

# THE BROMHAM HOOT

JULY 2020



Together We Are Stronger



# NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

Devizes (01380) numbers unless otherwise shown

<b>Parish of Bromham, Chittoe and Sandy Lane</b>			<b>Bromham Parish Council</b>		
Rector	Revd Ruth Schofield	850191	Chairman	Peter Paget	850246
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Lay Minister	Caroline Culley	850531	All departments		
<b>Methodist Church</b>	Rev Wendy Tucker	01249 818923	<b>Bromham Social Centre</b>		
	Jenny Blackman	850580	Bookings	Lauren Taylor	850737
<b>Roman Catholic Church</b>	Fr Paul Gonsalves	723572	Owl Manager	Sue Dolman	850671
<b>St. Nicholas School</b>	Office	850391	Chairmen	Malcolm Turner	850204
				Pete Davis	850792
<b>Village Organisations</b>					
Brownies	Vicky Early	07702 033897	Royal British Legion	Neil Meadows	850360
Busy Kids Pre-school	Judi McKendrick	859389	Short Mat Bowls	George Henderson	01249 815388
Carnival Chairman	Pete Davis	850792	Spye Park Cricket Club	Tom Mornement	850913
Drama Club	Penny Lander	859002	Stitchers	Ann Hannah	850589
Football Club	Pete Wallis	07917 697298	Tennis Court Bookings	Caroline Jones	850260
Footpath Group	Dennis Powney	850979	Twinning Association	Janet Giles	850327
Gardening Club	Sue Skelt	850601	W.I. President	Deborah White	07900 987221
Monday Club Organiser	Caroline Culley	07557 983940	Wives Group	Muriel Sibun	850126
Mothers' Union	Carole Myer	850706	Youth Club Secretary	Rosalind Humphries	850874
Phoenix Club	Jean Richardson	724210	Friends B & SL Churches	Carol Drew	850908

## BROMHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Bromham Good Neighbours was established in January 2019, with the aim of increasing neighbourliness and giving a helping hand when needed. When coronavirus hit over 100 villagers immediately registered to help, and our team of volunteers have been busy over the last three months. They have delivered over 250 prescriptions and been on over 100 shopping trips. They have delivered newspapers and groceries from the village shop, not to mention the other assortment of requests that come in. I'm so aware that our volunteers are just part of the army of people in Bromham helping their neighbours and friends at this time. We are so pleased to have been there to help out.

Even as many of our current network of over 100 volunteers from the village are starting to go back to work, Bromham Good Neighbours is still active and we will carry on shopping and collecting prescriptions for as long as it is needed. We are starting to think about things we can do in the future, to help maintain those links between so many people in our village. If you have ideas, do please drop us an email or comment on our Facebook page, to let us know.

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Shopping for your groceries and other essential supplies, and delivering them to you
- Collecting prescriptions and medication from your pharmacy
- Delivering a daily newspaper from the village shop
- Ringing you for a regular chat
- Help in finding and contacting other organisations that can help or give specific advice

It doesn't matter what your circumstances are, whether you've used us before or if you need to use us for the first time. Even if your request is not what we normally do, or if you just don't know who to turn to, contact us. We do not judge and we offer a confidential and discreet service. We will do our very best to help, and if we can't we will make sure you put you in touch with someone who can.

If you are concerned about someone you know, or who lives near you, please give us a ring and we will make sure they are receiving the support they need. Bromham Good Neighbours is registered with Wiltshire Council and the local GP surgeries, pharmacies, Age UK and Aster Housing.

### HOW TO CONTACT US:

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**Bromham Coronavirus Help Page Wiltshire**



# WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

We have now been in lockdown for over a quarter of the year. Since the start of the pandemic, Bromham Good Neighbours group have been publishing a monthly newsletter with details of local businesses, sources of help etc.

For our third issue in July we have expanded the newsletter to include more content, and to try and fill some of the gap left by Inspire which can't be produced at present due to the need to socially distance.

Despite many of the village organisations having to close down during the pandemic, a lot has been going on in Bromham to keep spirits up during the pandemic. Many of us have been able to keep in touch on Facebook, but there are others, particularly older members of our community, who maybe aren't as active on social media who really would like to see what's been happening.

Enter the Bromham Hoot. The name was suggested by one of the volunteers when we first started discussing expanding the newsletter, and it seems to have stuck.

## WHAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN BROMHAM AND AN OWL ?

Many of us know there's a connection between Bromham and owls, but do you know why? Well, we didn't either, so to find out, we asked our well known village historian Dennis Powney. He told us this story - and surprisingly the origin of the connection is more recent than you might think.

*Edmond Dearmer Butler was born May 27th 1878, the eldest child of John and Eliza Butler of Horsepool, Bromham. He died 12th December 1955 aged 77. Edmond was a builder by trade, he was married to Ellen and they lived at the Coffee Tavern in Jockey Lane and later at Ivy Cottage, Horsepool. They had one son but he died as a teenager.*

*'Eddie' was also a poet, and a great letter writer to the local newspapers on all sorts of subjects in the 1920s, 1930s & 1940s - sometimes signing off as "The Bromham Owl". This name soon caught on and was the origin of Bromham people being known as Owls.*

Keeping to the owl theme, the photograph on the front cover was earlier this year by Pete Blanchard, father of one of our neighbours, at Salperton in Gloucestershire. Amazingly he actually took the photo out of a car window! Admittedly he did have the advantage of a good camera, and a very long lens, but it's still a fantastic photo!

We'd like to ask our younger villagers to design the cover of the next newsletter - turn to the middle pages of the newsletter for details of the competition.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed the interesting content, especially for the photographs - which really do help to bring things life, especially for those villagers who have been shielding at home. See if you can spot anyone you know.

Printing this newsletter - and hopefully the next one - has been made possible by a grant of £590 from the Scottish and Southern Electricity Resilient Communities Fund 2020. We are also extremely grateful to Bromham Parish council for paying for the printing of the last newsletter. This funding also means that we have been able to advertise local businesses and tradespeople without charge - please continue to support them as the lockdown eases and we start to go back to work. If you would like a mention in the next newsletter, please let us know. We did try to contact all of the advertisers who usually advertise in Inspire, but apologies to anyone we missed out.

We hope to get out the next issue at the beginning of August. Please could all village organisations give us an update for that issue saying when they are hoping to start up again.

To make The Hoot as interesting as possible, we do need your contributions. For example:

- What have you and your family been doing during lockdown?
- Do you have something which you could contribute to Stories from Lockdown for the next newsletter?
- Have you any suggestions or ideas about other things we could include? Have we forgotten anything?
- So many of you have been walking around the village during lockdown, why don't you let us know your favourite walk. It would be great to include details of some local walks with a small map, and maybe some photographs.
- Calling all gardening experts – we would love to include a regular "topical tips for your garden" section. What have you been doing in the garden during lockdown? Send us some pictures. What do you plan to do in your garden during August? Let us know your top tips.

We would love to know what you think of the newsletter, and would welcome any suggestions for next time. Perhaps there are some frustrated writers out there in Bromham who would love to contribute.

# **BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **COVID 19 LOCK DOWN 2020 REPORT**

Although everyone has been on lock down, and Parish Council Meetings for April, May and June cancelled, Parish business has been continuing by email and phone:

- Weekly advice, newsletters and reports received from Wiltshire Council have been circulated.
- Play areas remain closed, but the annual inspection was able to be carried out on May 28th. The outside contractor grass cutting resumed on May 11th.
- Allotments have been kept neat and tidy, with all plots now let, the Best Kept Allotment will still be judged in July with the winner receiving the Cup and a plot rent free for a year.
- Covid 19 Risk Assessments have been carried out including Risk Assessments for the Cemetery Staff and Mrs Brown as they resumed work. The Caretakers have continued to keep the cemetery up together- also a new small mower has been purchased. The Clerk is required to report to Wiltshire Council any burials every Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs Brown was able to return to her role as Street cleaner from June 1st.
- £20,000 - Half payment of the Precept has been received allowing all invoices to be paid monthly.
- All Planning applications circulated with comments received by email.
- Travellers New Road Planning Appeal was refused on 29th April. Due to Covid 19, 3 months' notice to be given to remove from Site.
- The Football Club has been able to secure funds, volunteers, free equipment and resources to carry out the necessary pitch repairs and 'dug outs'. A £500 grant was allocated by the Parish Council.
- The End of Year Accounts has been completed for internal and external audits. These will be available on the village website when agreed.
- A remote meeting to be considered for July probably by Zoom, parishioners wishing to participate will need to contact the Clerk via email to request a pass word.
- SSEB Volunteer Group Grant of £590.00 was received by the PC and paid to the Bromham Good Neighbours group.
- The new orchard was watered on Sat. 30th May. Many thanks to volunteers D Fillis and G Reeves
- New Road and A342 resurfacing repairs: Carried out by WC. Flooding hot spots reported and some jetting carried out although more specialist equipment and time is required.
- Village Website: quotes received and changes being considered as required for website compliance before September.
- General Bank Acc. Statement 29th April 2020: £25739.61
- Bank Statements 1st June 2020: General Acc: £22304.36 Investment Acc: £22254.62

