

THE BROMHAM HOOT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020



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Bromham Neighbourhood Plan Update

Over the last month the Neighbourhood Plan steering group have been running an online survey on employment within the parish. So far, we have only had 10 responses to this and so are keen to hear from more people!

Responses so far indicate that given the chance more people would like to work within the parish – of the ten, two already work here but six more would like to do so.

Of particular relevance at the moment is that for 50% of the respondents their job has been affected by COVID-19 and 60% of the respondents are considering changes to the way they work in future, in light of COVID-19.

Suggestions for making Bromham a better place to work in the future include provision of better internet connection, a coffee shop where meetings can be held, longer Post Office opening hours and a Fish & Chip shop!

Obviously in a Parish with 1000+ residents of working age a response from just 10 people may be wildly unrepresentative. So please help us to address that by completing the survey accessible from <https://bromhamnpsg.org>

If you want to get in touch about this or any other neighbourhood plan related matter please email us at bromhamnpsg@gmail.com

John Schofield (Secretary Bromham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the second issue of The Bromham Hoot. Thank you to everyone who let us know how much they enjoyed reading the first issue. We hope you find this issue just as interesting.

It seems Bromham has been very busy gardening during lockdown, and we've included as many of your photos as possible in Bromham's Lockdown Gardeners. As the lockdown eases, some village organisations are finding ways to restart activities safely. St Nicholas and Busy Kids both start a new school year at the beginning of September. The footpath group have re-invented themselves and the football club's new season begins in October.

In July we asked our younger villagers to design the cover for this issue of The Hoot – congratulations to eight year old Tilly Wall who sent us the fantastic painting of an owl which we have used.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed the interesting content for this issue, especially for the photographs - which really do help to bring things to life. We plan to print the next issue at the end of October. The deadline for content will be Friday October 23rd.

Printing the first two issues of The Hoot has been made possible by a grant of £590 from the Scottish and Southern Electricity Resilient Communities Fund 2020. This funding also means that up to now 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. We are extremely grateful to all of our advertisers who have made donations. We will need to start charging for adverts in the next issue and we will be in contact to let you know the cost.

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 Good Neighbours

Good Neighbours is here to stay. There is still a team of dedicated people available to help you if you need it. You may be affected by the effects of Covid itself or still isolating, but we are also very aware of the secondary effects the pandemic has had, and will have in terms of job losses, reduced income and mental health. We just want our community to know that there is still help available and people who care. And it can be done anonymously if you would prefer as we understand these are difficult times. Some of the things we have thought of are:

- Advice on writing CVs and practice job interviews (especially on Zoom)
- Organising socially distanced get togethers e.g. coffee/tea and cake
- Assistance with light gardening tasks if you need help maintaining your garden. Are you unable to cut your grass, prune shrubs or perform other tasks? Do you still want to propagate plants or grow plants from seed but could do with another pair of hands to help?

We are open to ideas so PLEASE let us know what you think the village needs/wants, or if you have any skills to offer.

Email us at: bromhamgoodneighbours@outlook.com



Sadly we couldn't celebrate the 60th anniversary of Bromham Carnival as we would have liked, but one enterprising villager couldn't bear to miss out. Fingers crossed next year will still be a chance to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee.



Hi, It's me.... The lone entrant for this years Carnival!! I dressed as a parrot (my 7 year old sons costume!) and played music from my phone. I won in EVERY single class and raised 54p.

At least one person came out to cheer me on. Not the best Carnival turnout ever and there were disappointingly no fairground rides at the end! But, at least I can still say I haven't missed entering the Carnival for about 18 years!

Can't wait for the next one - I really hope everyone missed it so much they decide to join in for next years big one.



Keeping with the owl theme of The Bromham Hoot, these are two Barn Owl chicks that have hatched and successfully fledged, but are still in the nest. They were snapped at a secret location in Bromham by Maia Parker.

