THE BROMHAM HOOT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022



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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Happy New Year.

Welcome to the January / February 2022 edition of The Bromham Hoot.

As usual, there are reports and pictures from our village organisations, first plans for Bromham Carnival and the Teddy Bear Trail 2022 and a history of the Bromham Branch of the Royal British Legion that celebrates its centenary in February.

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos of "Wintery Bromham" for the front cover. We had so many stunning images that it was difficult to choose a winner. Congratulations to Tim Osborne for his photo of Oliver's Castle in the snow. You can see a selection of the photos on page 20 - I can see several possible images for next year's Bromham Christmas card.

For the next issue, can we please have a photo of Bromham that does not include Oliver's Castle or the trees!

As always, a huge thank you to all of our advertisers who make The Hoot possible. Please do continue to support them.

The next issue of The Hoot will be for March - April 2022, and will be distributed at the beginning of March.

The deadline for content and advertising is Friday February 18th.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We in Bromham, as elsewhere, have all endured a most trying and harrowing 18 months. A combination of the Pandemic, the devastating fire at the Social Centre, the Village Neighbourhood Plan, and other local events, we seem to have had our fair share of complications.

I have attended countless meetings in this time and I am always struck by the enthusiasm and the general goodwill of all my fellow committee members in whatever guise they may appear. Bromham is a wonderful place to live, but then I am prejudiced.

Thinking back to the fire, the spirit shown by the village were fantastic, as my youngest son Sam was quoted in a previous issue of The Hoot, 'we didn't just lose a building that day, it felt like we lost a villager'.

It was so nice to see various institutions/organisations coming forward so quickly to offer their various spaces to accommodate the many clubs/events that relied on the social centre, to name but a few, the Church, the Chapel, Angell House, The Smithy Clinic, St. Nicholas School, and many more. All organisations have found new venues, which is a great testament to the spirit of our village.

We were very fortunate to be able to acquire an unwanted school mobile classroom (now being referred to the 'The Clubhouse'), which has been given a new lease of life, again by volunteers, and numerous generous donations from local businesses. The Social Centre Rebuild committee have been working hard to 'Rise from the Ashes', and as we go into the New Year we hope to have some good news from them.

On a personal note I should like to thank all my colleagues whom I have had the pleasure of working with in the last year for their understanding and friendship. We all look forward to a brighter New Year, and to you all, have a happy one.

Sincerely,

Peter Paget

Chairman of Bromham Parish Council.



Bromham Good Neighbours

As we enter another phase of the pandemic, Bromham Good Neighbours are still here if you need us. If you don't want to collect your medication in person ask the pharmacy if they will deliver – Rowlands and Boots have a delivery service. Alternatively, you could try Pharmacy2U, who send your prescription medicines through the post.

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BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2021

OCTOBER 2021

Eco Bromham: It was agreed to trial 3 sites to be planted with bulbs and wild flowers to increase bio-diversity in our Parish.

Wiltshire Council: Issues still ongoing included Metro counts, speed limit survey for the A342, Wyatt's Lake/flooding and the Traveller's land at New Road.

Gigaclear: Andrew Kerby attended the meeting to give an update on the works being carried out in the village. Any work regarding re-instating of verges, footpaths and roads will be to WC standards with a two year liability. Installations will take up to 6 months before going live.

NOVEMBER 2021

Annual Donations:

Monday Club £150 Wilts Air Ambulance £200 Dorothy House £100 Youth Club £150 Devizes link £100 St Nicholas PCC £200 Julia's House £200 Busy Kids £200

JG DAVIS FUND: (for the oldest ex-service person) Mr Ivor Gardner.

RABY FUND: 60 pensioners living on their own each received £5.00 and a Christmas card. Many thanks to the Carnival Committee who donated £200 for the Raby Fund.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL - LAURA MAYES UPDATE: Although Covid rates are dropping they are still high 496/100,000 being high in children and parents and school staff. 95% of hospital beds are occupied.

Children's Services – foster carers required for 23 children in need in this area 0-16 years.

WC Gritters are on standby.

Traveller's update: The Clerk and L Mayes attended joint meeting with services. 2 court hearings adjourned due to bereavements. New date 7th Dec. at Salisbury for 2018 noncompliance. 2020 noncompliance (Swindon) to be re arranged. Injunction is ongoing. Notice served concerning dogs, although no recent reports received, this was queried as dogs are still outside the compound.

PCSO assigned to be present during the Pudding Run on Dec 5th.

Wyatt's Lake: Environmental Agency involved – gates locked – tipping temporarily stopped. Concern regarding the number of occupied caravans on site.

Football Club: Meeting to be arranged to discuss future works required to the pavilion.

Social Centre Rebuild Committee: Joint action insurance claim registered (PC&AVIVA) Build as old site /amend? Rebuild survey consultation/producing design ideas from parish survey possibly Dec? Outside lighting issue being addressed. Tables and carpets to be funded from the Area Board Grant. Donations received £5000.65

New Orchard: Stone and plagues ordered. 3 dead trees replaced.

Churchyard Extension: Many thanks to Den Fillis for replacing the rustic benches. Stone pillars repaired. Gate hinges to be inspected by WC.

Social Centre Play Area: The bark was replenished.

DECEMBER 2021

Joint meeting with Football Club Representatives:

The football club wants to stay in Bromham, but have options to relocate if facilities necessary are unavailable. For a club to operate in accordance with FA rules, it requires the use of a pavilion. It was felt that it is important to remain in the village, being part of our village community; very few villages have their own team being able to play in their own village. All officers and committee - which is formed from 99% coaches and some parents in place with future prospects good.

The Club has Saturday and Sunday Teams, with Youth teams Under 6 just starting up with Under 8 in the pipeline, both dependent on volunteers.

The Club to provide the Parish Council with quotations for immediate and long term repairs required to the Pavilion.

Pitch repair: Funding is available. Request possibility to extend the Agreement for the grounds for at least 5 years to allow a 4 year improvement grant/scheme.

Long Term prospects: Much depends on the rebuild. The Social Centre Rebuild Committee is consulting with Wiltshire Council Technical Officers who are advising how to develop the new building with the possibility of incorporating a new pavilion to develop sporting facilities/café. A short term possibility if the pavilion is to be removed would be the provision of a shipping container for use as a changing room.

