# THE BROMHAM HOOT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021



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#### WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the New Year edition of the Bromham Hoot.

After writing in the last issue about how activities in the village were beginning to start up again, only for the country to go into lockdown while the Hoot was being printed, makes me nervous about making predictions. We do know that the vaccination programme has begun, and hopefully that is the first step back to normality in 2021.

Bromham continues to surprise us with its community spirit. In this issue you can find photos of the Winter Festival. Bromham was challenged to make the Christmas lights even better than usual this year, and as you can see more than met the challenge. If you haven't already walked or driven round the village to see the lights, then do try to find time.

If you enjoy the displays please consider a donation to St Nicholas School PTA and Bromham Good Neighbours who I think we can all agree have done an amazing job supporting our community this year! Donations can be made at Bromham Stores, the Greyhound, the Post Office, H F Stiles and at the school. Votes can also be cast there, just simply write the address of your favourite display and pop it in the bucket or head to the Bromham Winter Festival 2020 Facebook page to vote! Thank you to Hannah Paget for helping take the photographs.

In this Hoot, you can also read about one villager's lockdown baking - raising over £2250 for charity; find out more about how Bromham looked in the past; and what the Youth Group are doing meeting online.

We would especially like to thank our advertisers, who make the Hoot possible. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has continued to advertise, and to all the new advertisers - please do support them.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed content - do keep it coming. Please keep telling us what you like, and don't like about the Hoot, and send us anything you think the village might be interested in.

The cover photo is of the very imaginative Christmas tree made of old tyres by V & P Collins farm shop. Sometimes a photo of Christmas lights just works.

The next issue of the Hoot will be for March/April, and should be distributed at the end of February. The deadline for content and advertising will be Friday February 12th.

Finally we would like to wish everyone - A Happy and Healthy New Year

#### **Bromham Good Neighbours**

By the time you read this you may have seen a fleeting glance of Caroline standing outside the Social Centre on BBC Countryfile talking about all the fantastic Good Neighbour volunteers during the pandemic. The clip was only 30 seconds though, so you may have missed it! Countryfile are going to be doing a piece on resilient rural communities, that these little clips will be a part of.

We now have a website with links to local organisations which you might find useful. Let me know what other information you would like to see on there. The website is accessible through the Bromham Village website, the Good Neighbours Facebook page or here: https://carolineculley1.wixsite.com/website

#### **BROMHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

Our volunteers are still active in the village.

If you need any support over the coming months, please get in touch.

If you need support because you are suffering from Covid, waiting for the results of a test or because you are isolating at home, get in touch.

If you have lost your job and need temporary help with a food parcel, or if you just want to talk to someone, just get in touch.

We want our community to know that there is still help available and people who care.

#### **HOW TO CONTACT US:**

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#### **BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

#### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT DECEMBER 20



Meetings continue by ZOOM, details of meetings are advertised on the village notice board and the Village website <a href="www.bromhamwiltshire.org">www.bromhamwiltshire.org</a> Please request a ZOOM invite via The Clerk <a href="rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com">rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com</a> The January meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The Paddock, New Road** (Traveller's Land) Planning Application 20/09369/FUL. Change of use for a detached 4 bedroom bungalow and garage. The PC has objected to this application. Comments can be viewed on the village website. All comments to be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> December.

WC Report: A letter has been sent to Councillor Bridget Wayman regarding WC's ongoing concerns

Wyatt's Lake: Ongoing although concern again raised.

**A342 Footpath**: Ongoing – reported again. A Cuthbert to also contact WC.

**Church Hill Speed** – Still waiting for the Metro Count before any further action can be taken.

Flooding throughout the village: Reported again. Concern also regarding A3102 at Wyatt's Lake.

Jockey Lane: Some minor repairs to pot holes carried out.

Yard Lane: Over hanging trees have been reported

A342 Speed limit: A new survey needs to be carried out at a cost of £2500. The PC has agreed to contribute 25%.

**Village Plan:** Discussions have taken place with the Steering Group. Terms of Reference have been agreed for the Committee.

**BMX Track:** Due to wear by the use of scooters and skateboards it has been recommended that the track is tarmacked. Quotes are being obtained.

Bromham Youth Club: online sessions are well attended.