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

JULY AND AUGUST REPORT

The Parish Council held its first meeting by Zoom after 2 practice runs; the meeting was very successful with 3 parishioners and WC Representative Anna Cuthbert also in attendance.

It is not certain if the September meeting on Monday 14th will be a normal meeting held in the Social Centre Hall to allow for Social distancing or another Zoom meeting, it is still recommended that all meetings to be carried out remotely; agendas will be posted on the village website and village notice board with the relevant information 3 working days before the meeting.

The July meeting was the Parish Council's Annual Meeting (not the Parish Annual meeting which is normally held in April). Mr Peter Paget was nominated and re-elected as Chairman with Mr Rod Amor as Vice-Chairman. The Committees remain the same until May 2021.

The Annual Accounts and Annual Audit were agreed. Due to new legislation concerning village websites coming into force in September, quotes have been acquired, and it was agreed to accept SPS Marketing at £795 for a website rebuild, £180 one off for training, and an annual cost £390 all plus VAT. Many thanks to the Webmaster Joy Todd who has been working towards this over the past months.

The Football Club has been given a £500.00 grant towards refurbishment of the pitch and new dugouts.

Once again the condition of the A342 footpath at St Edith's Marsh has been raised with WC Highways, this should have been carried out by the Parish Steward, but is yet to be completed. This has again been requested ASAP by the Parish Council.

The Clerk has been in touch with Asters to provide an extra disabled space at Highfield, the car park has been inspected and accessed - Asters felt this was something that would be possible.

Following the request for a memorial seat, it was suggested that a suitable location would be outside 27 Minty's Top. Residents to be consulted before Asters will approve. 4 out of 12 responses received.

The information for the VE Orchard plaques is almost complete with 72 of the 75 trees sponsored.

Concern regarding the speed of traffic on Church Hill has again been raised; a metro count has been requested with a view to extend the 30mph speed limit further down the hill. The purchase of a Speed indicator device (SID) was also discussed as a possibility costing around £2500.00.

The Allotments are looking good after extra time spent during lockdown. The best kept competition will be judged in August.

Planning Applications:

- 20/04811/FUL 32 New Road, 2 storey extension to side of existing dwelling.
- 20/01787/LBC Pound House, 28 The Pound, replacement of attic and sitting room windows.
- 20/04592/FUL 25 Hawkstreet, single storey front extensions to canopy and porch.

The WC Enforcement Officer was due to inspect the Traveller's land in New Road at the end of July, no report yet received.

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has received a grant of £6452 which is held by the Parish Council.

The BMX track is being well used although there have been reports of vehicles parking with gatherings and bar-b ques on the field, this has been reported and being monitored by the police.

Many thanks once again to our Bromham Volunteers, due to their help we agreed to open the play areas, the volunteers sanitised all the equipment on Saturday 1st August with Covid 19 notices erected asking parents and adults to sanitise children before and after use.

New chains and a seat for the see-saw at the Pound play area have arrived -to be installed by D Fillis, with thanks also to Rob Stanley for making parts and repairing the two gym pieces of equipment at the Social Centre play area due to replacement parts being unobtainable.

UPDATE FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

A few of us were able to say a personal thank you and goodbye to Wendy, Nigel and family at a socially distanced picnic in late July. We wish Wendy and her family every blessing in her new Sector. We also give thanks for all her input into our Chapel life here in Bromham.

It is hoped that we will be able to hold a service at the Chapel during the month of September when our new minister, the Rev Pam Stranks will be joining us. All the necessary government guidelines, at this point in time, will be in place.

We miss all our friends and the fellowship which we would have enjoyed at Coffee mornings, Carnival, Tea-on-the-Lawn and much more, but we hope and pray that some of these things will be possible in the not too distant future.

