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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the March/April 2022 edition of The Bromham Hoot.

As usual, there are reports and pictures from our village organisations, details of the plans for Bromham Carnival and the Teddy Bear Trail 2022 and for the village celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Thank you to everyone that sent us photos for the front cover. This time we chose the amazing pastel painting of snowdrops "A mid winter verge in the parish of Bromham" by local artist Keshani 'Kay' Douglas. Kay decided to create a picture of something we probably all walk or drive past without really looking. For more info on her work please go to **great_little_art_works** on Instagram. There isn't a lot of space to display some of the other submissions, but here are just a few. Please keep them coming for the next issue.







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 May - June 2022, and will be distributed at the beginning of May. The deadline for content and advertising is Friday April 15th.



Charity Night AN EVENING OF **ENTERTAINMENT** featuring THE ISOSCELES THEATRE **COMPANY** Saturday 2nd April 2022 at 7.00 pm ROWDEFIELD EVENT CENTRE Ploughman's Supper plus Puddings Bar / Raffle / Auction All profits in aid of: Wiltshire Air Ambulance & Dorothy House - 50% Bromham Social Centre Rebuild - 50% Tickets £20 each available from: Den & Cath Fillis, Lazy Acre - 01380 850473 Tracy Collins, V&P Collins Farm Shop - 01380 850186

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS January/February 2022

JANUARY 2022

Laura Mayes Update - WC Issues: Happy New Year to everyone.

- WC budget setting 1st Feb-15th.
- Travellers: RH & LM attended services meeting. Issues discussed dog order & visits. Any attacks etc. must be
 reported to dogs@wiltshire.gov.uk Apologies received from the police regarding no officer attended the Pudding
 Runs as promised.
- 2018 & 2020 Enforcement cases to be rescheduled together at Swindon on 18th Jan. Non attendance due to Covid in December/January. New date for injunction hearing to be confirmed, April July? At Bristol.
- Matt Perrott replaces Richard Dobson as WC Highway engineer. RH/PP Meeting 3rd Feb.
- Wyatt's Lake: Flooding/drainage WC Drainage team has investigated, drainage on site has compromised drainage on the A3102 causing the flooding.

SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD COMMITTEE:

- New chairs and tables purchased.
- Many thanks for all donations received to date £8471.22. Total received for the sale of Christmas cards by Graham and Rachael Prichard £1546.00. Greyhound New Year Fund Raiser raised £2052.00

ALLOTMENTS: Vacant plots to be allocated April 2022. Crown rent increase to be discussed.

ECO BROMHAM: Areas for planting to be discussed.

EMPLOYEES SALARY: It was agreed that the Cemetery Caretakers and Street Cleaner's salary to be increased.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING 31 DEC 2022: Allot: 3210.18 Gen: 5583.16 Bur: 6958.82 SC Rebuild: 9733.68 VAT 2219.54 Bal: 23266.30 +£1. Outstanding Cheques 4477.00

Other accounts: £21791.99 + £1328.55 TOTAL Balance 31.12.21 £74897.42

PLANNING APPLICATIONS/APPROVED/APPEALS RECEIVED

- PL/2021/11867 Chapel House The Leaze, Bromham SN15 2EY. Proposed tree works in a conservation area.
- PL/2021/11868 4 New Road, Bromham SN15 2JE Proposed tree works in a conservation area.
- PL/2021/11743 Dairy House, 62 Netherstreet, Bromham. SN15 2DW Alterations, extensions and change of use to curtilage listed building outbuildings to form annexe.
- PL/2021/11714 & PL/2021/11715: Plots 1 & 2 72 West Winds, Netherstreet, Bromham. Demolition of bungalow and replacement of 2 detached dwellings and associated works to include change of use of land to form extended residential curtilage. JB declared an interest as relative of the applicant.

CONCERNS:

Potholes, flooding, High Street school cars parking (Please can parents refrain from parking in the hatched area in the High Street, please use the Village Car Park (opposite The Greyhound) and the Social Centre Car Park)

FEBRUARY 2022:

Laura Mayes WC Update:

- Traveller's New Road: 2 Enforcement Hearings together on May 30th. Injunction Hearing at Bristol April-July.
- Wyatt's Lake: Environmental Agency taking investigations forward. All bonfires to be reported to WC please.
- Covid Infections: Still high in Wiltshire with the biggest rise in schools. 142 patients in hospitals with 5 in ICU. 86% vaccinated.

