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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the May/June 2021 edition of the Bromham Hoot.

As we go to print, the first steps along the roadmap out of lockdown have taken place. We can all finally get a haircut, meet up with another family or a few friends in our gardens and in Bromham, The Greyhound has re-opened for garden service until May 17th. In just a few weeks, The Owl and The Westbrook are planning to open again, and most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will still not be permitted until June 21st. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply.

In this Hoot, you can read about the newly elected Parish Council, see what the plans are for the 2021 Bromham Carnival and find out how the arrival of machinery in the early 20th century changed Market Gardening in Bromham. You can also discover the link between Bromham and St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has continued to advertise, and to all our new advertisers. Please do support them; it's our advertisers who make The Hoot possible.

As always, 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. Any budding writers out there?

Thank you to Cathy Pearce for the cover image of this issue. This time it's not a photograph, but part of a larger pastel painting "Gold Rush". You can see an image of the full painting below - it's also for sale at Original Glory in Devizes.



If you have a photo you would like to see on the cover, please let us know. The format should be A4 portrait, and with a high enough image resolution to print well - a full photo from a recent smart phone is fine.

The next issue of The Hoot will be for July/August, and should be distributed at the end of June. The deadline for content and advertising will be Friday June 18th.

BROMHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS

I am delighted that many people who we have been supporting over the last year now feel confident enough to go out and about, shopping and collecting their prescriptions. We are still here for those who aren't able to do so. If there are any other ways that you need a bit of support, do get in touch.

We are looking forward to Bromham Carnival and hope to have a stall. See you there!

Caroline Culley



BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATE APRIL 2021

Remote Meetings have continued. Links to meetings can be requested from the Clerk.

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS: 11 nominations for the 13 vacancies were received, therefore electing all 11. Co-option for the remaining 2 vacancies will take place. If you would like to apply please contact The Clerk - see page 16 for details.

• WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE:

- Wyatt's Lake: Following a site meeting by all services still ongoing.
- Speed restrictions A342 and Church Hill still ongoing.
- Additional lighting for the Pound footpath on going
- Flooding: This has been an ongoing issue. WC has addressed the Durlett New Road junction, but the flooding at Durlett Farm is ongoing. Flooding in Hawkstreet is to be addressed by local volunteers with the pipe cost being paid for by the PC. Wyatt's Lake on going discussions.
- Traveller's Site, New Road: A 28 Day Temporary Stop Notice was issued by WC on 13th April to stop all unauthorised development/activities on the land due to a breach of planning control in order to safeguard the amenity of the area.
- Jubilee Field: A memorial Seat has been situated in the name of Dick Breach
- Church Yard Extension Gates: The upkeep of this churchyard is the responsibility of WC, but thanks to local volunteers it is kept maintained. The Stone pillars are to be repaired as are the iron gate pillars. The gates will then be painted again, and a parishioner has volunteered to do this.
- Neighbourhood Plan: Discussions with the new Chairman Mr J Butler and the PC to enable the further development of the plan.
- BMX Track Refurbishment: Due to the popularity of the track it has been agreed that a tarmac surface would be more cost effective as it costs £1995 each time to re grit. It was agreed to apply for an Area Board grant of £5000, the PC has precepted £5000 and there is £3200 remaining in the BMX account. The quotation agreed by a specialist company if a grant can be obtained was £14280.
- Allotments: All plots are now let with 4 requests on the waiting list.
- **Pavilion:** Due to a high water bill a new stop tap and meter has been installed. A new clock may need to be purchased if repairs are not possible.
- Chittoe Notice Board: A replacement to be made.
- Minty's Top Kiosk: It is still hoped that the box can be relocated to the village car park.
- **New Orchard:** A stone has been acquired for a name plaque.
- Planning Applications received March:
 - 21/00951/FUL 54 St Edith's Marsh
 - 21/01050/FUL Willow Bank House, 77 Netherstreet
 - 21/01927/LBC 2 Devizes Road, Sandy Lane
 - 21/01421/FUL 30 Greystones
 - 21/01544/FUL 190 St Edith's Marsh
 - Refused/Appeals Traveller's Planning Application Appeal Refused
- Planning Applications received April:
 - PL/2021/03909 54 Netherstreet
 PL/2021/03488 29 Greystones
 - 21/02126/FUL 1 Highfield
 - 21/02420/FUL Bromham House Farm, 40 Devizes Road
- End of Year Accounts: Agreed as presented and are now with the internal audit.
 - Commercial Acc £11629.90, Investment accounts £25498.13. Other accounts £1328.55.
 - The external Audit Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement for 20/21 were also agreed and will be published on the village website.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 10th May when the new councillors sign their Declaration of Office It is hoped that a physical meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting may be allowed in the Social Centre hall on May 28th.