The Parish Council would like to thank all Parishioners for their understanding and compliance during this pandemic. We have always known that our Parish is very special and the Parishioners are always willing to come forward in times of need whatever the situation, never more evident than now.

Thank you to the Volunteers who have been there for so many of us, for the local shop keepers, businesses, growers, teachers and key workers who have continued to support us and for all Parishioners of all ages who have made sacrifices and commitments - you all make us very proud to be part of this Parish.

### **Bromham Neighbourhood Plan**

Despite the lockdown we are still trying to make progress with the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. We were forced to cancel our planned drop in consultation event and so are trying to run an online consultation campaign. This can be found on our website <https://bromhamnpsg.org/> and also in our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bromham-Village-Neighbourhood-Plan-517774565255733/>

Please take this opportunity to have your say about the future of Bromham.

With thanks,  
John Schofield (Secretary Bromham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

## BROMHAM CHURCHES & THE METHODIST CHAPEL

**Dear Friends,**

About once a year, or less frequently if I can get away with it, I buy a new handbag. The last time I did this, I emptied out the old one, and decided which of the contents were rubbish (and frankly I should have thrown out long ago), what was useful but I didn't need every day, and what was essential and valuable to me. Those things made it into the pristine interior of the new bag.

Coming out of lockdown reminds me of my handbag clear-outs. Most of our lives and routines have changed completely. Some of those changes were useful for a season, but we don't need any more. Some made us realise what was inessential in our lives anyway, it was just stuff we'd got used to. And some things we yearn for and will definitely be important to us going forwards.

The Bible speaks of God being with us through change. There are visions in the Bible of how life might be, of people living in harmony with each other and with the natural world. These visions were crucial to people going through hard times – we can think of the promise of the land flowing with milk and honey to the people of Israel while they endured life in slavery and wandering in the wilderness (Exodus 3.8). Or of the heavenly city with the tree of life in its centre being a hopeful image for St John imprisoned in exile (Revelation 22).

We know that God is with us through our difficult times. With us in the lament for our losses and hardships, and separation from loved ones. And also with us through the changes, the new habits we are making. God will stay with us, always ready to hear our prayers and to lead us forwards into God's vision of life in all its fullness.

**Revd Ruth**

***We are delighted to announce that St Nicholas Church, Bromham is now open for private prayer.***

***The opening times are for July are : Tuesdays 2-4pm & Fridays 6-8pm. There will be stewards in church, and social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place. Anyone who would like to spend some time in church is most welcome. If you would like us to pray for you or someone you care about, please send us a message.***

***We are even more delighted that the government has now said that we are allowed to hold services in church again. The church will be exploring how to do this safely and will publicise the details of services on our Facebook page and on the church door in due course. In the meantime, if you would like to join us via Zoom, each week we hold :***

- ***Tuesday morning coffee 10.30am***
- ***Thursday midday prayer 12 noon***
- ***Sunday Services at 8am and 10am***

***Do contact us for details of how to join these Zoom meetings.***

**Dear Friends,**

I can't believe this is my last letter to you all. When I arrived as the Methodist minister 5 years ago I had no idea how fond I would become of the village and its people. It has been good to get to know so many of you through village, school and chapel events and to be able to share my faith with you. I had no idea how Chapel Carols, Village Remembrance and lovely coffee mornings, Carnivals, Harvest Suppers and more would give me joy and the privilege of sharing your lives, joys, fears and worries. Of course, none of us could imagine that we would be going through times like these as I was leaving in our wildest dreams!

Thank you for your welcome to Nigel and I and for letting us share in all you do (despite us living in Calne). Thank you too for being a village that looks after one another (In particular how you are caring for each other during the pandemic lockdown – please carry on doing this – and remembering those on the edges of your clubs, organisations and village events too.

You will have gathered from my letters that I'm passionate about standing up for justice and the least in society. As I go I share with you my favourite bible verse which inspires my whole life '...what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Keep this in mind lovely people and you can change not only Bromham but the world!