With every blessing and keep safe, from the Chapel

BROMHAM CHURCHES

I'm struck by the harvest this year. Despite all of the changes that have happened in most of our lives, the crops have still matured and ripened, and the grain still needs to be brought in. Some aspects of farming have changed for sure – massive changes in the route to market for some crops, and far fewer seasonal workers from overseas. But for many of our farmers, it's been the weather at different stages of the year that has most affected the crop, and not the virus at all.

It's the same for big life events too. I have the privilege this week of presiding at a wedding in one of our churches, now that we are able to hold them again. The maximum number of guests is 27 (making a total of 30 with the couple and minister!). And of course, babies are still being born, and significant birthdays and anniversaries happen, even if we haven't been able to hold parties to celebrate.

We might feel the need to lament a bit – to acknowledge that we have missed out on some big occasions. Some of those, like the carnival, had taken months of work and planning. Some we will be able to mark when we can meet in larger numbers in church. For now, we can always include lament in our prayers. This prayer of lament starts from the first verse from Psalm 60 to name some of our struggles:

*O God, you have rejected us and broken our defences;
you have been angry; now restore us!
We have been struck down by coronavirus,
and our businesses and pubs have been closed
We have suffered hardships and isolation
We have felt anxious and confused.
God, how do we celebrate when we can't be together?
How do we mourn when we are separated?
Our exams and leaving services have been disrupted;
We haven't been able to hug our friends.
We've not been there for birthdays
And have missed first steps and last words.
Help us to name what has been lost,
And stay with us as we walk through uncertain times.
Amen*

Rev'd Ruth

Church Services for September & October in the Benefice of Rowde and Bromham

6th September	Rowde	08:00	4th October	Rowde	08:00
6th September	Bromham	10:00	4th October	Bromham	10.00 Harvest Festival
13th September	Rowde	10:00	11th October	Rowde	10.00
20th September	Bromham	08:00	18th October	Bromham	08:00
20th September	Bromham	10:00	18th October	Bromham	10.00
27th September	Rowde	10.00	25th October	Rowde	10.00

Every Sunday at 11.15 there is a Zoom service. All welcome. Please email: revrschofield@gmail.com for the link.

Private Prayer

The churches are open at these times for you to come in for a few moments of quiet:

Monday	St Matthew's Rowde	2pm - 4pm
Tuesday	St Nicholas Bromham	2pm – 4pm
Thursday	St Matthew's Rowde	2pm – 4pm
Friday	St Nicholas Bromham	6pm – 8pm
Sunday	Sandy Lane	10am – 4pm

Facebook

There is a Thought for the Day on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Search for "Churches of Rowde and Bromham" on Facebook.

Annual Church meeting

Bromham: Sunday 13th September 6:45pm after prayers at 6:30pm in the Social Centre

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Brownies

In September we will be offering Brownie meetings via Zoom so if there are any new girls in the village age 7-10 who would like to join, they can contact me or any current Brownies. My email address is:

1stWortonandMarstonBrownies@gmail.com

Gardening Club

This is not running at the moment as large groups are not allowed to meet and The Owl is currently closed. As soon as things change Gardening Club look forward to welcoming you back.

Monday Club

We will be partially re opening from mid September.

Mother's Union

Not currently meeting, will review in November.

Short Mat Bowls

Currently closed and will re assess the situation in January.

Phoenix Club

This is closed until January, when the situation will be reassessed. Jean Richardson who has been in charge of Phoenix club for 15 years is stepping down in the autumn. Thank you for all you have done for this popular club Jean.

Bromham WI

We appreciate this has been a really difficult time for its members. The Committee are gathering to formulate a plan for the membership as we move into the Autumn.

We will be contacting the membership in the coming weeks to update you all on our proposed plans, which you understand will have to be flexible in these unpredicted times. In the meantime, should any of the members have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Deborah White on 07900 987221.

Wives Group

The Wives have held a socially distanced committee meeting outside and decided not to meet up at the moment. They will review in January.

