Mr & Mrs Gordon Bennett	<p>Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of three dwellings and associated garages.</p> <p>The applicant's agent, Ms S Smith made a number of comments in relation to letters of objections.</p> <p>Following Cllr Thomas's proposal, and Cllr Lord seconding that proposal, it was agreed that Great Bromley Parish Council objected to the application for the same reasons stated in the previous application, 17/02117/OUT.</p> <p>It was requested that Cllr Scott and Cllr Wiggins call-in the application to the TDC's Planning Committee.</p>	Field House Parsons Hill Great Bromley CO7 7JF
19/01022/FUL Ms Sarah Gallaher	<p>Proposed two storey extension, replacement of dilapidated sunroom and provision of garage and storage building.</p> <p>Great Bromley Parish Council had no objection to the application.</p>	Rose Cottage Manor Farm, Mary Lane North Great Bromley CO7 7TU

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Any group or individual who wishes to purchase a poppy wreath can do so by contacting Mr Eugene Horgan direct on 07939 086034 or by email at eugene.horgan@btinternet.com
Please place your orders as soon as possible

STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY

Stour Choral Society begins its new year on Monday 9 September with a Social Evening at 7.30 in the Methodist Church Hall, South Street, Manningtree. We are looking forward to another successful year of music-making with our Music Director Susie Hyman. We have three concerts planned for the year, the first will be on 30 November at Mistley Church when we will perform the Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams and part of the Christmas Oratorio by J S Bach. Our Spring concert on March 28 will be Handel's Messiah and at the end of June we will sing with local school children.

We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to sing with us. There are no auditions and help is available if your music-reading skills are not good. In common with many choirs nowadays, we especially welcome people who can sing tenor or bass parts! To find out more just come along on Monday 9 September or contact Margaret Baldry on 01206 619084 or secretary@stourchoralsociety.co.uk.

The weather gods were kind to us in August, and despite days of cold weather and torrential rain, the Great Bromley WI had a warm sunny day for our inaugural barbecue. Russ, WI member Leonie's daughter's partner, runs an outdoor catering business and arrived with his barbecue van full of professional equipment; chafing dishes, a huge gas fired barbecue, griddle, racks, sauces, and serving tables, and sauces which he arranged in the garden of our president, Jenny.

The meat was provided by Becky Robinson. Becky is a local lady who runs Becky's butchers, and as a butcher herself, uses meat from animals that have been reared on the farm in Great Bromley. Becky was one of our WI speakers in February 2018, showing us how to easily form sausages into hanging links.

Our barbecue meat travelled less than half a mile to get to us – reducing our carbon footprint significantly.

Members of the committee turned up early to set out chairs and tables and bring salads, desserts, and produce to sell on the ubiquitous WI stall – mandatory at all WI events of course.

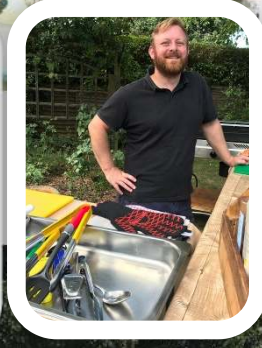
45 WI ladies arrived to enjoy an afternoon in the sunshine, with their friends from neighbouring WIs. We were delighted that Sheila Gunson, WI Advisor, could join us for the afternoon too – although we did make her stand up unexpectedly to speak to the assembly. The food, and company lent itself to a really enjoyable afternoon, and a glass or two of wine made the conversation flow freely. The ladies donated a range of prizes for the raffle, and the produce stall did a roaring trade selling honey, jams, cakes and home-grown vegetables – we have some very green fingered gardeners across our WI.

All of the food, and desserts were eaten – so we did not have piles of wasted food

to throw away, and several ladies stayed to help the committee clear away tables, and to stack the piles of plates ready to wash up. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for our WI, and I am sure the committee will be considering doing something similar in future years.

And, best of all, the weather held off until the last of us was ready to go thank goodness. A fabulous day, enjoyed by all.

Eileen Brown





Bikes Changing Lives

Take a used bike from the UK, ship it to Africa where it

is really needed & teach the local people the skills to fix and maintain it.

Re-Cycle is a charity based in Essex that takes used bicycles and parts from the UK and ships them to trusted partners in Africa.

Re-Cycle is a small charity based in Essex that takes unwanted bicycles and parts from the UK and ships them to trusted partners in Africa.

We believe in an Africa unlimited by transport. Our sustainable bike re-use model has a dual benefit:

- Bikes that have been languishing, unwanted in garages all over the UK are donated and put to good use, rather than ending up in landfill sites.
- These bikes are then shipped to Africa, providing a cheap, sustainable and eco-friendly form of transport for people and communities who have no other way of reaching each other. In 2018 we sent 16 container loads to Africa, containing 8,000 bikes.