**Defibrillators**: The machine at Collin's Farm shop is suffering due to its exposed location, the case has been letting in water. D Fillis to provide a shelter over the case.

New Village Orchard: All 75 plaques have been completed. D Fillis to erect on the trees.

Cemetery Beech Hedges: to be cut by A J Butler.

#### **Donations-:**

MONDAY CLUB	£150.00	<b>WILTS AIR AMBULANCE</b>	£200.00
DOROTHY HOUSE	£100.00	YOUTH CLUB	£150.00
DEVIZES LINK	£100.00	CARERS SUPPORT	£100.00
<b>BROMHAM VOLUNTEERS</b>	£250.00	J G DAVIS FUND	£20.00
VICTIM SUPPORT	£100.00	JULIAS HOUSE	£200.00

- 61 parishioners living on their own will again this year receive a card and £5.00 = £305.00
- Mr I Gardner receives the JG Davis fund being the oldest Ex Serviceman in the village.



Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Parishioners



#### **BROMHAM CHURCHES**

#### Dear Friends,

This is a weird time! We've come out of lockdown (again) and are back in church, preparing to celebrate Christmas. We are making memories by holding services in different ways, but keeping everyone who comes into our beautiful buildings safe.

The hope of a vaccine really helps, but for now daily life is still restricted. Especially we long to be reconnected with each other, to be able to hold the hand of a friend or have a hug from a grandchild, to talk without a facemask. We have planned some services in church, and some online, and we don't know what the coming weeks will bring. But whether we are in church or not, able to meet up with all of our family and friends or not, it's really important to remember that Christmas is not cancelled.

At the heart of Christmas, we remember Jesus coming to live with us, arriving as a baby born to Mary and Joseph, and laid in a manger. One of the names for Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God with us". And God is still with us, through the isolation, social distancing and trying to 'do the right thing'. God cares about the nitty gritty of our lives, knows us inside out, and loves us anyway.

We'd love you to share with us at St Nicholas this Christmas. We're holding Christmas communion services and will have a display of cribs in Bromham Church. We hope that children will come on Christmas Eve between 4pm and 6pm to hear the Monks' choir "sing" and to enjoy a Christmas quiz and see a display of cribs. We will post a filmed service of carols and readings on YouTube on December 19th, so we can all sing our hearts out at home. Look out for prayers and inspiring poems on the boards in the churchyard. Join us in church or online to celebrate the incredible gift of love that God gave us that first Christmas

#### **Revd Ruth**

	!	Church Services for Chri	<u>istmas</u>	
Saturday 19th Dec	7:30pm	Lessons and Carols https://www.youtube.com	On YouTube, then available after this at:  n/channel/UCEaEU1Oqi6iDABPgvyc1LQQ	
Sunday 20th Dec	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bromham Church	
	10:00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Bromham Church	
Christmas Eve	4:00 - 6:00pm	Bromham Church open with cribs on display, Monks' choir, quiz for children. Do come dressed as Mary, Joseph, a king, a shepherd or an ang		
	11:30pm	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	Bromham Church	
Christmas Day	8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Sandy Lane Church	
	10:00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Bromham Church	
	10:00am	Informal Morning Worship, Zoom		

Look out for "Churches of Rowde and Bromham" on Facebook and YouTube.

For our January services – see notice in Church porch



#### **POPPY APPEAL 2020**

#### Bromham, Chittoe & Sandy Lane.

Thank you to all who generously gave to the Poppy Appeal which raised £ 1,048.36p, this has been forwarded to the Royal British Legion.



#### VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

#### **Bromham Football Club**

Another month with no football! Thankfully, by the time you read this, we will have kicked off the season (again) with both the Saturday and Sunday adult teams playing home games on 5th and 6th December.

The junior teams are back training but don't restart games until January.

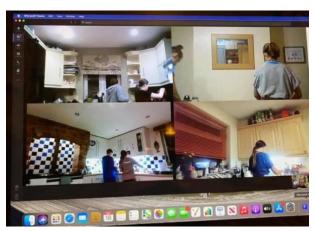
We are always very happy to have people come and watch. As with everywhere, we have to follow Covid guidelines but we are lucky to have plenty of room for spectators.

A big thank you to one kind villager (Jenny Holiday) who has donated roofing felt for the dugouts ... not installed yet but will be very soon and will keep the home bench dry.