Bromham Football Club

We last played a competitive football match on March 15th, days before the lock down started. 4 months passed before we were allowed to start training again but they weren't wasted. With the much appreciated help of the Parish Council, Sport England, the Football Foundation and locals like Phil Dyke and Tom Paget, we have been busy improving the pitch and building new (hopefully vandal-proof) dugouts.

The dugouts are, as you may have noticed, built around the existing memorial benches. We have made them as rustic as possible from largely recycled wood so that they will, in time, blend in with the surroundings and be used by villagers as well as footballers who want to sit in relative shelter whilst enjoying the views over Roundway.

There is still a fair bit of work to be done but we will get everything ready ahead of the new season which is due to start on the weekend of October 3rd/4th.

You may well have seen the senior squad training over the last few weeks. We are running 2 adult teams this year – one on Saturday afternoons in the Trowbridge League and one on Sundays in the Chippenham League. The players in both teams come from the village and surrounding towns – notably Calne.

We are also running 2 youth teams – u17s and u11s. Again, with a good sprinkling of village players and others from, in these teams, Devizes and Melksham.

Next season will be a bit unusual as we have to comply with various Covid-19 specific rules. So, don't be surprised if you see us spraying the goal posts or balls during the game – it's one of the numerous measure we are taking.

It is very difficult times for grassroots football at the moment, and especially hard for village teams who have to compete with the big town teams. We are hugely grateful for the support we get from the village.

We are fast approaching our 125th anniversary – the club being founded in 1897 by Harry Amor and Arthur Powney. We would love to get more teams set up at younger age groups. If you are interested, please contact Peter Wallis on 07403 044512.

Bromham Footpath Group - Re-invented

On July 16th, almost four months to the day since our last Thursday walk before lockdown, ten of us met in the Social Centre car park and organised ourselves into two groups before the first five set off behind our leader, Nigel Tuck, followed a few minutes later by the second cohort of five.

An exchange of emails over the preceding days had raised the issue of how best to follow the guidelines. We could have up to six in a group. Should we set off in different directions? Should we agree the route beforehand and leave 15 minutes between each group? It was decided that, as we normally string out anyway in twos and threes, there was no need to do any of those things. We just kept an eye on the group in front and maintained a respectful distance. The other change to our routine was the start time. We had all got used to having a leisurely start to the day so instead of 09.00 we put the start time back by half an hour to 09.30. very civilised!

On the same day, but at the even more civilised time of 10.00, Fi and her group of Amblers met for a gentle stroll followed by coffee and a good catch up. At last a bit of normality had returned to our lives.

The social side of the group is almost as important as the exercise and our routine would normally be coffee and cake in the church on the second Thursday, coffee at the Greyhound on the third Thursday and an out of village walk on the fourth Thursday followed by a pub lunch. As we can only gather outdoors we had to find alternatives and pray for fine weather!

So the following week it was decided we should have a picnic on the Millennium Field after our two hour walk. Again, we were a fairly select few compared to the twenty or thirty participants of pre-Covid days but it was good that even some who for various reasons couldn't make the walk joined us for the picnic.

The next week some of us paid our first visit to the Greyhound for coffee (or a pint) outside on the new patio area in the warm sun, again joined by other non-walking friends.

The following week we planned to have DIY coffee and cake. Would the weather be kind? No, it was wet. Not pouring rain but a steady drizzle. Paul Jordan led this walk which took us up to Chittoe, across to Heddington Wick and back through Butler's farm past the anaerobic digester. By the time we reached the Social Centre car park the drizzle had stopped and we set up our tables in front of the pavilion. There was loads of cake, and very nice it was too!

So what to do for the following week? It was decided to plan a route that took us past the Westbrook where we would take a break. The day before was that awful hot sticky day and we were dreading Thursday would be similar so we decided to revert to our normal meet time of 09.00 and arm ourselves with copious bottles of water. In the event it was cooler and perfect conditions for walking, but we were still ready for some refreshment when we arrived at the pub. After quenching our thirst we wandered back in small groups to the Social Centre.