DECEMBER 2021

Parish Council Meeting

Wiltshire Council: Laura Mayes was unable to attend due to Covid but provided a written report:

Traveller's court hearings all adjourned until the New Year.

Wyatt's lake - bonfires again reported. Concern regarding the number of occupied caravans on site.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Chairman Mr J Butler gave an update. The PC agreed to an additional paragraph in the Terms of Reference. "The Parish wishes to prevent the development of higher quality farm land for the development of housing and other non-agricultural activities. The development of lower quality land and brown field sites should be a priority where ever possible". Two new members of the committee were ratified by the PC. Mr D Wheeler and Mr R Phillips.

Social Centre Rebuild Report: The Committee is still waiting for the contactors insurance company to accept liability, therefore many issues are on hold. In the meantime reports are being carried out.

New carpet has been installed and new chairs and tables have been purchased. Many thanks to Roses who donated the Christmas tree which was erected by volunteers.

Funds donated to date £7151.12. Many thanks to all those who have donated which included £1020 received from the sale of Christmas cards. A café to raise funds was opened on Thursday 16th in the Clubhouse with electrical goods being donated.

Allotments: The allotment plots have been re marked out, and notice given to tenants who have not worked their plots. The Parish Council has received notice of the Crown rent increase from October 2021, a meeting with Savills has been agreed to discuss this,

Football Club Update: quotations received for necessary work, short term £900.00, long term £700.00. Lighting £300.00. The FBC to apply to the Area Board for a grant, the PC has agreed to pay for immediate repairs until a grant has been agreed.

2022 Parish Precept: The Clerk produced a budget for 2022/23 requiring £43793.00. It was agreed to set the Precept for 2022 at £45,000. Based on the Band D Council tax base of £765.75 for Bromham this will be an increase of 4.60%, costing each household an extra £2.58. It was felt that this increase was required to cover additional costs that may occur due to the Social Centre rebuild immediate fees and the necessary short term pavilion repairs.

All Parish Council minutes are available on the Village website when approved.

Rosalind Humphries, Parish Clerk - Tel: 850874 - Email: rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com

LAURA MAYES - Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham, Rowde & Roundway

The brilliantly organised Christmas Pudding Run was another event that showed Bromham community spirit at its best. I enjoyed the actual run, despite the cold, but was even more thrilled to hear it raised over £9,000 for St Nicholas School. A big thank you to everyone involved!

Residents may have heard about Ash Dieback and/or seen tree felling across the County, over the last few months and I thought it would be helpful to explain a little more about this disease and actions which need to be taken. It is estimated that there are over 100,000 Ash trees growing beside Wiltshire's roads, and an equal or even greater number on the 6,000km of public rights of way in the county, as well as around 140,000 Ash trees on council owned land. Nationwide it is anticipated that 90% of woodland trees and 50% of trees outside woodlands will be affected.



Ash Dieback is already widespread in Wiltshire and poses serious safety, practical, environmental and financial risks. Once infected trees decline quickly, often dying within two growing seasons. The trees rapidly lose timber strength and integrity and are prone to structural failure, leading to branches and trees falling, increasing the risk of death or injury to persons and damage to property. The Council is working to monitor and remove unsafe Ash trees, prioritising trees on the highway, rights of way and in public spaces. The cost of the programme is likely to be significant, with the cost to the Council of removing trees over the next ten years likely to be at least £10 million and could be significantly more.

Alongside this, it is strongly advised that all landowners should take steps to identify, monitor and remove infected Ash trees on their land. I know that many residents and communities will be keen to explore opportunities to replace any trees which are removed, and Wiltshire Council has produced a Community Environmental Toolkit which contains useful information, including funding opportunities for community groups.

As your Wiltshire Councillor I am always here to support Bromham residents with Council issues – Planning, Housing Benefits, Highways etc. Please get in touch and I will try to help – laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07855 819343

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

We have appointed a new Methodist minister. The Revd. Craig Manley and his wife Elizabeth will be joining us at the beginning of September 2022 as the minister for Calne, Corsham and Bromham. We look forward to welcoming Craig and Elizabeth to our chapel and to the village.

We would like to say a very BIG thank you to everyone who supported our Mini Chapel Bazaar, which we held in The Clubhouse. We raised over £500 for general chapel funds, which will be a great help to our finances.

Services in January & February:

Sunday 9th January - Rev Di Whittall

Sunday 16th January - Rev Peggy Kabonde

Sunday 23rd January - Local arrangement

Sunday 30th January - Whitley

Sunday 6th February - Rev Di Whittall

Sunday 13th February - Mrs J Williams

Sunday 20th February - Rev Di Whittall

Sunday 27th February - Local arrangement

Coffee & Chat:

Saturday January 8th and Saturday February 5th from 10.00am - 12 noon

All of the above dates are subject to the current Covid situation, which we hope and pray will soon resolve itself.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

THANK YOU

Linda Cargill and family would like to thank everyone who attended Ray's Memorial Service on November 25th 2021. A special thank you to Reverend Ruth for all her help.

The donations amounted to £1000 which has been divided between Ray's chosen charities, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and the RNLI.

Christmas Eve Outdoor Nativity

At 3pm on Christmas Eve a small crowd of adults and children gathered in the Greyhound garden for our nativity. Most years, St Nicholas church holds a crib service inside the church at 4pm, but worries about the latest COVID variant caused us to be more inventive!

Thanks to Tara and Danny, we were able to begin 'on the fields above Bethlehem' (the Greyhound garden) with genuine shepherd, Chris Farnsworth, and a tame lamb. You'll see from the pictures it was quite a large lamb (Chris explained that a lamb is a lamb until it's had its own lamb). Annica Bowen kindly provided a pony (in lieu of a donkey, which are in short supply on Christmas Eve) for Mary to ride.



We told the nativity story from the beginning. As we heard about Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, a volunteer Mary was installed on the pony and we all sang the carol, 'Little Donkey'. Then Ruth Bray, dressed as an angel, gave the good news to the shepherds.



We travelled the short distance to the Blind House, where a crib scene was set up and ended with a great rendering of 'Away in a Manger'.

The adults enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies served from the church porch, and Father Christmas arrived to distribute sweets to the children.

Many thanks to all who made it possible. It was great fun and we hope it will be a new tradition!



BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

This time I have chosen a poem, as we look ahead to the coming year.