**God bless**

**Wendy and Nigel <><**

***The Methodist Chapel is not currently open for private prayer or worship because of the difficulties of social distancing and cleaning. However plans are being made to do so when it is safe and possible. In the meantime we are producing a weekly service sheet and hold a Zoom service on Sunday morning at 10.30. Please talk to Jenny Blackman (01380 850580) if you would like to receive the sheet or have the log in details for the service and you can be added to the list. Rev. Wendy is available on 01249 818923 until the end of July. From 1st September the new Minister will be Rev. Pam Stranks.***

# Stories from Lockdown

## THE BROMHAM DOORSTEP PROJECT - Georgie Mortimer

### What is the Doorstep Project and why did you decide to do it?

I started Bromham Doorstep Project as I have a few friends that are photographers and were doing it in their local area, I thought it would be a great idea to capture some of the families in Bromham during the lockdown, we only moved here last year but I grew up in Bromham and worked at The Greyhound for a few years. I started with some of my family and friends and it went from there. My girls and I were going for walks and bike rides all over Bromham to capture all the families, it was so much fun.

### How many households did you photo?

I went to 47 houses in Bromham, I also did some in Rowde too.

### What was your favourite part of this project?

My favourite part about it was just being able to give people a memento of their family and this very strange time. We had some great fun with all the people that joined in, I managed to get a photo of a good friend and her new-born baby, we also had all sorts of pets joining in some photos too! I have been amazed by how much money I raised for SANDS Stillbirth and Neonatal Death charity.

### You raised a fantastic sum for your chosen charity - tell me more about how much you raised and your charity of choice:

I have raised £575 for SANDS Stillbirth and Neonatal death charity doing the Bromham Doorstep Project. SANDS is the leading stillbirth and neonatal death charity in the UK. SANDS exists to reduce the number of babies dying and to ensure that anyone affected by the death of a baby receives the best possible care and support for as long as they need it.

A few people close to me have lost their babies, and this charity made such a difference in guiding them through their darkest times. As a mother myself and someone who has lost a baby through an ectopic pregnancy, I wanted to do my bit for the charity and make a difference to the bereaved families that are supported by SANDS and help save babies lives too.

### Did you manage to get a doorstep photo of your family?

Yes! Luckily another photographer in the village lent me his tripod and I managed to get a few silly photos of my family.







We are so lucky to live in a lovely village. We have a butchers, the village shop, vegetable boxes from Pagets and 2 farm shops.

Little Angels toddler group have been creating packs for the children who usually attend the group to keep them entertained. We have really enjoyed them. They also set up a Bromham rock snake - at last count there was 43 rocks. Well done to everyone.

We have enjoyed local walks seeing everyone's rainbows, Easter eggs, teddy bears etc. We really enjoyed seeing the big rainbow at the School too. Also on our walk the girls were very excited to find a bracelet and a flying dinosaur.

Even when times are hard the Bromham Community pulls through - well done everyone.

**Kelly Stiles**



Devizes Town Band have had to postpone their weekly rehearsals, their concerts and other performances due to the current circumstances.

However, they have not been idle! Members have been meeting weekly via Zoom and have been rehearsing – and recording! There are three releases so far on their website and YouTube channel and they'll continue to rehearse and record this way until they can meet again in person. You can follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram too - just search for Devizes Town Band! [www.devizestownband.com](http://www.devizestownband.com)

**Sarah Tyler**



We dressed up for VE Day, made tin can skittles and flags with twig handles, and enjoyed our family of 4 small VE Day garden party.

We also made a family garden bar from old pallets, and last weekend we enjoyed BBC Radio Wiltshire's Airwaves Festival over the radio in our garden.

**The Perry Family**



# Face Mask Do's and Don'ts

We are all aware that during the Covid 19 pandemic, we are being advised to use face masks to help reduce the spread of the virus. In some situations, it's now compulsory - for example wearing face masks on public transport. Outside of a medical environment, wearing a mask is not primarily there to protect the wearer. Instead, they're worn to prevent you inadvertently passing the virus to others. Gloves help to protect you from picking up the virus on your own hands.

To be effective masks and gloves need to be used properly, or you could increase the risk both to yourself and others.