Wishing everyone health and happiness for 2021.

#### **Bromham Youth Club**

Youth Club continues to run weekly online and members have been kept busy virtually with various quizzes and bingo sessions. We recently held a fantastic virtual ready steady cook evening where members had to come up with a dish and prepare and cook it in 45 minutes. The rules were that members could have up to 8 ingredients and a maximum budget of £5. Angela from Napes Cakes volunteered to judge some winners for us.







Izzy created a delicious cheese cake, Fran spiced up a vegetarian bean salad, Evie cooked up from scratch some home-made chicken strips, Corrinne cleverly baked a swiss roll with the youth club logo and Alex and Hannah won the event with a luxurious creamy fruit dessert. Well done to all members that took part.

We are looking forward to our Christmas online games night which should be a lot of fun.

#### **Bromham Footpath Group**

The Bromham Footpath Group have now resumed their Thursday walks after having to suspend them during the November lockdown. They continue to follow guidance from The Ramblers and meet every Thursday morning at 9.00 am for a socially distanced ramble in good company.

#### **Bromham Bell Ringers**

Paul and Karen Jordan have been keeping things going in a much reduced scale. They provided half muffled bells for the service of Remembrance and have been ringing for 5 minutes each Sunday from 09.55 until the clock strikes 10.00. We don't anticipate being able to do more than this while subject to the current Tier 2 restrictions so there will be no ringing the old year out and the New Year in as has been our tradition. However we will try to mark Christmas day with more than 2 bells if we possibly can.



#### Yule Mule (based on Nigella's Christmas recipe)

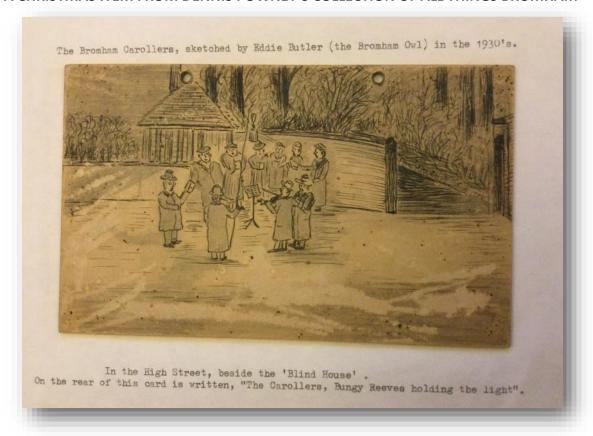
#### Ingredients:

- \* Ice cubes
- \* 2 parts chilled vodka
- \* 1 part chilled cranberry juice
- \* 5 parts chilled ginger beer
- \* Angostura bitters (optional)

#### Method:

Fill a highball glass with ice and then build your drink over it, using a 25ml measure per part. Add three drops of Angostura bitters (or lime juice) if using. You can vary the proportions of cranberry juice and ginger beer to taste - we prefer more cranberry juice. Alternatively, because you will need a lot, mix in a large jug using any convenient measure.

#### A CHRISTMAS ITEM FROM DENNIS POWNEY'S COLLECTION OF ALL THINGS BROMHAM



#### ANNA DILLON - LOCKDOWN BAKER

Like many during this year where many normal life activities have been put on hold, I began baking new recipes I'd never baked before. I've always loved cooking but never baked a lot; a few things here and there, but to focus my mind on something other than the virus, I experimented by baking all kinds of brownies, buns and cookies etc.

I started by giving to neighbours as a treat and even dropping off on doorsteps for near by friends and family, no contact but just a message to them to say check the doorstep there might be a special treat just for you.



My confidence grew with the more baking I did and I thought to myself one Saturday evening in July, perhaps I could put some brownies and buns out on the driveway, with a little sign and honesty pot for donations to a charity. So the following morning I got up early and began baking, by mid morning I had put a post on my Facebook page to let people know and then people came and went (without contact) helping themselves to treats and making a cash donation.

The first bake off I donated to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. I made £66.50 and my partner kindly doubled the donation.

I felt it was a success as everyone who had treats said they were delicious - and asked when I was going to do another one. I also received a lot of messages from people saying they missed the first one but could I let them know when I was doing another!

This support inspired me to go again the following week, this time for Dementia UK which is my employer's (Aster Group) charity of the year - so they not only matched my fundraising but double matched it!