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Peter Paget: Retired Market Gardener; always lived in Bromham except for two years national service. Elected onto the Parish Council in 1964, 57 years ago. Interested in everything that happens in our village - the Best in the West.



Jonathon Seed: Lives in Chittoe where he runs a B&B and Holiday Park in partnership with his wife. He is also a Wiltshire Councillor in the Melksham Area. His interests include horse eventing, fishing, shooting and gardening.



Rosalind Humphries: I have lived in Bromham for 43 years following my marriage to Tom (Keith) we have 3 children and 5 Grandchildren.

I have been Parish Clerk for 33 years, also in that time I was part of the village playgroup for 9 years of which I was Playgroup Leader for 4 years. I have also been involved with St Nicholas School as a Governor for 12 years,



PTA Chairman for 4 years and volunteer plus teaching assistant for 15 years. I enjoy every part of working and living in Bromham.

Philip Collins: I have been a Councillor for 4 terms. I successfully followed my Father to run the family Market Garden and shop business which was founded in 1962. I have lived in the village all my life I have 2 Sons and 3 Grandchildren and always have the village at heart.



Peter Hindle: I'm the new 'boy' on the Parish Council. My wife Carol and I moved to Bromham six years ago. We love living in Bromham, and are both already involved in village life. I've been on the Carnival Committee pretty much since we arrived, and I am now also editor of The Bromham Hoot.



Roderick Amor: I have been a Councillor for 50 years and much of that time I have been the Vice Chairman. I have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. The village has always been my home and I have worked in the Parish all my life - working for our family Market Garden business until 2003, and since then I have worked for V & P Collins.



Brian Amor: I have lived in Bromham all my life. I have been a Parish Councillor for the past 20 years or so. I am also Chairman of the Bromham and Rowde Monday Club.



Jean Collens: I have lived in Bromham for 38 years (almost now accepted as a 'local') and been on the Parish Council since 2006. As the only lady councillor – I try to look after the 'gentlemen'.



Adam Collins: This is my second term of office as a Councillor. I am the third generation of the family Market Garden and Farm Shop business. I still live at Devizes Road where I grew up and my Grand Parents lived and where my parents still live.



Keith Mahoney: Hi I am Keith, a family man married to Julie for 40 years, I have 3 grown up children who have started their own families. I have lived in Bromham and Sandridge most of my life, with roots going back many generations in the Parish. I have served on the Parish Council and Carnival committee for the best part of 30



years and enjoy giving back to the local community. My greatest passion apart from the village is Blacksmithing, I enjoy giving demonstrations and competing at County Shows throughout the summer, keeping the ancient craft alive.

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

'Sumer is icumen in' - as declared in the medieval song!

Often at this time of year people take or plan a spring or summer holiday or think about taking a few days out. An opportunity to take a break from the patterns of our daily lives – even if just for a day - is very welcome.

"Holidays" were originally "Holy Days" and go way back in human history. In early Biblical times they were often associated with the cycle of the agricultural year when people took time away from their work to relax, celebrate together and give thanks for God's ongoing provision. As the years turned, feast days, festival times and saints' days marked significant people and happenings and brought communities together in celebration. We now have a number of festivals from different faith traditions as well as those celebrating the natural world and a variety of human creativity and activities.

Who knows what this year will be like for this annual cycle of events and celebrations? Local town and village fetes and fairs, agricultural shows, flower festivals, arts and food festivals right up to big global events such as big city marathons, Wimbledon tennis, Glastonbury, Ascot, the Proms and the Olympics are adapting their formats or waiting for another year.

So, throughout spring and into summer, as things are permitted, why not intentionally take some "holy days" for yourself or have a mini meet up? Take time to celebrate life and love, the wonder of creation and the many and varied gifts and talents of human beings and be thankful.