I think it will be some time before we start our out of village 'pub' walks again or be able to use the church for our coffee and cake. Meanwhile, we will make the most of the summer weather and plan mostly outdoor mini events. We are blessed with such a variety of footpaths and bridleways on our doorstep that we don't need to go gallivanting. Why don't you join us? There is no formal membership and no fees. Just turn up on a Thursday morning at 09.00 for a socially distanced ramble in good company. Our two hour walks are usually no more than 5 miles but if that is too much or you have limited mobility, join Fi's group at 10.00 at the Social Centre. There is sure to be coffee and a natter afterwards!

Linda Drummond-Harris

Bromham Youth Club

We are aiming at present for the Youth Club to be able to re-start on Wednesday 16th September. This would need to be in line with all government guidance and safety measures including social distancing, regular hand washing, providing sanitiser and cleaning of equipment used.

Youth Club would also need to work to the National Youth Agency (NYA) guidelines which is currently at amber level restricting us to a maximum total of 15 people per session 2 x staff and 13 x members. This may mean that we might have to rota members on a hopefully temporary basis so that everyone can come every other week to make it fair.

Youth Club will only be able to run certain activities and those where equipment can be cleaned down after each user. For example we wouldn't be able to offer dodge ball as its foam balls that cannot be cleaned after use but we could clean down pool cues, Wii remotes, badminton rackets and hockey sticks between each user.

We really want to get up and running again and provide a safe, fun and welcome environment so we will need all members to adhere to these temporary adjustments to keep us open.

Little Angels

We met at the end of July in the Millennium field area for a socially distanced picnic which everyone really enjoyed. We hope to be able to repeat this in September, weather & Covid 19 permitting. No plans have been made to meet more formally in Church at present, we are keeping this under review as things develop. We will continue with activity packs for the children from September.



Homemade Thai Prawn Noodle Pot

An Easy and Quick Recipe for 4 Children or 2 Adults



Step 1: Put the kettle onto boil with 500ml of water

Step 2: Prepare the ingredients as detailed below:

Quantity	Ingredient	Preparation	
2	Spring Onions	Remove outer skin, finely slice white bits only and put into a bowl	
5 Stalks	Fresh Coriander	Finely chop stalks and leaves and put into a bowl	
40g	Raw King Prawns	Cut into smaller pieces (the size you prefer) and put into a bowl with the spring onions	
½ Tsp	Olive Oil	Put into a large saucepan	
½ Tsp	Fresh Ginger	Grate	Put into a bowl together
½	Garlic Clove	Mince	
1/8 Tsp	Mild Chilli Powder	Measure	
3 Tsp	Cornflour	Mix with 2 Tbsp Cold Water in a bowl	
2 * 150g	Straight to Wok Noodles	Open and put in a bowl	
1 Tbsp	Coconut Milk	Measure into the bowl with the coriander in it	
1	Vegetable Stock Pot	Whisk into a jug with 500ml of water of the boiled water	

Step 3: Put the pan with the oil in it onto a medium heat and leave for 1 minute to heat up

Step 4: Add the garlic, chilli and ginger and fry for 1 minute, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon

Step 5: Add the Spring onions and Prawns and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly

Step 6: Add the vegetable stock and stir in

Step 7: Add the noodles, breaking them up with a wooden spoon

Step 8: Add the cornflour mix, stir to make sure it's all combined, bring to a simmer and simmer for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally

Step 9: Add the chopped coriander and creamed coconut and stir to combine

OPTIONS

Instead of the Prawns, Coriander, Ginger, Garlic, Chilli & Coconut Milk:				
Chicken & Sweetcorn	1 Chicken Breast	½ Tsp Smoked Paprika	1 Tsp Soy Sauce	50g Sweetcorn
Bacon & Pea	2 Rashers Bacon	½ Tsp Smoked Paprika	½ Tsp Worcester Sauce	50g Petit Pois
Vegetarian	50g Cauliflower & 50g Broccoli	1 Tsp Smoked Paprika	¼ Tsp Soy Sauce	25g Peas & 25g Sweetcorn