Caroline Culley, Licensed Lay Minister



A poem for the new year

As the old year passes we look back, reflect: times of joy and promise, times we'd best forget. God of the ages, help us walk your way. Help us greet your future, seize tomorrow's day.

As the old year passes sorrow wells within: loved ones no more 'round us, all that could have been.
God of compassion, heal each ailing heart.
Guide us to your future where new life may start.

As the old year passes we cry for our struggling world. Climate ever-changing, fighting too often heard.

Jesus, you call us to cherish all you give.

Call us to your future where all in peace might live.

As the new year dawns now we would give you praise. Faithful God, come lead us onward in new ways.

We'll love and serve you in the faith of Christ, in your Spirit's future: people of new life.

David MacGregor, Wild Goose Publications

Church Services in January and February in our churches in Bromham, Sandy Lane and Rowde

	8.00 am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	10.00 am Eucharist
2 January	Rowde	Bromham
9 January	Sandy Lane	Rowde
16 January	Bromham	Bromham
23 January	Sandy Lane	Rowde
30 January		Bromham
6 February	Rowde	Bromham
13 February	Sandy Lane	Rowde
20 February	Bromham	Bromham
27 February	Sandy Lane	Rowde

- There will be no Coffee and Communion in Rowde on the first Wednesday in January.
- Any changes to service times will be put on our Facebook page Churches of Rowde and Bromham.

St Nicholas C of E (VC) Primary School

A New Year, a new Head Teacher but the same name!

As many of you will already know, Mrs Jo Lewis (our head teacher) has left us for pastures new. She has been at St Nichs for around 4 years, during which time she has worked tirelessly to provide the best education she can to the children – not at all easy over the last 2 years and especially during lockdown periods when home schooling and in school provision stretched resources to the absolute limits.

Because of the slightly restricted rules for employing head teachers (notice periods etc) we took a decision to employ an interim head teacher to run the school up to July 2022. That gives us time to run a full recruitment programme to find a permanent head going forwards.

I am absolutely delighted that we were able to secure the services of an excellent head teacher to look after us for that period whose name is, almost unbelievably, also Jo Lewis (currently known as Joanne to void confusion).

Joanne starts in January and is really looking forward to being at the school. I am sure the village will make her welcome – she has already met a lot of parents and, of course, all the children and governors. Who knows, if we are all nice to her, she may decide she wants to stay on past July!

Peter Wallis - Chair of Governors

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

Bromham WI have enjoyed another two meetings in the Clubhouse ,and it is really good to see everyone again. The last two meetings have been purely social occasions, when we have enjoyed playing Bingo or Beetle or taxing our brains with some quizzes . What ever we did it created a lot of laughter. Husbands were invited to our November meeting and five brave husbands ventured along and joined in the sessions of Bingo. Lots of chocolate for prizes ,which went down well!

All of our meetings, bar one, since we have been able to meet again have been purely social events, without an outside speaker. In the New Year, if the virus situation improves ,we are hopefully going to try and book speakers for our meetings. So fingers crossed that that can happen! We are always delighted to see new people at our meetings, so if you are new to the village please come along to the Clubhouse. You will be most welcome. Our next meeting is on the 12th of January.

Sheila Sims

Bromham Footpath Group

Our 'pub' walk in October started at Ford and took us in a circular route via Castle Combe. This was the first time some of our newer members had visited the picturesque village and they were enchanted by it.

Lunch was to have been at the White Hart at Ford but at the last minute we discovered that they could only accommodate a table of 12, so a quick phone call to the Bell at Yatton Keynell the night before got us booked in there with no restriction on numbers. The food and service, as always, was superb, so in the end it worked out for the best.

There was no pub walk in November as it would have been too close to our annual Christmas lunch on December 2nd which this year was held at the North Wilts Golf Club. This was the first time both the main group and the Amblers had combined for the occasion.

It was a bright sunny day when the main group gathered in the Golf Club car park and set off on a circumnavigation of Morgan's Hill. The views were spectacular and as we stopped to admire the scenery we were joined by a U3A group of ramblers from Marlborough who accompanied us until they stopped for a very civilised coffee break. We arrived back at the Golf Club at the same time as the Amblers who had taken a shorter route. Once seated everyone got stuck into the table quizzes I had prepared while we waited for lunch to be served. From the pulling of crackers to the inevitable after lunch recitation of Christmas poems the whole occasion got everyone in a seasonal mood and a good time was had by all.



December's coffee and cake in the church raised £73 for Busy Kids who sent us a Christmas card thanking us for our support throughout the year.

Thanks are also due to Nigel Tuck who has led most of the walks, both local and out of the village. He tells me he will soon have clocked up 400 walks since he first started. We must find a suitable way to mark that occasion!

We will be walking every Thursday so why not make a New Year's resolution to join one of our merry bands? We'd love to have you along. Meanwhile from us all, here's wishing you a happy and healthy 2022.

Linda Drummond-Harris

Notes from the Belfry

November for me is about Remembrance, for which we half muffle the bells so that they ring out loud and clear on one stroke and sound a softer, haunting echo on the next. We didn't have a band capable of ringing a quarter peal before the service of Remembrance but we did our best with 30 minutes of call changes.

I am pleased to say that we have a new addition to the band who has been putting in many hours literally learning the ropes. After only 6 hours of tuition he was ringing with the rest of the band on practice night with a certain degree of success and is making excellent progress.

We are fortunate to have an electronic simulator in the tower which allows us to 'tie' the clappers so the folk outside can't hear anything while our marvellous machine sounds in the ringing chamber. It can be programmed to 'ring' as if we had a full band but leaving a gap for the lone ringer to fill. This really helps develop the new ringer's listening skills and ability to sound his/her bell in the right place. Clever stuff!

Last year we were unable to mark the passing of the old year and ring in the new because of the restrictions in place but we plan to do so this year. After some general ringing we count down to midnight by standing each bell in turn until just the tenor is left to sound 12 blows, at which point we all join in (hopefully!). This is called 'diminishing rounds'. If you are still awake and within earshot, listen out and see if you can hear what we are doing. Happy New Year everyone!

Linda Drummond-Harris



We are very excited to announce that Bromham Gardening Club will be restarting in the spring. The committee are putting together an exciting programme of speakers.

Meetings will be in the Clubhouse on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm and the dates for the first three meetings are 17th March, 21st April, 19th May. Put the dates in your diary now! More details in the next issue of Hoot.