THE NEED FOR BIKES

649 million people live in rural communities in Africa, and many of these people must walk for long distances to reach crucial services and social support networks. Not only does this take a toll on health, it can also prevent children from reaching their place of education, denying them a good start in life.

Bikes provide an economical, easy to maintain form of transport. Having access to a bike can increase a family's income by up to 35% and help to keep children in school. Other forms of transport can be either non-existent, or prohibitively expensive.

Re-Cycle choose not to refurbish donated bikes in the UK, and instead, after being quality checked, they are shipped to Africa and refurbished by qualified mechanics. In this way, our UK team have more time to source, check and ship bikes – and overseas bike mechanics (employed by partner organisations) have employment and can provide a place for new bike owners to take their bike for small repairs.

Bikes are cheap to repair, can last a lifetime when well cared for, and can be used by the entire family.

Salifu Bah is a fourteen-year-old Grade 8 student and attends St Bosco basic school in Sintet in

The Gambia. He received his bike on 1st October 2018. Before he got his bike, it uses to take him an hour to walk the 5 kilometres to get to school. He would sometimes have to leave before it got light and would often be late arriving.

It's not uncommon for African children to face a 10-mile walk to school. This often results in students being exhausted before class has even started. With a bicycle, this journey time can be reduced by 75% so students have more time and energy to focus on their lessons.

Not only did Salifu receive a bike, but he also attended Re-Cycle's one day workshop, where students are taught how to maintain their bikes and when to take them to the mechanic. This means that students can identify problems before they become expensive to fix allowing their bikes to last longer.

Now enjoying school, Salifu's favourite subject is English and he wants to become an education minister when he is older. He is also very happy that when he has finished his schooling, he will be able to give his bike to his brother so that he can use it to travel to school.

We aim to improve more lives, like Salifu's through bicycle re-use.

Not only are we providing quality, affordable and sustainable bike transport in Africa, we are also reducing the amount of bikes ending up in landfill in the UK which has a positive impact on the environment.

Shipping over 100,000 bikes to Africa is no mean feat; and Re-Cycle are fortunate enough to be heavily supported by volunteers, many of which give up their spare time to help on a weekly basis and are extremely vital to the running of the charity.

We receive no government funding and rely on the support of the trusts, corporate organisations, groups and associations, individuals and our own fundraising.

For further information on how you can support us or if you would like to make a donation of a bike or funds visit www.re-cycle.org

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO COLLECT BIKES IN THE COLCHESTER AREA.

The charity offers talks to groups/associations, schools and churches. Please email lindsay.hurrell@re-cycle.org

DIARY OF A FLOWER FESTIVAL

"As Long As I Have Music"

The inspiration for St. G's Flower Festival came to me last year in 2018. The words are taken from the song by Don Besig and Nancy Price written in 1986. The words are very full of meaning and evoke wonderful memories of music and song in the lives of all of us.

"The music in my life will set my spirit free.
When the road is dark and lonely
and I feel I want to cry.
When the dreams I keep inside me
seem to fade and almost die.
Then I call upon my music,
and it helps to dry my tears.
...
For as long as I have music,
as long as there's a song for me to sing"

Great words, great inspiration, in January 2019 at our inaugural meeting our fantastic band of Flower Arrangers met and agreed to my suggestion of a theme inspired by the music and words of Don Besig. We are so fortunate here to be supported by the whole community, all organisations, businesses, and folk from other villages too.

Gradually throughout the next six months support began to grow. A successful event of this size running over four days needs volunteers, co-ordinators and helpers if it is to succeed.

I am fortunate indeed to have on the team Carol Cordwell who organised and managed, sponsorship, publicity and the Grand Raffle.

Carol is a dynamo of energy, inspiring and encouraging the team of new helpers, Carol, Sarah and Susan who worked with her. The Raffle was tremendous, twenty eight super prizes in total. Thanks also go to all those who bought and sold the raffle tickets, especially Michelle and Robert, and to all those who donated the prizes.

Also on our team was Sue Clark who co-ordinated the refreshments for the whole

weekend! No mean feat when we have no kitchen and no running water but, the ploughman's and the cream teas were the best ever! Thanks also to all the community who made cakes and scones, every day, the tasty nibbles Sunday evening were delicious, especially the savoury whirls, Yvonne.

The whole success of the event depended on our team working together, and I really think we had that spirit within us. Thanks to those who put out advertising boards, Carole, Lewis and Bill who got the B.B.Q to start, Neil, Dorothy and Lucy who worked really hard behind the scenes, tidying away after the last moments on Monday afternoon.