This Recipe has been designed by The Farm Cookery School

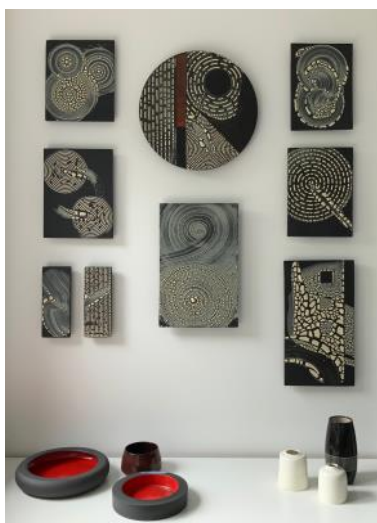
Lockdown at Poppins

Art has played an important role in many people's experience of the lockdown and I would like to start our story by saying a huge thank you to everyone who supported my personal artist's pledge to donate 50% of all painting sales to NHS Charities Together during April and May. Nick also donated a piece of his pottery and with your help we raised over £1200.

During the early weeks of lockdown I started a new painting project to capture the beautiful colours of the spring flowers as they were giving us all so much joy in such gloomy times. Each completed painting I then displayed in the window of our garage gallery. I produced 10 large floral, still life paintings. Since the cancellation of all my pastel painting workshops I have not been able to invest in framing these, however they are all on display in our gallery along with some recent landscapes of Roundway Hill. You can also see them on my website at <https://www.cathypearce.co.uk>



Nick too has been busy producing a stunning collection of ceramic wall pieces decorated with a variety of black and white textural designs which can also be viewed in our exhibition.



We have enjoyed sharing our art with you from our gallery window at the top of our drive. Our exhibition will continue so please do come and have a look, and if you tell us when you're coming over we'll make sure the gallery is open for you.



Cathy and Nick Pearce

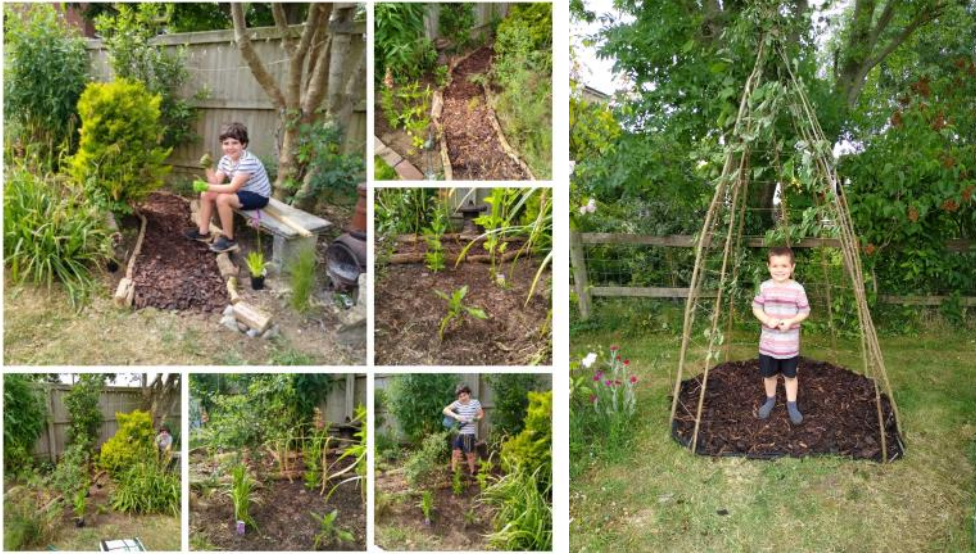
Our gallery is at Poppins, 73 Netherstreet,

01380 859887 / 07731476760

<https://www.cathypearce.co.uk>

Facebook and Instagram: Colour Shed by Cathy Pearce / Nick Pearce Pottery

Bromham's Lockdown Gardeners



Here are some lockdown photos of our garden. We have spent a lot of time here during lockdown and some of our lockdown projects have included a teepee, pond and woodland walk area. **Mark, Kerry, Logan and Finley Lewis**



Is this Bromham's tallest sunflower?