Take a break from routines and do something different. Have your own food, flower or music festival! Bake a cake or do something creative in the home or garden. Listen to or perform some music, whether that be your own 'Glastonbury' or the Proms. Go for more walks and runs. Take some 'holy days' to have an extended 'Sabbath' and have some rest and renewal with a good book and your own literary festival!

I was on the phone to my mother the other day and she said she was going to 'make hay whilst the sun shines! I wish you all the benefits and blessings of this season.

Rev Pam Stranks

The Bromham Footpath Group







The Bromham Footpath Group continues to grow in popularity. They have restarted regular walks following guidance from The Ramblers and government guidelines on 'organised physical activity' and now meet in the Social Centre car park every Thursday at the new time of 9.30am for a walk of around two hours.

The companion group, known as The Amblers, also meet every Thursday at 10am, but they have changed their meeting place. From 6 May they will meet in the High Street car park for their walk of about one hour.

Every one is welcome to join either of these, very friendly, groups.

Linda Drummond Harris

Dennis Powney

BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES



Did you know that St Nicholas church welcomes anyone in the parish for weddings, Christenings and funerals? You don't have to be a church regular. There are some legal details to check for weddings, but the Church of England is here for everyone, whether they have a faith or not.

Did you know that you can have a wedding blessing in church, or a renewal of vows for a special anniversary? Sometimes couples like to celebrate an important anniversary by making their wedding vows again.

Did you know that we hold Christenings for any age? In the last year a lot of families have put events on hold, but you can be Christened whether you are aged 9 days or 90 years.





Did you know that in Bromham church you can just drop in to say a prayer? We're open on Tuesdays and Fridays if you would like some space for your head and your soul.

Did you know that we can tailor a service to suit your needs? You don't have to be traditional if it's not your thing, as long as the essential parts are included.

Services in May:

Sunday May 2nd 10am Holy Communion at Bromham Sunday May 9th Holy Communion at Sandy Lane 8am Thursday May 13th 7.30pm Holy Communion at Bromham Sunday May 16th 8am Holy Communion at Bromham 10am Holy Communion at Bromham Sunday May 23rd Holy Communion at Sandy Lane 8am Sunday May 30th 10am Holy Communion at Bromham

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham Youth Club

The club has continued to run virtually during term time. For our last session before the Easter holidays we decided on an Easter theme and held a cookalong where members were able to create some delicious Easter Nests to share with their families. We have held another murder on the dancefloor event where Detectives Alex and Hannah were the first ones to crack the case. Our usual bingo session and a quiz night were popular with Lucy crowned the latest quiz champion.

This week as the weather is so fantastic, we have set up an outdoor Scavenger hunt where members will have to find 30 items in the village and take photos with their phones. We are hoping that with further restrictions due to be lifted in May in regards to people being allowed to meet outdoors and if we are lucky with the weather, we might be able to hold a few outdoor activities such as football and rounders.

Darren Barber

Bromham Bell Ringers: Notes from the Belfry

For whom the bell tolls

The tolling of a single bell and its close association with death originated well before the 12th Century. Historically, a bell would be rung on three occasions around the time of a death. The first was the "passing bell" to warn of impending death, followed by the death knell which was the ringing of a bell immediately after the death, and the last was the "lych bell", or "corpse bell" which was rung at the funeral as the procession approached the church. This latter is closest to what is known today as the funeral toll which consists of one strike of the bell for each year of the deceased's life.

There has been a lot of tolling this year: a hundred times on 31st January for the 10,000 covid deaths, a hundred times for the Funeral of Captain Sir Tom Moore, and most recently for HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. The latter marked two occasions, the first being on the announcement of Prince Philip's death and the second in the hour preceding his funeral. For both occasions the bell was half muffled so that alternate strokes were a soft echo. This is achieved by attaching a leather pad to one side of the ball of the clapper. We always use this technique when ringing for Remembrance Sunday.

The only time a bell is fully muffled is on the death of a monarch. If a number of bells are rung, all are fully muffled except the tenor, the heaviest bell with the deepest note. This bell is left half muffled. Let's hope it will be some years before we have to do that.