Baking became a regular activity over the summer, and then monthly until the latest lockdown in November. I have fundraised for Julia's House, The Forever Friends Appeal (RUH Bath Official Charity) and Future Dreams, a charity raising breast cancer awareness. The Aster Group matched my fundraising for both Julia's House, and the Future Dreams bake off.

In total I have raised just over £2,250.

I will certainly be bringing the baking back in the spring and raising more dough for many more charities.



#### FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

After many challenges, we held our first service since the middle of March on Sunday December 6th. The service was led by the Revd. Pam Stranks, and although we were a small gathering, the prayers, music and message did much to lift our spirits. Just to open the chapel felt like a big step forward in faith and hope.

It won't be possible to have our normal Christmas activities - a visit from the school children, coffee morning and carols by candlelight - because of social distancing, but we think of each one of you in our prayers.

As always we thank you all for your continuing support. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### Jenny Blackman

I write this short piece having just heard the Government announce arrangements for people to be able to visit each other at Christmas and about the hope of a vaccine against COVID-19. Due to publication dates we are always writing for some time ahead! I'm trying to imagine what January will hold, whilst still wondering about Christmas. Homes, villages and towns around me are lighting up, which certainly brings a feel-good factor into dark winter days. Light is a powerful symbol. The Christian message of Jesus Christ, God's Son coming to live among people, will have been celebrated in some form by Christians all around the world and indeed other faith traditions have celebrations where the light is celebrated and central. By January, the decorative lights will have been taken down. Yet I'm reminded of a picture and a text my mother has in her home. It's from the poem known as "The Gate of the Year" by Minnie Louise Haskins. The title given to it by the author was "God Knows". She studied and then taught at the London School of Economics in the first half of the twentieth century. It was quoted by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast in 1939 at the beginning of WW2.

'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.'

In all our hopes, expectations, concerns and longings for the future, whether we see light at the end of a tunnel, still travel in faith, or rejoice in the daylight, I pray that we will be strengthened by wisdom and peace beyond understanding.

With best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

#### **Rev Pam Stranks**

#### How to fold a Christmas tree napkin

- 1. Start with a perfectly square napkin. Fold it in half and then half again.
- 2. Make sure the corners are all lining up. Smooth it out and turn it so that all the outside corners are facing you.
- 3. Fold the corners up one at a time. Stagger each corner as shown.
- 4. Turn the napkin over and fold each upper outside corner over to the opposite side's edge.
- 5. Flip it over again and starting at the top, fold each flap up so that you are hiding the pointed corner









#### St. Nicholas C of E (VC) Primary School



The Christmas tree is up, the lights are shimmering and despite the various constraints on festivities this year, the children are excited and full of wonder and anticipation.

The children have enjoyed exploring different stories in English this term; whether it was Storm Whale for the younger children, Pugs of the Frozen North or Clockwork for the older children they have all been engaged and stimulated by these high quality texts which were hand-picked by their teachers to stimulate new ideas, creativity and writing skills.

We have recently invested in a new reading scheme for our younger children and are busy developing our library area – we aim to encourage a love of reading for all children – a life-long gift!

During Anti-Bullying Week this year we teamed up with Times Tables Rockstars and not only dressed as rock stars but honed our times tables skills using this great resource.

Whether they are hunting for 'treasure', poring over atlases in geography or persevering to make cams in design technology, it is lovely to see the children absorbed in their learning.











Thank you to all our friends and families in our community for your continued support as we all navigate our way through new challenges with hope, courage, love and friendship.



Merry Christmas from everyone at St. Nicholas Primary School.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.



#### **Socially Distanced Carol Singers**

My dad and I had a conversation at the beginning of December about how we always used to go Carol Singing around the village with the chapel. It was a part of my childhood which I used to love every year. Every person we went to sang along and enjoyed it too.

I decided it would be a great idea to try and raise the spirits of the people of Bromham after having such a difficult year, and at the same time raise some money for charity. Age UK provide many services for elderly people, including an advice line, day centres, and befriending volunteers. 850,000 people could be spending Christmas alone this year and Age UK are working hard to relieve the isolation and despair felt by so many elderly people.