Sue Skelt and the Gardening Club committee



Eco Bromham



On Sunday 14th November, three members of Eco Bromham planted the many donated bulbs, (daffodils, snow glories, allium, tulips and snakes head fritillaries) at the entrance to the Social Centre. We are looking forward to a good display from spring through to early summer which will increase plant diversity and encourage more insects and bees.

Our next project is near the Millennium Cross, where we will sow annual flowers in March. Check out our Facebook page 'Eco Bromham' for details.





As we look forward to the New Year, lets us think about the wildlife in our village and what we can do to help them survive. Hedgehogs are declining, so think about leaving gaps in fences and creating hedgehog highways. Maybe construct a hedgehog house? How about putting up some nest boxes for the birds? What about a small pond? Don't be too tidy, leave the leaves a bit longer so that the insects can survive.

Next summer we will be running the first 'Bromham Gardening for Wildlife' competition. How much wildlife can you attract to your garden through the things you plant and the areas you leave to go wild? Start planning now!

Don't forget to feed the birds some tasty morsels like seeds, fat balls and peanuts, plus any dried fruit, raisins, sultanas or currants over the winter. Try and take part in the Big Garden Bird watch, 28th-30th January 2022.

Bromham Football Club

We are delighted to announce that we have started an under 6 squad, with Pete Leavy leading the coaching sessions, assisted by Lee Napier. We are looking to add an under 8 squad in the new year. It's is really important to us that we build up our youth teams as they are the future of the club – if anyone is interested in setting up a squad, please contact me.

On the field, our Adult, under 18 and under 12 teams have managed to get games in – a welcome change to the last 2 years although, of course, that could change at any time.

Off the field, we are looking to make improvements to the pavilion – a splash of paint inside, new benches/storage, new lights inside as well as some improvements to the floodlights. We are seeking grants to help with this (with the backing of the Parish Council) but all the labour will be provided by members of the club. We may well find ourselves asking for help from the village – we will post notices on the notice boards and in the shop if we do need help, so please keep an eye open,



Oh – and one more thing – The Football Club is 125 years old in 2022. I am trying to build up as full a history of it as I can. I can cover the last 15 years, but I wasn't around for the previous 110 years! Clearly, not may people were around for all of that but I know we have villagers who can cover the last 60/70 years at least. So, to you, please can you send me emails with anything you have to wallispeter13@gmail.com I would love copies of any old photos so we can try to build up a decent history of the club.

Many thanks to everyone connected to the club for your ongoing support in these difficult time.

Pete Wallis - Club Secretary

Phoenix Club

The Bromham Phoenix Club met on Tuesday 9th November at their new venue, Derry Hill village hall. Maggie was the guest speaker and she gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Medical Detection Dogs charity. It is amazing what these clever dogs can smell out. As usual the club raffle was in aid of the Social Centre rebuild fund.

It was a very cold frosty morning when we set off on Tuesday 23rd November rather later than usual at 9.25 a.m. None of us knew where we were going as it was a "Mystery Tour". We took the road to Salisbury, but that was not our destination, which was Wilton House and Garden Centre just a few miles away from Salisbury. The centre sold a huge selection of plants and many lovely Christmas items. Also shops selling a variety of goods. We had one and a half hours to browse and buy and also enjoy the cafe for an early lunch or brunch or just a coffee. We continued our journey still not knowing our final destination. Eventually we arrived at Southampton near the Christmas Market and the very large local shopping mall. We were able to do some more shopping and have a look round all the interesting stalls on the Christmas Market. There were stalls selling gluhwein and churros and many with unusual continental goods. We returned to our coach at 4.00p.m. for our journey back to Bromham.



On 13 December some sixty members met for their Christmas Lunch at Derry Hill village hall. This was provided by Andrew Evans Catering of Malmesbury. It was to a very high standard and enjoyed by all.

Dennis Powney & Jean Turner

BROMHAM SOCIAL CENTRE UPDATE

December 2021

Social Centre Rebuild Committee:

- The Social Centre Rebuild Committee is meeting regularly in public, and any villager is welcome to attend. If you would like copies of the agenda, please contact the Secretary or see the Facebook page. We will set aside the first 15 minutes of every meeting for public engagement.
- Minutes of meetings will be published on the Facebook page, on the village website and on the new notice board outside the Social Centre car park once they have been approved, as will the agenda and date for the next meeting.

Insurance Claim: We are still awaiting a response from the solicitors instructed by the roofers insurers. The committee members liaising with our solicitors are taking steps to progress matters in the event a response is not received shortly.

Fund raising: Several fund raising activities have taken place recently, or are being organised. See more about the

Bromham Christmas card below. A New Year event will take place at The Greyhound. Thank you to everyone who has made donations or raised funds so far.

Special mention and thanks to Cathy Pearce, who has so far donated £725 from the proceeds of sales of her pastel paintings featuring Roundway Hill. Pictures are still available - see her post on Spotted in Bromham.

Clubhouse Café: Following a successful trial on December 16th and 17th, the café will open every Thursday and Friday from 10.30 - 1.30 starting on January 6th.

Keep in touch or send a message via our Facebook page:

@BromhamSocialCentre

BROMHAM CLUBHOUSE CAFÉ

The Clubhouse Cafe will open on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th January and then every Thursday and Friday from 10.30 until 1.30.

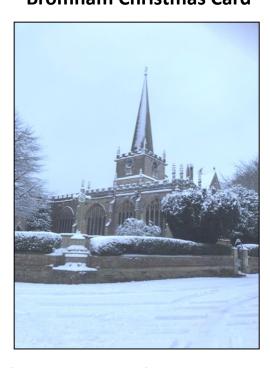
We'll be selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes, soup and a roll, and some savouries.

Any donations of tea, coffee or cakes etc. will be gratefully accepted.

All profits will go to the Social Centre Rebuild Fund

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Bromham Christmas Card



Many of you will have heard of, seen and bought the Christmas Cards in support of the rebuilding fund. I would like to thank the villagers for their amazing enthusiasm for supporting this fund raising idea.

To date the total collected is in excess of £1,300.

Thanks to all the village retail outlets who willingly agreed to sell the cards, as well as The Post Office and finally the Church who so successfully sold them during the Christmas Tree Festival.

We would also like to thank Superior Print, Melksham for their generosity in producing the cards free of charge, and in such a short time, so we could maximise sales.