As far as normal ringing is concerned, we did manage to ring four on Easter Sunday as it was the most important feast in the Church's calendar but after May 17th we are anticipating a return to six bells rather than the two marking normal Sundays during lockdown. As the number of ringers will be restricted to the number of bells, it will be some time before we can get back to weekly practices. By that time I would imagine it will be a case of 'back to basics' for us all after such a long break.

Linda Drummond-Harris

Monday Club

We are very excited to announce that we plan to re-open Monday Club on Monday 7th June. We can't wait to see all our members and helpers again, it's been such a long time. Once we have settled back in we will be delighted to welcome new members. So if you are looking for something to do on a Monday, do think about coming to join us.

We have been keeping in touch since our last meeting on 9th March 2020, with weekly, then fortnightly newsletters. Members have kept their minds active with quizzes and word puzzles. Members have kept themselves active with regular exercises. But its just not the same as meeting up face to face.

So, the Social Centre is booked and the helpers are ready. I'm going to have a sort out of the Monday Club cupboard where I think there might be some rather stale biscuits! Let's hope the mice haven't visited.

Caroline Culley

The Monday Club is a community day centre and lunch club for older people in Bromham and Rowde. It is grant aided through Wiltshire Council.

Bromham WI

To our Bromham WI Membership, to date we are waiting on advice from Wiltshire Federation, to flow down the Government guidelines for returning to meetings.

But in the meantime the Committee is working behind the scenes to put together a range of meetings, with covid safety in mind, to allow us to get together. Once we have that green light from Wiltshire Federation we will be in contact with you all via the Committee with the meeting schedule.

We cannot wait for the go ahead to be able to see you all again!

And new members welcome! If you are interested in joining the WI or know someone who is please do get in touch.

St. Nicholas C of E (VC) Primary School



Hello everyone,

It was so exciting to welcome all children back into school on the 8th March and to see them all enjoying catching up with their friends and getting involved in their learning activities in school.









We know how important it is for the children to get back to being together and enjoying being outdoors and active so we are running various sports clubs and in school sports sessions for the children to enjoy. I have recently consulted with our School Council in Thorn and Willow classes and they have asked the children which sports clubs they would like so that we can tailor future clubs to their interests and ensure that lots of children participate in these activities.

Mrs Salen (one of our teachers) has worked hard over the Easter Holidays and used her considerable artistic talents to improve our small library to make it more inviting and to reflect our love of everything to do with books and reading! Take a look at our wonderful woodland themed library below.





Keep safe and take care. With best wishes from all at St. Nich's.



BROMHAM WILL HAVE A CARNIVAL IN 2021!

We are focussing on organising two outdoor events - the Teddy Bear Trail and Carnival Day itself. We think many people will still be cautious about indoor gatherings, but we do want to make sure that Bromham has the opportunity to get together and enjoy themselves again. Obviously, we also want to raise money to be able to help our village organisations get back on their feet again.

As the end of government restrictions on large gatherings is planned for the day after the traditional Carnival weekend, we have had to move the dates on by a month. Obviously we still need to monitor the progress of the roadmap, and follow government and Wiltshire Council advice.

CARNIVAL DAY 2021 WILL BE SATURDAY JULY 17

We do intend to have a procession, and are applying to Wiltshire Council for the road closure - so start planning your floats now. We may need additional trailers, tow vehicles and lorries for the Carnival procession. If you have any of these and are prepared to help out – please email us or speak to Pete Davis.

We've already booked the silver band, and we are planning on the BBQ and food stalls, plus the fairground and the usual stalls. If you would like a stall, please let Louise James (01380 859878) know.

The traditional end of Carnival Bromfest, with live music from local musicians, is planned for the evening and the fish and chip van has already been booked.

TEDDY BEAR TRAIL 2021 - JULY 24 - 25

In a change to past years, the Teddy Bear Trail will be held the weekend after Carnival, July 24th and 25th. The theme this year will be the same as we had planned for 2020 - "Family and Children's Films, 1960 - 2020". Start thinking about your entry again and contact Cathy Welch on 01380 850555 or email: **bromhamcarnival@gmail.com** as soon as possible to reserve your place and the name of the film you would like to make. For inspiration, here are just a few of the 2019 entries.







HOW CAN I HELP?