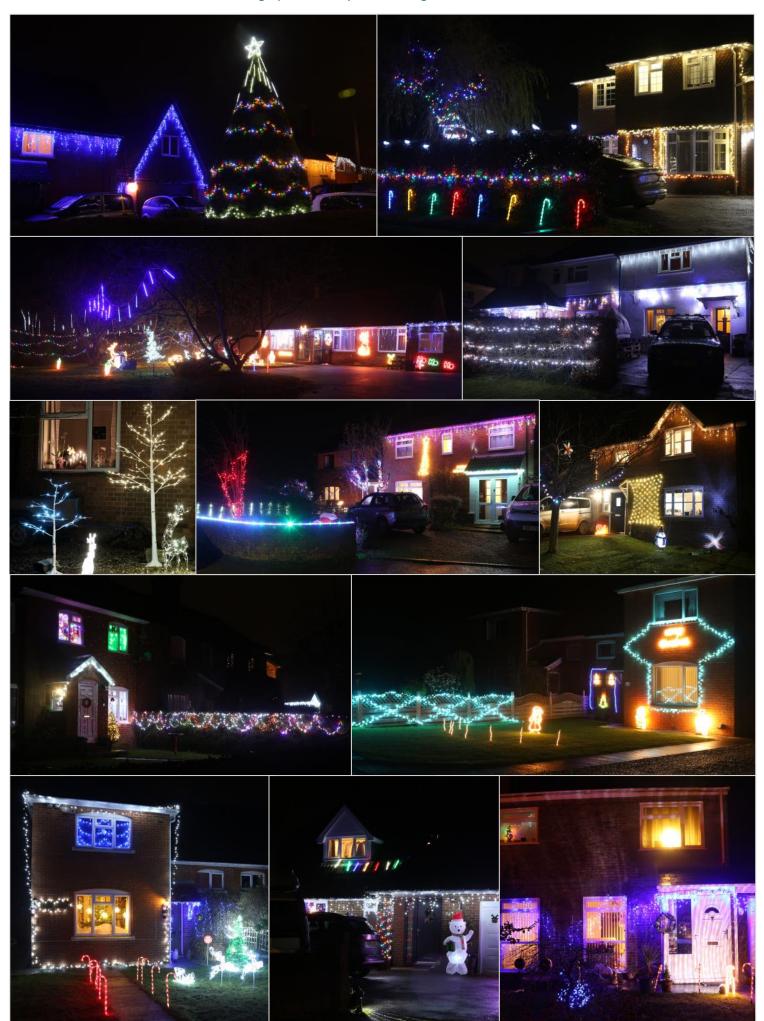
By asking for volunteers on Facebook, we have managed to have two groups of six each night and we are all being socially distant and Covid safe. We have had so many lovely comments so far and seeing the smiles and people singing along is just lovely. In just two evenings we have already raised over £400 for Age UK, and we still have one more evening to go.



#### **Georgie Mortimer**

# **BROMHAM WINTER FESTIVAL**

Photographs taken by Hannah Paget and Peter Hindle



Congratulations Bromham, as always you deliver! We asked for as many people as possible to create a display for their window or outside their house and you have surpassed yourselves. Here are just some of the amazing displays. Apologies to anyone we missed out, but time was just too short to get all of them photographed before going to print.



#### Pea soup - Pronto!

New Year... New Healthier You. Soups are quick and easy to make and healthy, nutritious and warming for the winter months. This soup is quick and easy to make from ingredients that you are likely to have in the house already, and shouldn't take much longer than 1/4 hour to make.

#### Serves 4

375g frozen peas (1 medium bag)

3-4 spring/salad onions sliced finely

500mls hot vegetable stock

1 tablespoon fresh mint or tarragon (or 2 level teaspoons if dried ) 1/2 lemon

sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

crème fraiche or plain yoghurt to serve (optional

- 1. Put peas and finely sliced spring onions in a saucepan and add hot vegetable stock make sure peas are covered.
- 2. Bring to the boil and leave to simmer for 3 minutes.
- 3. Take off the hob and add fresh or dried herbs (mint or tarragon are good)
- 4. Blitz with the hand blender until reasonably smooth. If you want a very smooth soup then you would have to pass it through a sieve. However, the bits add texture and also fibre so ideal to leave in unless you are on MasterChef, where Greg and John would expect it to be smooth!
- 5. Add freshly ground black pepper, a pinch of salt and a squeeze of lemon juice and stir in. Taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary.
- 6. *To serve*: Ladle into a warm bowl and add a swirl of plain yoghurt or crème fraiche and a scattering of finely chopped herbs if desired.