## Face masks

- \* **DO** wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before putting your mask on, and after taking it off.
- \* **DO** put your mask on before entering the area where you are required to wear it.
- \* **DO** cover your mouth **AND** nose.
- \* **DO NOT** touch or remove your mask whilst in the "risk" area.
- \* **DO NOT** touch the mask itself when you remove it, only touch the straps - your hands may be infected.
- \* **DO** store used face coverings in a plastic bag until you have an opportunity to wash them.



## Gloves

- \* If you choose or are required to wear gloves, bear in mind it is only "another layer of skin", that can pick up the virus from any surfaces you touch.
- \* **DO** change gloves between locations; otherwise you could just be transferring infection from one area to the next.
- \* **DO NOT** touch your face with gloves, you could transfer the virus to your mouth, nose and eyes. Your gloves won't protect you from the virus, but changing them often will reduce the chances of you spreading it.

## Removing gloves safely



Pinch out side of glove, pull first glove off and ball in the palm of the second glove



Put a finger inside the second glove, and remove by pulling with finger



It will turn inside out sealing in any contamination and the first glove

**Example:** When you go shopping, I would suggest you fit your mask and put on clean gloves before getting out of the car. When you have finished, remove your gloves before getting into car. If you're going on to another shop, use a second pair of gloves but **LEAVE YOUR MASK ON** and **DON'T TOUCH IT**. Once you have finished shopping and are back at your car remove the gloves and mask and take them home for safe disposal or washing before reuse.

P.P.E. is designed to be **SINGLE USE**, dispose of it or wash it before reuse. If you are using public transport to travel to work, you should have a clean mask for each journey. Just remember to pop your mask in the wash every night or keep several on rotation so you're never without one.

Lastly, don't let P.P.E. allow you to drop your guard, continue to respect social distancing and remember to clean surfaces, objects and your hands frequently.

## Ian Tuckett

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*Ian has worked in emergency pre-hospital care for 40 years and is qualified to instruct various subjects including infection control.*





# Recipe:



## Pizza (or Pasta) Sauce

Prep Time	Cooking Time	Serves	Ease of Use
20 Minutes	30 Minutes	4 Pizzas	Medium



**Step 1:** Prepare the ingredients below

Quantity	Ingredient	Preparation
1 Tbsp	Olive Oil	Measure into a medium saucepan
1 medium	Onion	Peel and finely chop
1 clove	Garlic	Peel and mince
1 Tbsp.	Mixed herbs	Measure
1 Tbsp	Tomato puree	Measure
1 x 400g tin	Chopped tomatoes	Blitz in a jug or left chunky

- Step 2:** Put a saucepan onto the heat and add the olive oil, warm through and then add the onion and the garlic, cook over a medium heat for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally
- Step 3:** Add the herbs and tomato puree and stir to combine, keep stirring for 30 seconds
- Step 4:** Pour in the tomatoes and stir until all combined, bring to a simmer and leave to cook partially covered for 25 minutes stirring occasionally
- Step 5:** Take off the heat and carefully ladle into a jug
- Step 6:** Blitz the sauce until smooth using a hand blender
- Step 7:** Leave to cool slightly and then spread onto your pizza base using the back of a dessert spoon
- Step 8:** Top your pizza with your favourite ingredients, making sure not to heap them into the middle and cook for 10 – 15 minutes.

### Here's some suggestions for pizza toppings:

Sweetcorn, olives, peppers, red onion, mozzarella, parmesan, cheddar, blue cheese, mushrooms, cooked bacon, cooked sausage, cooked spinach, salami, pepperoni, ham and the controversial pineapple!

My favourite is 4 cheeses - and as well as grated block mozzarella, I slice buffalo mozzarella and then dry for a while in kitchen roll so it doesn't make the pizza soggy :)

**OPTION:** This recipe can also be used as a pasta sauce. Just don't blitz it and cook for 10 minutes less at Step 4.

### Pizza Dough for 4 Large Pizzas:

600g Strong Bread Flour: 2 Tsp Fast Acting Yeast: 1.5 Tsp Salt: 2 Tbsp Oil: 350ml Water

Mix together and knead to form a dough: Leave to rest for 1 hour

Divide into 4 large balls: Cover and leave to rest for 1 hour (or overnight in a fridge)

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Can you find all of the words?

BLOSSOM

TADPOLE

BUMBLEBEE

CATKIN

CUCKOO

BLUEBELL

DAFFODIL

FAWN

HEDGEHOG

SNOWDROP

SWALLOW

SWIFT

# RECYCLED BOTTLE PLANT POT

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With climate change in mind, we want to encourage you to use leftover household items to make recycled crafts!