This year the Teddy Bear Trail will be our main fundraising event apart from the raffle, so we have decided to create a Teddy Bear Trail programme that will be sold, and include one entry form. Rather than asking for adverts for the usual Carnival programme, we would like to ask for support from local businesses by advertising in this programme. The cost will be £50 for a full page, or £25 for a half page, all in full colour. As usual, we are looking for sponsors for the Teddy bear trail £10 to sponsor a bear.

Full details of Carnival Day and the Teddy Bear trail will be in a pull out section in the July issue of The Hoot.

Our other big fundraising activity is the Carnival Raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize then please let us know and a Committee member will be in touch nearer the time to arrange for collection.

If you have any other ideas or would be prepared to help out on the day - please let us know. Either talk to a member of the committee, or email: **bromhamcarnival@gmail.com**

Did you know?

The funeral of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, took place at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle recently. Did you know that Bromham has a connection with the fine building that is St George's Chapel?

It was in the fifteenth century that the chapel was rebuilt and enlarged to the splendid, cathedral like, space that we see today. This work was done under the direction of Richard Beauchamp, Bishop of Salisbury, and by the master mason, Henry Jaynes.

Bishop Beauchamp (c1412 - 1492) was born at Bromham House the second son of Sir Walter Beauchamp, Lord of Bromham Manor, and Elizabeth his wife. The Bishop's elder brother, Sir William Beauchamp (born 1410), who was also, in turn, Lord of Bromham Manor, had died in 1456 and it was his widow, another Elizabeth, and her second husband, Sir Roger Tocketts, who caused the Beauchamp Chapel to be erected at Bromham Church, work on this started in 1485 and was complete by 1492 when Lady Elizabeth died and she has a large tomb in the chapel. Sir Roger also died later that same year and his is the full length alabaster effigy in the chapel. Bishop Richard died in 1492 and was buried in his chantry chapel at Salisbury Cathedral.

There is a Beauchamp Chapel at St John's Church, Devizes which is said to have been built by Bishop Richard, it is almost identical to the Bromham chapel, and the two have been described in print as 'Medieval Mass Production'.

Bromham Area History Group.

NETHERSTREET PLANT SALE

The settled weather might be a problem for local farmers, but was ideal for the Netherstreet Plant Sale on Saturday April 24th. The event had been put together by Carolyn White and Liz Madigan from Orchard Grove and took place on Gordon Leary's spacious drive opposite. Carolyn and Liz had nurtured the best part of 300 plants between them and neighbours provided over 100 more. Several people arrived before the 10am start time but had to wait until all the plants had been set out. These were organised in several groups: ground cover, bulbs, semi-hardy, tender, short and taller perennials and vegetables, all selling for £1 a pot.







For the first time in Netherstreet's history a socially-distanced queue had to form as more eager buyers turned up at start time. By midday most had been sold and by the time the sale ended at 2pm the sale had realised £451 which will be shared between Bromham Youth Club and St Nich's PTA.

Buyers came not just from Netherstreet and Yard Lane, but also from Bromham itself as well as Chirton and Potterne. After the year we've all been through the day was a welcome chance to meet old friends, make new ones and check whether Carolyn and Liz planned to make the sale an annual event. The jury's out on that! It was clearly worthwhile, the sum raised for the Youth Club and school made the effort very worthwhile, so big thanks to everyone who supplied plants, bought them and gave donations too.





The few plants that weren't sold are being left on a table outside Gordon's drive (see the photo) for a few days, together with an honesty box. Please feel free to help yourselves and leave a suitable donation in the box. Anything in it will be added to the £451.

BROMHAM THEN & NOW: Market Gardening in Bromham

Much of the parish of Bromham lies on the only extensive area of Lower Greensand in the county and this geology has greatly influenced the economic development of the area. The light soils provided early cultivation and good crops.

In the mid 17th century the local weaving industry dramatically collapsed and never fully recovered, although cloth was woven here until the early 19th century. Instead agriculture, and later horticulture became dominant with many small

holdings and market gardens.

By 1900 Bromham grown vegetable produce was being sold in the local market towns, Devizes, Melksham, etc. Then in the early years of the century Ernest Escott (a vegetable dealer) started making two round trips to Bath each week with Bromham produce using his wagon and horses.