For those who missed the opportunity to buy cards for Christmas 2021, there are a few packs still available. To buy early for next year please contact Rachel Prichard on 07759 009507.

Thank you again to everyone for such a wonderful result.

Rachel Prichard



The Pudding Run Raced Back in 2021

Bromham and the wider community welcomed back the Pudding Run in style this year with incredible support and generosity. The runners received amazing support all across the route which certainly helped them on a coldand blustery day. The return of the race came after the 2020 event had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, but this year's race certainly made up for it.

The 2021 race didn't disappoint with very fast times in all categories. The male race was won by Jake Stephens of Chippenham Harriers in 33:44, and the female race by Aine Halton-Hanley in 37:17. The fastest local male race was won by Allan Wall and the fastest local female race was won by Cassie Maxfield. The fastest male team and the fastest female team races (first 3 from each team over the line) were both won by Team Bath Athletics Club.



This race wouldn't be able to take place without having the support of the most amazing community that not only welcomes the race, but actively does everything it can to make sure it is both a success and a great experience for all our race runners. Thank you to the Parish Council for allowing us to close the Social Centre car park and put in place all our race day infrastructure. Thank you to all of the residents in Greystones who are incredibly patient with our race start and especially to the amazing family (you know who you are) who allow us to take over their driveway, and go out of their way to help us.

This race wouldn't be able to take part without all of our incredible volunteers, the Race Event Team which includes our AMAZING Race Secretary and family, our Medical Team, our Signage Team, our Road Safety Team, our Marshals, our drivers, our PDF Master, our Race Starter. Thank you to the catering team which rustled up the bacon butties for all our volunteers to keep us going all day. Finally, thank you to everyone else who helped us.

The one thing that drives the organisation of the race is the amazing fundraising with every penny raised going to our fantastic school. This pushes all the volunteers to the limits of what they can in achieve in already busy lives.

The Pudding Run 2021 raised the totally amazing amount of £9,162.90

This awesome total couldn't have been achieved by the race alone and everyone in the Pudding Run Team, our School staff, the parents and most importantly of all our children at St. Nicholas School want to thank those that have made very generous donations along with our fantastic sponsors.

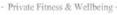
Pudding Run 2021 - Thankyou to our sponsors!























































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Linus Project - Wiltshire

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Wiltshire area coordinator for Project Linus UK. Project Linus UK is a national network of volunteers who make beautiful 'Linus' quilts and knitted blankets which are given as gifts to sick, disabled, distressed or traumatized children living in the volunteers' local areas. https://projectlinusuk.org.uk/

A Linus quilt is a cheerful, handmade quilt or blanket, designed for a baby, child or teenager to provide warmth, comfort and security. They are given as gifts to individual children who are 'in need of a hug' and who have come to the attention of our coordinators, or to institutions where there are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed children. All skill levels can make Linus quilts. They do not have to be 'works of art' but can be very simple designs in bright cheerful fabrics suitable for children. I personally use up my fabric store (which seems to grow even while I sew) and to practice techniques that are new to me. The key element with a Linus quilt is that it should appeal to a child and not have items like buttons or beads that might come adrift.

I have only just started, but am being very supported by other coordinators. At the moment I need both quilts and outlets for those quilts. I have made some initial contacts and I have a request from a local children's hospice for larger quilts for teenagers (single bed size) and there is a need for ventilator quilts (34 x 54 inches) for a local Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. I know there was a well-attended sewing group in Bromham, but I haven't seen any news of it since the pandemic and village hall fire. If you live in Bromham and would like to make a quilt then do contact me. I'd be happy to run a quilting workshop if enough sewers were interested. If you have ideas for other institutions in Wiltshire that might like Linus quilts I would be grateful for suggestions.



You can contact me at ellayne.fowler@btinternet.com. I look forward to hearing from you - Ellayne Fowler

Royal British Legion - The Bromham Branch

The Bromham Branch of the Royal British Legion was formed on 4 February 1922 by local servicemen who had recently returned from the Great War. At first, residents of Chittoe were also included as members but, in 1938, the Chittoe members formed their own branch, which continued successfully until 1972 when its few remaining members returned to the Bromham Branch.

Right from the outset, the Bromham Branch members decided that their own meeting hall, was required, and therefore set about raising the money. A donation list shows that by 31 December 1923, members had donated a total of £2 18s 0d (£2.90p) to the 'Legion Hall' fund. The list is headed by a donation from Dennis's father, William F Powney, and is written in his hand, so it is safe to presume that he was responsible for the list and that he also collected the money.



The Foundation Stone of 'The Hut'.

Eventually, sufficient funds were accrued and the Legion was able to purchase an ex- army wooden building. This was erected in New Road, just south of Love Lane Cottage (which is the site of the former Post Office). Mrs Mildred Edwards, the wife of Brigadier General John Edwards of Sloperton Cottage, laid the foundation stone of the new Bromham British Legion Hall on 24 September 1924. This stone was included in the foundations of the new Village Hall and was, thankfully, rescued from the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the building in 2021. Hopefully, it will be included in the foundations of the planned new Social Centre when it is built.

The wooden building, forever after known as 'The Hut' was, at first, painted grey. Later on, it was sheathed with corrugated iron sheets and these were painted maroon. Two silver birch trees were planted in 1935, either side of the main doorway of 'The Hut', to commemorate the Royal Silver Jubilee. However, they had to be felled in February 2006 because they were interfering with the overhead electricity supply cables which, of course, were unforeseen some 70 years previously.

The Branch President in 1938 was Colonel James Dunn of Battle House, and Committee meetings were often held at his house. The chairman at that time was Major P E Besant of The Firs,



New Road in 1929, showing 'The Hut'.

Photo courtesy of Dennis Powney

Netherstreet. At the Annual General Meeting held on October 21 1939, those present were asked to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Charles Wheeler, whose husband was the first from the Parish to die in WWII. Charles had lost his life a month earlier, on 17 September 1939, very shortly after the War had started, at the age of 44, whilst serving on HMS Courageous. His name is read out every year at the annual Village Remembrance Service, with 82 others of the Village who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their Country.

Understandably, during the War, meetings were held infrequently, and were often only the Annual General Meetings. In 1942, because of the unaffordable burden of maintaining the building, ownership of the Royal British Legion Hall was handed to the Bromham Parish Council and henceforward 'The Hut' became the Bromham Village Hall.