Recipe provided by Vaughan's Cookery School



#### **NETHERSTREET PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, 1848 - 1950**





This view looking north along Netherstreet is taken from a postcard dated 1905. It shows on the right the Methodist Chapel which opened in 1848, but due to falling congregations was closed in 1950. A local carpenter, Colin Sterland, purchased the disused chapel where he had attended Sunday School. He paid £150 when it was put up for sale early in 1951 and, with the help of a local builder, converted it into a family home. The original chapel building is the left hand half of the current house which has been extended.

The house in the distance beyond the chapel was demolished in the 1950's and replaced by a bungalow. This house was the home of James Milsom during the first half of the 19th century. He was a clothier, supplying the weavers of the village with wool and then selling the cloth to shops and factories. Several houses have now been built on the right hand side of the road. The road is wider now and the cobbled path has gone. The houses on the left are quite new in this photo, perhaps built about twenty years previously, and are much the same today.

#### **Dennis Powney**



#### THE BROMHAM ALMSHOUSES, 1612 - 1964

Sir Henry Bayntun of Bromham House was born in 1572. He inherited the manor of Bromham and several other manors and large tracts of land on the death of his father in 1593, when he was aged 21. Sir Henry served as MP for Calne; and was High Sheriff of Wiltshire in 1600. He married Lucy, the daughter of Sir John Danvers of Dauntsey, Wiltshire and they had two children. Edward was born in 1593 and their daughter Elizabeth was born in 1606. Sir Henry died on 24 September 1616, aged 44. Unusually, as lord of the manor, there was no monument to him in Bromham church.

However, there was a monument to Sir Henry in Bromham which stood for 352 years. In 1612 he caused six almshouses to be erected for the use of the poor of Bromham. These were in Church Hill, on what is today the site of Bayntun Close.

The six cottages were in a terrace, each facing the road. With just one door, at the front, the occupant of the most easterly had to walk past all the others to reach the gardens at the rear. A spring of clear water fed into a stone trough that was beside the most westerly house; and all six occupants took their water from there.







Sir Henry had a set of rules made for the good management of the almshouses. Each inmate should have the separate use of a tenement, consisting of one room on the ground floor and one room above. For their maintenance they were also allowed £20 per annum, this was paid at £5 per quarter. If an inmate died before the quarter day the money was to go to the next occupant. To qualify the residents were required to have been born in, or have lived for at least three years, in the parish of Bromham. Single persons were preferred but married persons could be admitted provided they were at least 50 years of age and unable to maintain themselves. The letting of the dwellings rested with the rector and churchwardens of Bromham.

The houses served their purpose and were maintained by Sir Henry and his descendants until 1864 when their upkeep became the responsibility of John Spicer, who had purchased Spye Park and part of the Bromham estates; and after him to his descendants. However by 1956 the houses were in a very poor state of repair and most of them were unoccupied.

Several proposals to renovate and conserve the houses were investigated - involving a number of organisations including the National Association of Almshouses, the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, the Charity Commissioners and the Devizes Rural District Council.

Sadly nothing came to fruition and some seven years after negotiations to save the buildings had started they were sold by auction for £300. The almshouses were demolished in 1964, and Messrs Lawton of Devizes built an estate of bungalows on the site and in the small field to the south.

Now only one reminder of the almshouses remains.

Over the doorway of the centre two dwellings was set an inscribed stone. The inscription was an excerpt from the 25th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, which reads:

I was hvngrie and yee gave mee meate I was thirstie and yee gave me drinke I was naked and yee clothied mee I was harbarles and yee gave mee lodginge cvm yee blesed of my father Inherit the kingdom prepared for you. Anno Chri 1612.

This stone was saved and was stored in the Parish Church until 1986 when it was set into the floor of the south aisle. So now, at last, there is a memorial to Sir Henry Bayntun in the church; three hundred and seventy years after he died!

Lady Lucy Bayntun died in 1621, five years after her husband. She was buried in Westminster Abbey, London.