In 1908 Bromham Parish Council successfully petitioned the GWR to open the Bromham & Rowde Halt. From then on many tons of vegetables left the village by rail; quite a few going as far as the Midlands and South Wales. The Parish Council then petitioned the County Council and in 1914 a 'new road' was built connecting Love Lane with Durlett giving the village a better access to the railway station.



1900s. Ernest Escott en route for Bath with Bromham vegetables



1910s. Digging potatoes in Cherry Orchard,
Westbrook



1919. Potato digging, a demonstration, John Fennell, farmer, standing nearest the camera



In 1919 T H White, the Devizes engineers, demonstrated a horse drawn potato lifter at Wilds Farm; this was a great innovation as prior to this potatoes had to be dug by hand.

Just after this motor transport became more available and soon several market growers possessed their own lorries. In 1929 William Powney and his brother-in-law, Charles Rose, jointly purchased a new Chevrolet lorry for £250; they then traded in both Swindon and Bath, selling to greengrocer shops and directly from the lorry to households. Percy J Hughes and Ernest L Paget both owned lorries in the early 1930s.

Bromham farmers would plant many acres of peas. Once these had matured the growing crop would be sold by auction at the Greyhound Inn. The successful buyer would then employ people to pick the peas and hope to make a profit on the venture.

At this time the parish council had the letting of several hundred acres of the 'Crown' land. This they would let to tenants in lots of one, two, or more acres. A man, usually assisted by his wife, could make a reasonable living working five or six acres. In the mid 1930's the council had over sixty individual tenants occupying these larger allotments as well as the smaller 'garden' allotments. By arrangement, the produce of the smaller growers was transported to town by the larger growers who owned their own lorries.





1920s. Ernest Wootten with his pea picking gang

During WWII every inch of land was utilised to grow the much needed food to keep Britain fed. This demand continued long after the war, and Bromham growers benefited when the Ferguson tractor arrived on the scene in the late 1940's. This wonderful vehicle was exactly what was needed by the growers, it was so versatile and was soon replacing the horses. By the 1950s there were over thirty 'Fergies' at work in the parish, and some ten of the 'Growers' had their own lorries.

Dennis Powney, Bromham Area History Group



The Owl Community Pub



The Bromham community is lucky to be well served by a range of amenities, including a well stocked shop, a butcher, two pubs, an Indian restaurant, a local farm shop and a regular Post Office service.

On top of this, the village has two additional venues, the Social Centre, and attached to this, The Owl. For those who don't know, these are financially independent businesses, with the Social Centre generating income from venue hire.

The Owl relies solely on income from bar sales. During the pandemic we have been lucky enough to be able to access support from the Government, Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council, to allow us to fulfil financial commitments during our closure.

As we move towards reopening (please keep an eye on our Facebook page for details, this is likely to be in May), we hope to be able to resume our usual calendar of skittles, music events, the regular quiz and more, as soon as it's safe to do so.

The Owl prides itself on low prices, and we hope to keep it that way. Any profits we make go back into the pub with a small, but dedicated, management team working voluntarily to ensure we make the most of every penny. Before the pandemic we had plans for some long overdue refurbishment, however, our immediate focus is now getting The Owl back on its feet (or should we say, wings?)

One thing we've been reminded of over the last year is just how supportive the Bromham community is, and we would like to ask for your support once more. Please pop in and see us once we're open, and we promise to do our best to welcome you all back, whether catching up with friends or family or popping in for a quick drink. Dogs (on leads) are welcome to enjoy a drink with their owners in the skittle alley, and this will be on a trial basis as we reopen.

We'd like to say thank you to the local community for their support not just for us, but the rest of the village as we've tackled a difficult year, and we hope to see you all soon.

LITTLE ANGELS - THE STORY SO FAR

We were only able to meet up as a group for 5 times during 2020, due of course to the Covid 19 pandemic. Although we were able to arrange a socially distanced picnic during July in the Millennium Field, this worked really well with each family bringing their own food and drink. The children thought it was wonderful to see their friends. We hope to do this again later in the year. We have plans for other outside activities if Covid permits.

We decided that the children, (and their parents), needed to have activities to do due to the lockdown. Little did we know how long this would be. To enable the craft work and other similar activities to take place the team decided to create fortnightly activity bags. These contained colouring sheets, seeds to grow, things to make, etc. The tallest Sunflower Competition went ahead and was won by Isabelle & Alfie, whose Sunflower exceeded 12 feet in height.