Kaye Andrews



AFTER



We are very, very proud of the allotment we took on at the end of May. We would never have thought to take on an allotment if we hadn't found ourselves in lockdown; it has been a true blessing and we love it. **Angela Napier**



Janet Robbins



I have always planted a selection of annual bedding plants in pots and borders in May and for many years have bought these from Ivor Gardner. However, these were not available this year - Ivor is 100 years old after all !! Where was I going to get my plants this year with all the garden centres locked down? Never mind toilet rolls, I panicked about plants!

At the end of March I looked online and ordered some petunia and bedding geranium plug plants. I waited and waited for them to arrive. I couldn't contact the supplier either by phone or email as they were having Coronavirus problems of their own. Finally, after about six weeks, the tiny geraniums arrived which I replanted in trays of compost and kept in our conservatory, hardening them off outside during the day until they had grown to a reasonable size and the last frosts had passed at the end of May.

I never received the petunias but, miraculously, plants appeared for sale outside Stiles the butcher's shop. There was an honesty box for payments which was ideal for me as I had not been in a shop since the middle of March. These plants were excellent quality and good value. My daughter Kirsty and I bought a good selection of plants and now have colourful displays in borders, pots and baskets including the geraniums bought online and some winter pansies I planted before Christmas! **Carol Drew**

St. Nicholas C of E (VC) Primary School



Hello to everyone in Bromham and the surrounding areas,

I hope that you have all been able to enjoy some of the lovely weather we have experienced over the summer (in between the showers!). Whether you have managed to get away or have stayed in our local area I think we are all increasingly appreciative of the beautiful area that we are lucky enough to live in.



We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on the 3rd September (or 14th September for our very youngest children who are starting school for the first time) and we send our very best wishes to our Year 6 leavers as they head off to secondary school and exciting new adventures.

Things will of course be a little different for our children returning to school as we will be following recent government guidelines to support everyone's health and well-being. We are looking forward to the children enjoying settling back into their normal school routines as well as getting used to some new ones. They are quickly becoming experts in healthy hand hygiene! It will be wonderful to see them playing with their friends again and learning about all of the new and exciting topics that the teachers have planned for them. We have some new and exciting plans for our playground too!

We are also very keen to share with everyone our 4 new school values which have been chosen through a consultation with the whole school community. Hope, courage, love and friendship - they couldn't be more important than at this time. Stay safe and take care.

With best wishes from everyone at St. Nicholas Primary School.



Busy Kids has been open for our holiday club over the Summer holidays, the children have enjoyed a wide range of activities focusing on different topics including:

Space: The children learnt about the planets using a planetarium, made paper-mache planets, learnt about constellations, made passports and rockets for a trip to the moon, and had fun getting messy making space slime.

Around the world: The children used different materials including a huge box to make their very own aeroplane and made their own passports to role play visiting different countries- France, Italy, Mexico and China. The children learnt about the foods, animals, transports, landmarks, different languages and currency from these different countries.