However, there were many Village events held during the War in aid of the Earl Haig Poppy Fund. In 1943, these included a dance organized by the Women's Land Army, which raised £6; a collection at a football match raised £1 1s 0d; and a Women's Voluntary Service whist drive raised £8 10s 1d.



New Road in 1964, showing 'The Hut', now the Village Hall, painted maroon with the 2 Silver birch trees. Photo courtesy of Paul Cole

A dance organised by 'The Coloured Americans at St Edith's House' raised £3 6s 6d, and another dance, this time organised by the Bromham British Legion Branch, raised £4 4s 0d. A sacred concert, held in the Parish Church on 21 November, raised £9 0s 6d. The Bromham Band played at Legion fund raising concerts and at the Armistice Day parades throughout duration of the War. Most of the Band members were also members of the British Legion.

In 1945 the total collected by the Branch for the Poppy Fund was £75 17 2d. At the Annual General Meeting that year, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlow Hewitt of Westbrook House was elected as Branch President. Sir Edgar continued in this post for the next 24 years, except for 1949 and 1950, when Walter Powney, then Jack Johnstone, held the post. Also in 1945 'Ted' Cleverley replaced 'Burt' Hard as Standard Bearer, who had served in that post for several years. Following the end of the War, there was a great revival of the Branch and social meetings were held in The Greyhound on a weekly basis. The paid-up membership in 1947 totalled 78.



Laying the wreath at the 1949 Remembrance Service.

Photo courtesy of Eileen Dyke.



An 'Old Folks' Dinner, with the Women's Section at the back.

Photo courtesy of Eileen Dyke.

In 1948, the Branch organised a flower show for the Village, which continued each year until 1955. The first show was held in a marquee erected in the field at Minty's Top. Two other Parish events were also started by the Branch that year. One was a children's Christmas party, and the other a party in the New Year for the 'Old Folks' of the Village. A Women's Section of the Branch was also formed. This section flourished and soon boasted a membership of 50. Margery Hard was the Secretary of this Section for many years.

The Branch was in attendance when the village WWII memorial was unveiled, at a service held on the afternoon of 6 October 1950. This memorial took the form of a pair of wooden doors, inscribed with the names of those from the Parish who had given their lives. These doors were placed at the entrance to the south porch of the Parish Church. The names of the men who died this war were also added to the WWI memorial, in the churchyard. 'Roly' Bryant and his work-lad, John Sims, made the doors.

Also in 1950, the Branch sought to acquire another meeting hall or club house for its own use. It was the members' wish to site it at the top of Church Hill, beside the churchyard, but nothing came of this project as the land was not available. A new Branch Standard was commissioned in 1955 and the Rector arranged for the old Standard to be properly buried in the churchyard.

In 1956, Edward Cleverly, the Standard-bearer for the Bromham Branch, won the Silver Challenge Cup, Devizes and District, with the maximum number of points possible. 'Ted' handed on the task of Standard Bearer to 'Alfie' Wiltshire in 1959.

From 1957 to 1985, the Bromham Branch members provided an annual dinner for the 'Old Folks in the Parish. In 1958, the Melksham Town Band provided the entertainment at the dinner. In 1962, 100 elderly residents took advantage of this, and they sat down to an excellent meal in the Village Hall. The Branch president, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlow-Hewitt, accompanied by Lady Ludlow-Hewitt, was present and he proposed the toast.

The Devizes Town Band preceded the Royal British Legion parade to the Parish Church on Remembrance Sunday 1965; this was the last time that a band was engaged for this parade.

Two men who served the Branch for many years were, Ernest Butler as Chairman and Parade Marshal, and Jack Lee, the Branch Secretary. At this time, when the village was working together to have the Village Hall renovated the Bromham Branch of the Royal British Legion usually ran the skittles competition during the fund-raising carnival week.



The Remembrance Day Parade circa 1974.

Ernest Butler is the Parade Marshall; Captain Hood is front right of the column; Ken Lugg is at the front left.

Photo courtesy of Eileen Dyke.

In November 1969, the Bromham Standard Bearer, Alfred Wiltshire, was honoured by being invited to take part in the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Captain R T Hood was elected as the Branch President in 1970. An anniversary dance to celebrate the 50 years since the formation of the Branch was held in 1972; two founder members, Gilbert Reeves and Vivian Amor, were able to attend this event. The dedication of new Standards took place, for the Women's Section in 1975, and for the main Branch on 25 September 1977.

The Branch was very active at this time, holding meetings every month, organising fundraising dances etc, and attending functions at other Branches in the area. The annual dinner given by the members for the elderly ('Old Folks') of the Parish was still undertaken each year, usually in March.

Gerald Powney was elected as Branch President in 1980 and in 1983, Lieutenant Colonel D E Thornley followed him in the post. In 1985, Ken Lugg, a long standing member and a Branch Vice-Chairman sadly passed away. Also in that year, the last of the 'Old Folks' lunches was held; they had been held continually since 1948.

In 1990 both Colonel Thornley and Stanley Amor, who was the last of the founder members, passed away. Ernest Butler, who had served as the Branch Chairman for many years, was then elected as President. By 2000, membership of the

Women's Section had fallen to just a few members, and so this section of the Branch closed down on Sunday 3 November when their standard was laid-up in the Parish Church. It can still be seen hanging there today.

Ernest Butler died in 2001 and, on 8 November, Alfred Wiltshire was elected as the Branch President in his place. John Robbins also took over as Chairman. In August 2002, 'Alfie' handed on the standard to Pete Holt, after serving as the Branch Standard Bearer for the past 43 years. Very few Royal British Legion Standard Bearers have matched this impressive record. Both John and Pete served the



The 2001 Remembrance Parade. John Robbins is the Parade Marshall and it is Alfie Wiltshire's last parade as Standard Bearer.
Photo courtesy of Dennis Powney.

Branch with distinction for 18 years until they handed over their responsibilities to the current incumbents: Julian Lander as President; Neil Meadows as Chairman and Chris Nilsson as Standard Bearer.

The Bromham Branch continues to parade its Standard at the annual Village Remembrance Day service, which is traditionally held in the Parish Church at 3:00pm on Remembrance Sunday each November.