We organised a stone snake outside Olive's bungalow, children from all over the village brought their painted stones to create a wonderful snake.

At Christmas we all decorated a tree in Olive's garden with hand made Christmas decorations made from the packs, this was also a socially distanced activity, with one family at a time placing their decorations.

We decorated the tree again in Olive's garden for Easter, with rabbits, chicks and eggs it looked wonderful. Heather created an Easter trail which the families seemed to really enjoy.

We will continue with the activity packs until it is safe for us to meet again as a group.

We are always happy to recruit new members, so let us know if you have a toddler who would like to join.

We have a page on Facebook, Bromham Little Angels Toddler Group.

Carole Myer April 2021





A BIG THANK YOU TO BROMHAM LITTLE ANGELS TODDLER GROUP

With the group not being able to meet due to lockdown, the Bromham Little Angels Toddler group started doing activity packs for the children in the village. Heather, Olive, Carol and Ed have been inventive, coming up with activity packs every 2 weeks for the children to enjoy at home. A year later they still amaze us with their activity packs. The children get so much enjoyment out of doing them.



I think you have all done a fabulous job and both of them have loved the goodie bags! Mum to I and A.



A big thank you from us also. F LOVES getting the stickers and making pictures - such a lovely thoughtful surprise every time.

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YOUR PHOTOS

Many thanks to Jill Osborne for the photo of the lamb in the churchyard, and to Tim Osborne for the model steam traction engine. If you have any photos you think the village would like to see, don't be shy.

Send them to us at bromham.hoot@outlook.com



A lamb with attitude in the churchyard



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Notice of Road Closure - Bromham Carnival, 17th July 2021

Temporary road closure application (Town and Police Clauses Act 1847)

Please be advised that Bromham Carnival Committee have applied to Wiltshire Council for a Temporary Road Closure Order under the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 to enable the annual Bromham Carnival procession to take place, affecting the following road(s):

Highfield, The Pound, Horsepool, The High Street, New Road, Church Hill

Access to and from the following will also be affected:

Minty's Top, Breach Close, Greystones, Jockey Lane, School Lane

It is anticipated that the above road(s) will be closed to all vehicular traffic (save in all cases of emergency) between the hours of 13.45 and 15.30 on Saturday 17th July 2021.

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Please feel free to contact the Chairman of the Carnival Committee, Mr. Pete Davis, on 01380 850792 or email **bromhamcarnival@gmail.com** with any enquiries.

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Due to 11/13 persons being nominated, two vacancies can be filled by co-option

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Period of service	Four years
Salary	This is a voluntary position

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Secondary purpose

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- Deciding on how much to raise through the council tax in order to deliver your council's services.
- Influencing and shaping the long term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish.
- Improve the quality of life and the environment in their local area.
- Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent.
- Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

TO APPLY PLEASE SEND A LETTER/EMAIL OF APPLICATION TELLING THE COUNCIL ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR TO:

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News from the Gallery at Poppins

The beginning of 2021 saw us all in lockdown for the third time so soon after we had been released for Christmas! This gave Nick and me another opportunity for having uninterrupted time at the easel and the potter's wheel to work on our next body of work.

A magical walk through Chittoe on a frosty afternoon with a friend unexpectedly gave me the inspiration for the first 4 of 11 large new paintings. The brief snow saw 2 more of these develop followed by 5 paintings from the fields below the hill for which I returned to representing the recent Autumn colours. These original paintings are currently available to purchase from Original Glory in Devizes and will also be available as limited edition prints directly from me.















Other news from me includes the continuation of my pastel workshops which are detailed on my website www.cathypearce.co.uk along with a 5 day pastel painting workshop in conjunction with Unison Colour - this will be a free online workshop with me. All you will need to do to take part is follow the Facebook page for Unison colour and sign up as soon as they release the information.







Nick has been working on a stunning new collection of mugs, tumblers and bowls, pictured above, which are available directly from him and are currently displayed in the window of our gallery.

For security we are not able to keep the gallery open and unattended whilst we are working in our studios so please contact us to for a visiting time between 10am - 6pm Monday to Sunday.

Cathy and Nick Pearce

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NEWS FROM OUR OTHER PUBS:

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