#### **Dennis Powney**

# Bromham Parish Neighbourhood Plan ....your village ....your say ....your plan

Since the last edition, the NP steering group have been evidence collecting on the Heritage of Bromham. Through the Neighbourhood Plan, we have the opportunity to preserve and protect features of our local heritage.

Our 'Call for Heritage Sites' (at time of writing) produced 23 nominations, which will be checked against national criteria and shortlisted to propose only those that may get additional protection because of their importance locally.

Many of our heritage features already have some protection from listing or from being located in our village conservation area.







The last Conservation Area Statement in 2002 identified problems and eyesores, such as 'the car park is the least attractive part of the historic core with uncoordinated poles, litter bins and signs' and suggests improvements to enhance the area such as, 'removal of the poles and overhead wires. A scheme to plant a tree or trees to improve appearance and bring shade. Resiting and rationalisation of signs and litterbins'.



How do you feel about the appearance of this space now? Have you seen improvements? Could more be done? Next, we are looking at Character and Design. We will be undertaking various activities around the village, which you could join in with.

#### **Steeple Chasing**

Want to get out of the house for a walk and play a little game as well? How about chasing the Church Steeple. All you need is a map and a pen. Walk around the footpaths and roads then mark on the map all the places you can see the steeple from. Maps and routes are available to download and print off from the Bromham Neighbourhood Plan website, or pick one up from the Church Porch.

Please leave completed maps in the collection box in the Church Porch when finished.

#### **More Information**

If you want to see more detail, the reports on our Heritage are available on the web page:

https://bromhamnpsg.org/about/resources/library/

If you want to get in touch with us directly, about this or any other neighbourhood planning related matter, please e mail us at: bromhamnpsg@gmail.com or through the web page https://bromhamnpsg.org/contact/

#### WILTSHIRE BLUES AND SOUL CLUB

On the 21st of February, Bromham will see the launch of a brand new open stage Jam session run by the newly formed Wiltshire Blues and Soul club. The event will take place on the third Sunday of every month at the Bromham social centre from 3pm until 7pm and will be hosted by a group of professional musicians from the local area including Bromham's Will Blake who moved to the village four years ago and is the leader of PSG choirs and the Will Blake Band, both of which are also based in Wiltshire. The Wiltshire Blues and Soul club encourages people to come along and enjoy an afternoon of top quality music and socialising. Whether you play an instrument or just want to come along to watch, you will be made very welcome!



For those wishing to get up and perform on stage, we encourage you to turn up as early as you can to put your name down on the list to play. Ideally, musicians need to have reasonable experience of playing live, however we are keen to give everyone a shot and all musicians will be supported by our very own house band of professional session players. We very much hope that the people of Bromham will take advantage of this fantastic monthly live music event and will come along to support us at this brilliant venue in the heart of the village!

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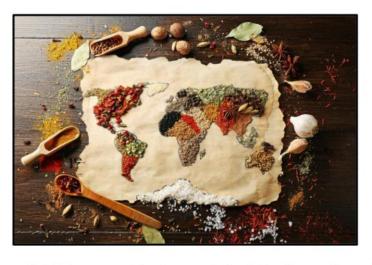
In November we created a whole host of new online classes including a brand new 'Create Your Own' brand for Indian Curries, Moroccan Tagines & Thai Curries, Parent & Child Saturday classes and Masterclasses for Batch Cooking and Soup Creation.

We have had so much fun we can't wait to continue over Christmas and in 2021. At only £10 – 15 per household they are a bargain and we have had rave reviews

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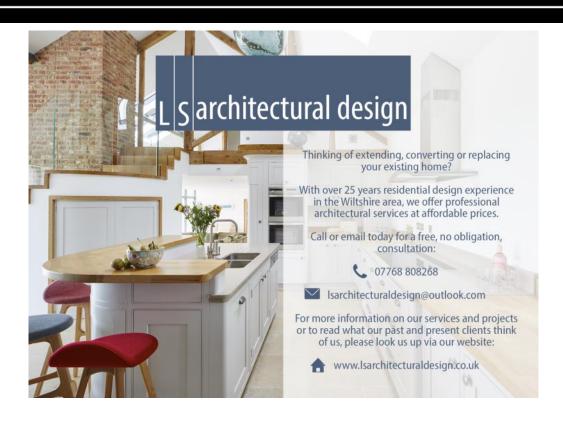
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