This year, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Branch, a new Standard was commissioned and consecrated at the Service on 14 November 2021 and the old one laid up in St Nicholas' Church. A congregation of more than 100 villagers was present at this Service. A 100th Anniversary Pennant will be added to the Standard on the Branch's actual 100th birthday on 4 February 2022. A lunch is planned (current circumstances permitting) on Saturday 5 February to celebrate in style.

The vision for 2022 (and perhaps for the next 100 years) is for the Branch to continue to support the former servicemen and women from all ranks and arms of Her Majesty's Forces who are resident in, or local to, Bromham Village, whether by the organisation of social gatherings, the facilitation of visits and field trips, or just by being there when needed. All we need is ideas, enthusiasm and a willingness to take part. Therefore, if you would be prepared to help us in any way, please email us at **bromhamveterans@gmail.com**, pull up a sandbag at our regular informal social gatherings at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, or just simply give us your contact details so that we can keep in touch.

We are indebted to Dennis Powney for the majority of this comprehensive history.



The Consecration of the new Bromham British
Legion Standard at the 2021 Remembrance Service
and the laying up of the old. Chris Nilsson is the
Standard Bearer with the Reverend Ruth Schofield.
Photo courtesy of Cathy Meadows.

Bromham Veterans

Upcoming Calendar of events

Wednesday 19th January
Saturday 5th February
Wednesday 19th February
Wednesday 16th February
Wednesday 20th April
Wednesday 18th May

19:30 hrs
Veterans 3rd Wed Social at the Greyhound
RBL Quarterly Meeting followed by Veterans 3rd Wed Social at the Greyhound

Bromham Branch of the RBL is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Saturday 5th February 2022. The plan is to have a lunch with a few drinks afterwards. Location and prices will be confirmed in the New Year. If you are interested in attending, please email me with your contact details so that we can get a provisional list of numbers wishing to attend?

In 2022, we are looking at arranging some visits around the UK: a visit to the National Arboretum or something further afield? The plan is to look into what veterans would be interested in as a day trip or perhaps an overnight stay at a venue? Any suggestions will be warmly welcomed, we plan to make 2022 a fun packed year for all.

So, please let us know if you would be prepared to help in whatever way you can by emailing us at bromhamveterans@gmail.com or by pulling up a sandbag at our regular social gatherings at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, or perhaps just by giving us an email address by which we can keep in touch?

Whatever support you can give will be most welcome.

BUNTING FOR BROMHAM - UPDATE



Several folk have been cutting and sewing colourful cotton and polycotton pennants throughout the autumn in preparation for the construction of the bunting. (See article in September/October Hoot). However, it is not too late to join in during the winter. The more pennants we can make, the greater the length of bunting. For pattern and instructions please email me at:

j.raybould833@btinternet.com

Thank you to Cathy and her mother-in-law, Ellayne, Ana, Lesley and Michael for all you have done so far. Once I have sufficient pennants I will 'shuffle' them to add variety and we can then stitch them to the tape and our bunting will be complete. What length can we achieve?

Jenny Holliday





This term has been super fun. The first part of the term we focused on Autumn and all the festivals that take place in this season. We learnt about Bonfire Night and the children enjoyed making beautifully bright and colourful firework pictures.

We learnt about celebrating Diwali. The children enjoyed tasting some Indian food, dancing to Indian music and learning about the weather, clothes, animals and Indian culture.

We had lots of fun dressing up and playing games for Halloween and enjoyed lots of Halloween crafts including carving our own pumpkins which were kindly donated by Paget's farm.

The last few weeks of the term have been focused on Christmas! The children have been enjoying decorating the tree and making the nursery look festive. They have been making lots of Christmas arts and crafts and have been practicing for the Christmas carol performance of The 12 Days of Christmas.

There has even been a little Christmas elf visiting the nursery and getting up to mischief!

From all the staff and children at Busy Kids, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Meet the team

This issue we are introducing our SENCO, Alex.

"Hi. I'm Alex. I have a Level 4 in Childcare. I have been a nanny for two families and have worked in five different nurseries. I have worked with a wide range of children and needs.

I enjoy spending time with friends and family and I also enjoy horse riding."



BUSY KIDS FUNDRAISING



The Busy Kids Committee are currently fundraising to renovate our outdoor learning areas.

We recently held a Christmas raffle and have been overwhelmed with the support from the community in donating prizes and buying raffle tickets. We raised £733 from the sale of the raffle tickets so thank you all so much. Particular thanks to the following businesses for your prize donations:

The Westbrook, The Greyhound, Morrisons, The Rowdey Cow, Paget's Farm, Wiltshire Digital, Atwell Martin Calne, Napes Cakes, Wiltshire Scrap Store, The Smithy Clinic, Clifton Photography, Active Plumbing, Bromham Stores, Spotty Dog, The Garden, The George and Dragon, The Chocolate Baker, Tesco, Stamptastic, Cranesbill Road Co-op.

We have also raised £10.50 through Marvellous Magic Mail who contributed 25% of sales made through Busy Kids back to us.

We would like to say a big thank you to Bromham Parish Council and to Howdens for their very generous donations of £250 each to Busy Kids. This will help enormously with our renovations.

The Pudding Run!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the committee members and parents who raised £571.18 in sponsorship money for Busy Kids by completing the Pudding Run.

A massive thank you and well done to Allan Wall, Zoe Back, Christine Price, Linda Beverley Hard and Kate Richardson.



Join the Committee

Busy Kids is a committee run charity. The committee meet once a month and hold occasional extra fundraising meetings and events. If you have a little bit of free time and would be interested in becoming involved with a really great team, please contact Busy Kids.



Hello people of Bromham,

We absolutely loved carol singing around the village this year. We went out on 3 nights, the 13th, 15th and 21st December and had so many lovely comments and requests.

In total we raised £440.99 and would like to thank everyone for their donations, which will be going to the social centre rebuild and Bromham Church, two worthwhile causes.

Thank you also to all who volunteered and we hope to see you all next year!

Georgie Devon and Caroline Culley



Just a few of the trees created by village organisations for the Christmas Tree Festival in St Nicholas Church





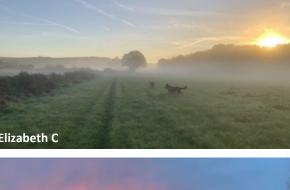
















Chris Burgess





Friends of St Nicholas School Treasurer Role

The Friends of St Nicholas School are seeking a Treasurer to assist the group with the Charity accounts. The job briefly involves the following tasks:

- Updating accounts transactions on spreadsheet around an hour a month maybe a couple of hours/month in Nov/Dec.
- Making payments via online banking.
- Making payments to school as agreed with PTA.
- Counting and banking all cash received.
- Delivering accounts p/w to auditors once a year.
- ◊ Updating charity commission website with accounts figures a 5 min job.
- Attend evening meetings approximately 6 per year.