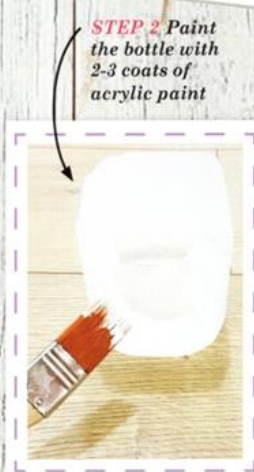


## YOU WILL NEED:

- An empty plastic bottle
- A potted plant
- Acrylic paint
- A paint brush
- Scissors
- Marker pens



**STEP 1** Cut the bottle into your chosen shape



**STEP 2** Paint the bottle with 2-3 coats of acrylic paint



**STEP 3** Once dry, draw on the details with the marker pens and add your plant

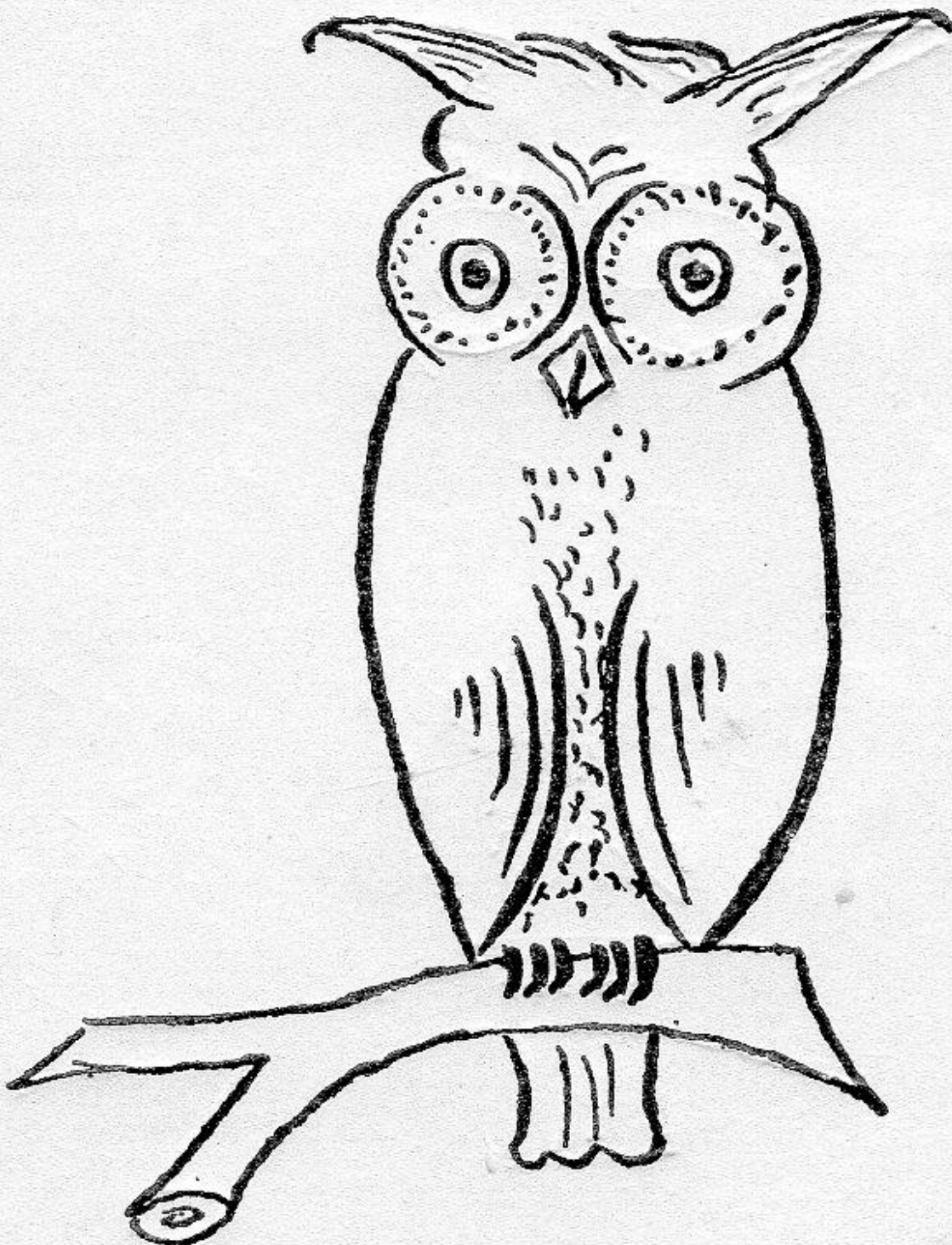


## Would you like to design the cover of our next magazine?

We'd like you to draw, or colour a picture of an owl. Or you could make a model or create a collage. Take a picture of it and post it to the Bromham Coronavirus Help Page Wiltshire Facebook page or email it to:

[bromhamgoodneighbours@outlook.com](mailto:bromhamgoodneighbours@outlook.com).

Here's a picture of an owl to colour in for practice. (Some older villagers may remember this from the cover of Bromham Carnival programmes in the 1960's and the 40th and 50th anniversaries)





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A variety of gifts, but the same spirit 1Corinthians12



Hello to everyone in Bromham and the surrounding area,

I would first like to extend our best wishes to you all from St.Nich's and hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Since schools closed for most children on the 20<sup>th</sup> March we have been open to support our key worker families and vulnerable children. We have also been working hard to support all of our children and families who are learning at home in the knowledge that these are very difficult circumstances for everyone. Teachers have established weekly routines for supporting home learning and children are able to post their work and questions on Seesaw (an online platform where they can share their work privately with their teacher and receive personal feedback). We have been keeping in touch with our families via email and phone calls and trying to provide as much support as possible during this challenging period.

During this time the number of key worker children attending school has grown significantly and we now have 2 'pods' open to those children (Dolphin and Whale Pods) and one pod (Porpoise Pod) open for Reception children (as per the government's identified priority groups).

I cannot put into words how much we have missed seeing the children and families in school and look forward to the time when we can all get back to normal. Our weaving on the perimeter fence is a symbol of how we are trying to hold everyone, those who are in school and those who are at home, inside our Rainbow of Hope.

*With our best wishes to all from everyone at St. Nicholas Primary School*





Busy Kids had to close to all children on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We sent home activity and craft packs for all children, which included glitter, glue, playdough recipes, arts and craft materials and colouring sheets. We took part in a rainbow initiative in the village and encouraged families to join in by going on a hunt around the village to find as many rainbows as they can, and for children to paint their own rainbows and display in their windows for passers-by to see. We have prepared and sent home weekly activity sheets and resources for the children and parents to access - topics included rainbows, people who help us and emergency services, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Easter, mini-beasts and getting ready for school.

Busy Kids have kept in touch with families to discuss how the parents and children were getting on at home using weekly phone calls, e-mails and updates on social media. We provided information to support children's learning and development by giving parents ideas for a variety of fun and educational home learning activities, and to ensure that Busy Kids have continued to support families as much as possible despite being closed.

Over Easter, we were lucky enough to have Easter Eggs donated by Morrison's in Devizes for the children and staff. We were able to deliver these to families with a special Easter card and activity pack. We also encouraged families to make Easter Eggs to display in the windows of their homes so that children in the area could join in with an Easter egg hunt around the village.

"Thank you so much to both of you and all of your team. I feel like you have gone above and beyond to support us all at this time and have obviously been working extremely hard to find solutions in such a complicated situation. It really is very much appreciated."

"Thank you all for your support in making this happen...don't feel like your work has gone unappreciated in this difficult time as it hasn't. The team has been amazing and we for one appreciate the work you guys do...so thank you."

After a lot of hard work by the team to set up the necessary processes and measures to meet guidelines, Busy Kids re-opened their doors to families of key-workers and children going to school in September on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Information was shared with parents prior to re-opening so that parents could show the children pictures of how Busy Kids would look, and encourage families to talk about the processes for arrival and collections of children involving parents waiting in the designated waiting areas. This has been received well, with parents feeding back that they have felt everything has been well organised and that families have been supported throughout the lockdown crisis. The team also received a lovely hamper and some yummy treats from a variety of parents, which were greatly appreciated.

This has been a very exciting, and emotional time, for the staff, children and families who have returned, as we have missed everyone so much over the last few months. The staff have worked hard to ensure that the return to Busy Kids has been as smooth, happy and positive as possible. We have been teaching the children the importance of health and hygiene measures and showing the children new routines that have been put in place. The children have responded really well to this and have settled well. They are demonstrating how resilient they are and are coming in with big smiles ready for a day of fun and learning, which they all say they have missed so much!