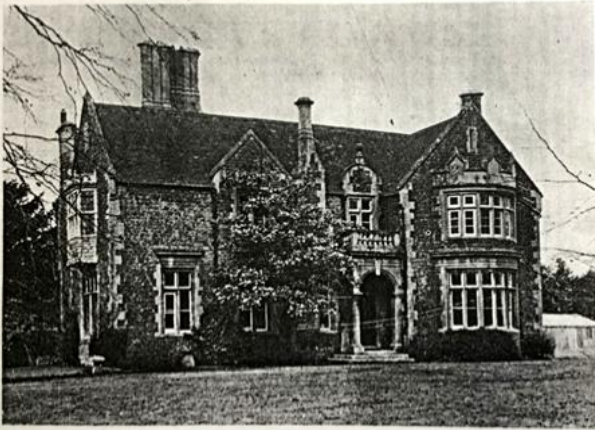
Healthy Living: The children enjoyed using the outdoor space for physical activities and games, practising yoga and mindfulness through yoga sessions, as well going on walks to explore the village. They have also learnt about what foods are healthy and unhealthy and made fruit kebabs. They have also used other fruits and vegetables to make healthy treats. The children enjoyed learning the different processes in preparing and cooking meals, and made their own collages of their favourite dinners. The children also learnt about good health and hygiene practises and how to use these in everyday life, such as hand-washing, brushing teeth, drinking plenty of water, noticing the effect that exercise has on their bodies.

We are looking forward to welcoming the families back to Busy Kids for the start of the new term on Wednesday 2nd September. We will be focusing on an All About Me topic where we will learn about the children's likes, dislikes, interests, families and what they have been up to over the Summer.

A History of Bromham - Greystones

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In 1858 a new Rectory for Bromham was built by Benoni Mullins of Devizes. The architect was Charles E. Davis. The faculty mentions 'The new Rectory to stand upon the same site as old Rectory'. The cost of the building was raised by £1,200 from the 'Queen Anne's Bounty' and the other £260 from the Revd E.B. Edgell, Rector of Bromham. So the total cost was £1,460; the last payment to Mr Mullins was made in 1860.

By the 1950s another rectory was required, and so the present building was erected in 1952 by Messrs. Humphries and Fennell, the Bromham builders.

Once the new rectory had been completed and occupied, the old rectory - the buildings and the land - was sold to Mr & Mrs A.G. King by the Salisbury diocesan authorities. Mr & Mrs King then lived in the house, to which they gave the name 'Greystones' until it was sold, by auction, on 26 April 1973.

It was purchased by F. Rendell and Sons, of Devizes who then demolished the house, and in 1978 applied to build an estate of 34 dwellings upon the site. These consisted of 13 houses and 21 bungalows; planning permission was given and the estate was completed by 1981. As the ex-rectory building had been known as 'Greystones', until the time that it was demolished, this was the name that was given to the estate that was built on the site. The last of the dwellings were advertised for sale in July 1981; prices starting from £41,000. Two more houses, numbers 17 and 18, were then built, privately, at the east end of the site; making a total of 36 dwellings in the Greystones estate.

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Wed - Thu: 12:00 - 21:30
Fri - Sat: 12:00 - 22:00
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FOOD SERVED

Wed - Sat: 12:00 - 15:30 and 16:30 - 20:00

The George, Sandy Lane



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FOOD SERVED

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Wed - Sat: 10:30 - 20:00
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Thu: Closed
Fri - Sat: 12:00 - 22:00
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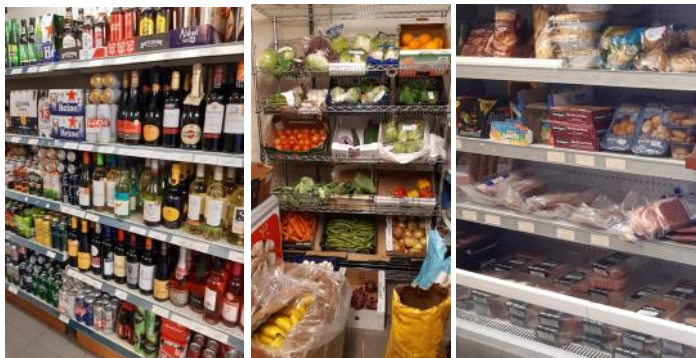
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