As the programme for the weekend took shape more of our community became involved, thanks go especially to Becky, the staff and children at St. George's School who we work very closely with all year, not only taking time to design the posters and programme but also printing them for us, there is such talent, we are so very lucky to have such a vibrant and enthusiastic school in our village. Becky and Lucy organised two concerts for us on Friday morning opening the programme for the weekend with wonderful music and song. Firstly KS1 then KS2 performed for parents and friends.

We have always worked closely with Seven Rivers Cheshire Home and this weekend, as always, we had their support led by Liz and her cheerful band of helpers, especially Dorothy, (a Slovenian student on work experience). Many residents visited throughout the weekend and thoroughly enjoyed listening to the music of the children, the line dancing, organ and a superb concert by Judith and Peter Clayton on Sunday afternoon. One resident loves handbags and was able to make several purchases at the Bric A Brac, especially delighted with her John Paul Rocha bag!

Debbie Miller too has always supported our Flower Festivals and there was great fun for

Past Meetings

Our August Meeting, on the 14th welcomed Terry Waite talking on "Survival In Solitude". As a former hostage negotiator and hostage himself he spoke of his experiences working for the release of innocent people across the world and he described his own experiences in captivity in Beirut.

Future Meetings & Diary Dates

The theme of our meeting on 11 September is "Great Composers Of Film Music". Steve Johnson, a film enthusiast, will recall the history of music in film from the beginnings of sound, with emphasis on specific composers who have made significant contributions to music in film.

Jenny Gibbs will talk to us on "An Englishwoman's Life in Rural Turkey" on Wednesday 9 October. Her stories capture a simple, serene, pastoral way of life in a Turkish mountain village unchanged for centuries, from the day she first arrived there 25 years ago to today.

On 13 November Magistrate Graham Higgins will talk of "Tales From The Bench". He will look at our legal heritage, particularly the part played by Suffolk. He

will relate how the role of magistrates and local events have played a part in this history and will bring us up to date with an opportunity to decide how a defendant should be sentenced by briefly outlining a case. He will also include some of his unusual experiences on the bench.

Each month, the Coffee Grinders meet at The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD from 10-12 noon. This meeting 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 27 September.

We have over 370 members and 37 active groups. For further information please visit www.stourvalleyu3a.org.uk We meet at The Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP at 2 for 2.15pm. Annual membership costs £12 and this entitles members to attend the meetings 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.



STOUR VALLEY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Future Meetings

We do not hold meetings in August. Our speaker on 4 September is Mervyn Linfood introducing us to the river from "Cattawade Bridge to Ha'Penny Pier". Ted Wheatley will return again and his subject is "Speakers' Corner" on 18 September. On 2 October David Pryn will talk of "China, past and present" and two weeks later on 16 October Cherry Mullins will present "Confessions of a Tour Manger". Andy Malcolm will talk about the good work undertaken by "The Fishermen's Mission" on 6 November and two weeks later on Wednesday 20 November Sara Waterston of local Hunnable Funeral Directors will talk on "The Humourist Side Of Funerals".

Meeting Venue

We meet at the convenient St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB New Members are always very welcome at all meetings 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 President Dave Carman on 01255 880202 for further details.

all despite the searing heat on Saturday afternoon when a line dancing demonstration was staged on the pathway leading to the church. Music fun and enjoyment was the priority of the weekend throughout our Benefice Service, Songs of Praise with the Bishop, organ recitals and a concert by the Stour Valley Hand Bells.

Saturday afternoon the Captain of our Bells and his team organised "Tower Tours" and on Sunday afternoon the music of a Quarter Peal rang out through the village. Thank you to David and his band of ringers for the beautiful Quarter Peal it was amazing. David is always looking for folk to join the team, he is an excellent teacher and would welcome newcomers to the Art of Campanology.

So...four days of wonderful celebration, action packed days, enjoyment for all, ending on Monday with a concert by Little Dragons Pre School watched by Mums, Dads, grandparents and Becky Head Teacher at St. George's. Presentations and prizes for all were given to the children who took part in the Schools Colouring Competitions arranged by Carol. We all enjoyed and liked the song "Happy Sun High" so much we asked for an encore.

Finally but no means least a huge thank you to our very clever and talented and generous flower arrangers. Without their help, dedication and hard work there would not be a Flower Festival.

Such innovative ideas, added such variety and interest to this occasion. "Sing out Loud", "This is my song", "Zoom" Fat Larry Band, "Brit Pop" Jerusalem and in twenty six more ideas on our theme "As Long As I Have Music"..

We have a flower rota at St. G's so if you would like to "have a go" and join in you would be most welcome. Perhaps we should start a Flower Arranging Club for



those interested. Why not?