"It was so well organised and clearly signposted this morning, thank you for everything that you're doing"

"My child is so excited to be back and to see everyone"

"My child has told me they are having lots of fun being back at Busy Kids and is happy to see the staff and their friends"

We would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone; all the families, the committee, the Busy Kids staff, and everyone in the community for showing Busy Kids so much amazing support during the last few months.





# Update from the Bromham Pubs

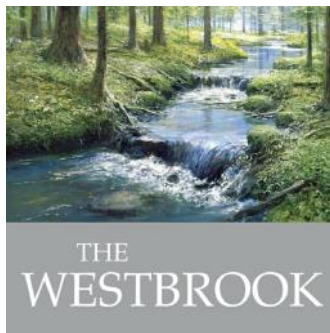
On June 23 the Government announced that from July 4th, pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants in England would be able to welcome customers for the first time since lockdown began in March. The pubs in Bromham are working hard to be able to comply with the new government guidelines, so that they can re-open as soon as possible.

Final details of when each pub will actually re-open, opening times and what they will be providing are still being decided, but this is what they've told us so far. Keep an eye on their Facebook pages for the final details.



## The Greyhound

Tara and Danny will be re-opening on July 4th with reduced opening hours at first. There will be a new Garden Bar and food from a small "Pub Classics" menu. See their Facebook page for opening times and more details.



## The Westbrook

Kevin and Louise are planning to re-open in the second week in July. At first The Westbrook will be open for Breakfast and Lunch only, 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Thursday to Saturday and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on Sunday. Keep checking on Facebook for more details.



## The Owl

The Owl is planning to re-open on July 4th as long as everything is in place. Opening times will be limited to start with. Details will be on Facebook as soon as they are confirmed.

## Thank You !!

Thank you to everyone who, way back in the very early Spring, conceived and brought to fruition our amazing Coronavirus Help Group. Without your inspiration this would not have happened! Most importantly, when you called to villagers to volunteer their time and talents, so many responded ... thank you to all of you! I have benefitted from your help and I know of others whom you have helped in their time of need, very humbling at such a difficult time for so many ... THANK YOU each and every one!

Our national emergency is still active, we still need you all, although as work and school return to 'normal', you will be needed elsewhere too. I do hope that once this virus is consigned to history, Bromham will continue to flourish as the living and caring community it is today. Thank you all! ☺

### Jenny Holiday

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have given to Devizes Food Bank over the last few months. Every week we take the donated food into Devizes. Rest assured that your donations of food will be making a huge difference to people who are finding things difficult at the moment. Money raised from the sale of jams and books at the Social Centre when the Post Office is open has also raised over £90.

We will continue to collect donations left in the church porch. Push on the outside door to gain access to the porch.

### Caroline Culley

We would like to say a huge thank you in particular to Kaye Andrews. Kaye has been an amazing uplifting spirit for the Bromham community and kept us all going when there were times we felt quite deflated. A truly wonderful lady with the biggest heart of gold - Thank You! X

We would also like to say thank you to Lee Napier and family. Thank you for the Friday night online live music sessions during the most intense weeks of lockdown. You made a huge difference to a very difficult time - Thank You! X

### Nikke Perry



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Not a total change.... the children have even been role playing about "the virus" which shows how it has impacted their life but it doesn't frighten them. I clean thoroughly before and after but make sure my time with them is fun- we're still doing arts and crafts and baking and visiting our horse and feeding the guinea pigs and tortoises... we've been growing sunflowers, lettuce, tomatoes and strawberries and we're currently butterfly spotting in the day.

I am getting more requests for services as people are starting to return to work, but I do have some spaces available on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Please have a look at some of the things we get up to on my page and read my reviews- thank you

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Lockdown has prevented therapists from seeing clients face-to-face, but therapy is possible online, and I use a secure system used by the medical profession. The client doesn't need to install anything, so it's very easy. I'm also hoping to be able to see clients in person soon, both at home in Bromham and at the Therapy Rooms in Chippenham.

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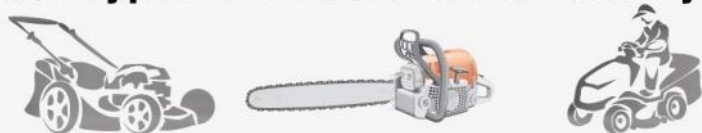
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