If you are interested in the above role, please contact the school office: admin@st-nicholasvc.wilts.sch.uk stating your interest.

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TEDDY BEAR TRAIL 2022 - Someone Beginning with 'B'

Last year's Teddy Bear Trail was the most successful so far and hopefully 2022 will be even better! Once again running over a weekend, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June, this year the theme will be **'Someone Beginning with B'**. So get your thinking caps on and start planning your Teddy soon – spaces are limited to 50 bears throughout the centre of the village. Your bear can represent a character from a book or film, a celebrity, a cartoon character, someone from history...just so long as their name begins with the letter 'B'. Remember the trail is for all the family so Teddies for the children and the grown ups are needed. There is no entry fee for the creators of the bears. All you need to do is get in touch with Cathy Welch on 01380 850555 or email Cathy at cathywelchyoga@gmail.com to get your name down and to check your idea to ensure we can avoid duplicates.

Locations: We will be looking to use most of the usual locations for the Trail and are happy to have offers of new places to put the bears as well.

Prizes: If you are able to offer a great prize for the winners of the Teddy Bear Trail please get in touch. It's fantastic if we can get these donated rather than having to spend money to earn money!

Sponsors: With 50 bears we will need at least 50 sponsors, one for each bear. Your name will be displayed by the bear as well as being put in the programme. £10 per sponsorship.

Advertisers: As always local businesses are encouraged to place an advert in the Teddy Bear Trail programme as a great way to support the event.

Participants: It's never too early to share the date with family, friends and colleagues so that we can get even more people to enjoy this fabulous event and spend time in our lovely village.

CARNIVAL PROCESSION 2022

We are hoping to be able to organise the Carnival Procession as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Saturday June 4th - watch this space for more details.

THANK YOU!

The last two years have seen some big changes in the Bromham Carnival Committee team with a few long-standing members moving on. Many plans were discussed to say farewell to them properly, but Covid-19 and the lockdown restrictions meant that we have been unable to celebrate the amazing work of some very special people.

Tracy Collins has worked tirelessly for the Carnival Committee over many years. Tracy spent hours attending events and making sure things ran smoothly, all fitted around her own local farm shop business. It sometimes felt as if Tracy had more the 24 hours in her days! Always a friendly and smiling face whether it was Bingo Night, General Knowledge Quiz or on Carnival Day itself. Her dedication and experience will be greatly missed.

Den Fillis was always there to do what needed to be done. He knew everyone, and was able to get hold of whatever was needed to make each event a success. He seemed to have boundless energy and good humour. His wealth of knowledge of Carnivals past was such a bonus on the committee and he was a really valued team member.

Malcolm Turner was a committee member for many years and more recently the Vice Chair. Malcolm always knew what needed to be done and was there to set events up, helping them to run smoothly and then there to clear up at the end. Working closely with the Committee Chair he was a reliable and 'no nonsense' team member who got things done. It is lovely to know that he is still willing to lend a hand when we need him!

And last, but by no means least, **Pete Davis** was Chair of the Carnival Committee for more years than any of us remaining on the committee can remember. A well-known personality within the village he used his knowledge and connections to great effect. His influence kept local businesses involved in Carnival and he worked alongside Malcolm to ensure the Carnival continued to grow each year. His legendary ability to sell raffle tickets was second to none. He leaves a space that is hard to fill.

We have also said goodbye to Jane Fowler, Fiona Burtenshaw, Keith Mahoney and Jane Slusarczyk although we hope we can call on them to help us out when we are short of people. It's always hard to thank everyone who has contributed over the years and so we hope that those not mentioned here will understand that we can't name everyone who has helped in recent years.

Thank you all a million times over – Bromham Carnival wouldn't still exist without your many, many years of hard work. We will try to keep it going the best we can and hope you will continue to come along to Carnival events for many more years.

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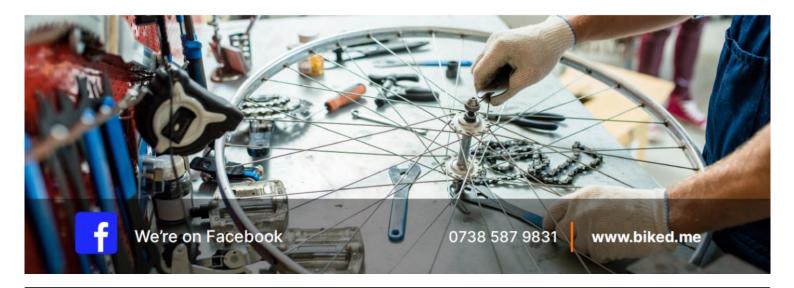
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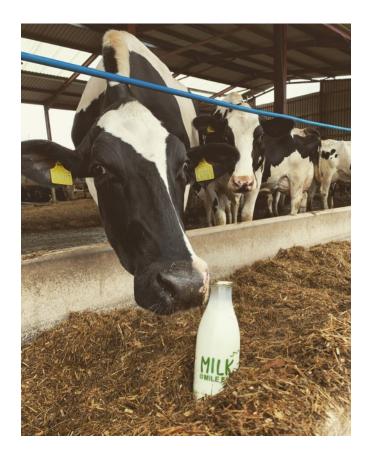




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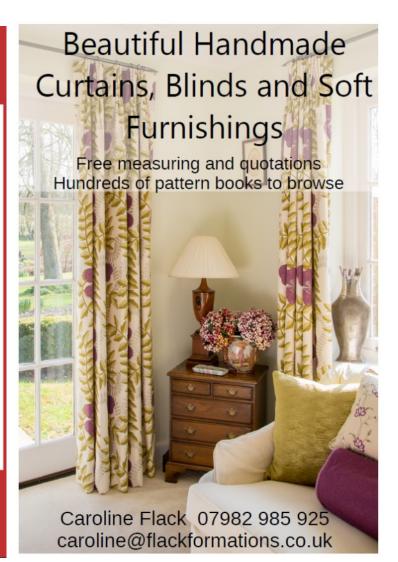
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