Thank you to all who came to visit St. G's from all areas of Tendring, thank you so much, it seems we may have raised around £2000 towards new projects and the upkeep of St. G's. Well done everyone.

I hope you all bought a "Friends of St. G's" mug to remind yourselves of this very, very Happy Occasion.

Much Love
Jenny x



DO YOU WONDER what the lower half of this sign means?

ARE YOU INTERESTED in finding out about other places?

DO YOU LIKE GETTING TO KNOW people from other countries?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF an organised visit to a historic town in a beautiful part of Germany?

**The Manningtree and District/
Frankenberg Partnership Association**
warmly invites you to find out more on

**Tuesday 10 September 2019
7pm for 7.30 pm**

**Community Suite, Foundry Court,
Colchester Road, Manningtree, CO11
1ES**

Light refreshments will be served.

The Partnership between people from the Manningtree district and Frankenberg in the German state of Hesse began in 1970. Since then hundreds of local people have enjoyed visiting and receiving visitors from Frankenberg and its surrounding villages. Perhaps you are one of these people.

To have reached the Golden Anniversary of the Partnership is something to be proud of and so in 2020 there will be an organised visit to Frankenberg to celebrate with our friends there and in 2021 we will welcome visitors from Frankenberg to celebrate here in the Manningtree area. We want to involve as many local people as possible in these celebrations.

Our meeting on September 10th will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this lovely area of Germany and about our plans. We welcome anyone interested in helping us to build on and promote our links with Frankenberg, whether or not they feel able to travel to Germany.

To find out more before 10th September, please contact our Chairman, Denis Baldry (01206 619084, denis@baldrys.org) or our Secretary, Dagmar Grafton (07891 963005, dagmargrafton@gmail.com) who will be pleased to hear from you.

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School Years 1-6

FRIDAY EVENINGS
6:30pm - 7:30pm

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- ✓ Opportunity to play games and tournaments!



Bar and
Clubhouse
open from
6:30pm!



FROM THE RECTORY

The Camino de Santiago, or The Way of St James, is a series of pilgrimages that lead to the shrine of the apostle St James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago. The majority of those travelling the Camino would begin in France, and often walked the Way for months or sometimes years at a time. It follows for the main part an earlier Roman trade route and was one of the most important Christian Pilgrimages of the Middle Ages. Over the next few centuries the number of pilgrims reduced significantly, until in the late twentieth century only a few hundred people made the journey each year.

Beginning in the late 1980s, and following its listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Camino has seen an extraordinary reversal of fortune. 2016 saw more than a quarter of a million individuals receive their certificates for completing their pilgrimage at Santiago having walked 100km or more.

Director Emilo Estevez's 2015 movie *The Way*, follows the story of a Dr Thomas Avery, an American who goes to France following the death of his son who had died while on the Camino. Originally intending to return home with his son's ashes, Avery ends up walking the pilgrimage himself carrying the ashes to complete the walk that his son had begun.

The film explores how this affects Avery and other travellers who he journeys with. Although getting to their destination is important, the film focusses on the significance of the journey itself and ends with Avery setting out again on another adventure

There has been a suggestion that the ultimate goal of every Christian pilgrim is the journey's end where heaven is the final destination. But with Jesus there is already the hope and the promise of an eternity with God. This makes the journey for all followers of Jesus such a vital part of our lives with him. Without the journey itself,

where's the opportunity to grow, to learn, to mature, and to meet and encourage others who are walking on a different path?

The truth is that a walk alone going a different way offers so much less than the journey made when the walk is with God.

Simon

Rev Canon Simon Heron
Lawford, The Bromleys & Little Bentley
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'Loving God. Living Life.'

Harvest Festival St. G's"

September 22nd.

If you would like to help decorate the church on September 21st please contact Jenny..



The Post Office at The Cross

Wednesday mornings
10 - noon



Community Library at The Cross

Every Wednesday
10.00am-12 noon

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, GREAT BROMLEY

September



Welcome to our services

September 1st	Trinity 11 9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
September 8th	Trinity 12 10.30am	Parish Eucharist (CW1)
September 15st	Trinity 13 9.15am	Family Service
September 22nd	Harvest Festival 10.30am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist (CW1) Evensong (BCP) with choir
September 29th	Trinity 15	Little Bentley - Benefice Eucharist (CW1)
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

J.A.M. DROP-IN

Every Friday in St George's church
Begins again in September
Parents and children welcome
Drop in for fun, games and laughter
3.00pm to 3.45pm
Refreshments, activities

Church Lunch

**Friday, 6th September
12 noon.**



All welcome to join us.
Donations only.