WC Highways: The Clerk and Chairman met in the village with the new Highway Engineer Matt Perrott.

Concerns discussed:

- A342 EDGE OF ROAD + slow sign on road
- A342 ST EDITH'S MARSH delamination/repairs (Sandy Lane?)
- ENTRANCE TO HIGHFIELD OFF THE A342 -road surface
- STREET LIGHTING ACROSS THE POUND
- SOLAR STREET LIGHTING ACROSS THE POUND?
- THE POUND TO HIGH STREET ROAD SURFACE/POTHOLES
- HEDGE/TREES AT STONEY LANE
- STONEY LANE COBBLES AND BANKS
- JOCKEY LANE SURFACE AND POTHOLES Up to Four Winds
- HAWKSTREET ROAD/VERGES/FLOODING
- NEW ROAD VERGE/gullies

WC CATG MEETING: The Clerk attended with some positive results for Bromham:

- Church Hill Metro Count, following the results of vehicles travelling up the hill at 59MPH and down the hill at 58MPH It was agreed that the request to extend the 30MPH speed limit is revisited.
- 30MPH repeater signs to be installed along New Road. Also due to road works and the Metro Count machine being situated at the incorrect location, the count was requested again.
- "No Footpath/Pedestrians in Road" signs to be erected at The Pound in February.
- New request to CATG for additional signs for the Chittoe Junction, also concern regarding overtaking.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: Joint Parish events with the Carnival Committee (see separate article)

The PC has purchased 250 celebration bone china mugs for distribution to all children under 12.

PARISH PLAN UPDATE: The Chairman J Butler gave an update and presented further sites for discussion following a further call for sites.

SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD COMMITTEE: Insurance claim still ongoing.

NEW ORCHARD: Stone and plaque purchased to be installed.

CHURCHYARD EXTENSION GATES: The hinges failed resulting in one gate falling. WC has repaired and re installed.

PAVILION: Many thanks to Neil and Chandler Davison who have been carrying out repairs and re-vamping the changing rooms.

CHITTOE NOTICE BOARD: Many thanks to D Fillis who made and erected a new notice board.

POUND FOOTPATH ADDITIONAL LIGHTS: Supplier and contractor trying to be located through WC.

PLANNING:

PL/2021/11936 Dairy House, 62 Netherstreet: alterations, extensions and change of use.

PL/2022/00046 16 Netherstreet: replace wooden garden building with solid construction for office/garden room.

Tree works at 4 new Road and Chapel House The Leaze approved.

CONCERNS:

Small gate in the Cemetery to be repaired. Potholes, Church Hill road edge weeds, drains at Silver Street, tipping at the closed road Chittoe.

Next PC Meeting 14th March 2022.

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

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

Social Centre Rebuild Committee

- The Rebuild Committee is continuing to look forward to when we are able to proceed with our new Social Centre. To date we have not had any indication of difficulties with insurers, but the process is taking much longer than expected. This is partly because the building was under insured. The insurance claim is now progressing to the next stage, but needs to be managed and prepared properly. A letter of claim is being drafted and expert evidence is being collated. Court proceedings would be the next stage thereafter, if that becomes necessary. Rebuild Committee member Ross Phillips is chasing our solicitor for regular updates and of course seeking to move the process along as swiftly as possible.
- Other preparations are also taking place. A very positive meeting has taken place with Wiltshire Council Sports Development officers to seek advice as to how we best develop sports facilities in the new centre. There are plenty of options, many of which will attract grant funding. Recently some maintenance work has taken place in the Pavilion, but has been spoilt by a thoughtless visiting team.
- Storm Eunice meant that Committee members had to cancel their trip to look at other successful local village halls and community centres and gain ideas for our design but this has been rescheduled for mid March.
- Our meetings remain open to the public and the minutes are published on social media and on the new notice board outside the Social Centre car park once they have been approved, as are the agenda and date for the next meeting.

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

We continue to hold regular services at the Chapel, as well as our monthly coffee mornings.

Services in March and April:

Sunday 6th March - Local arrangement

Sunday 13th March - Rev Peggy Kabonde

Sunday 20th March - Local arrangement

Sunday 27th March - Mr Clive Illman

Sunday 3rd April - Rev Tom MacMeekin

Sunday 10th April - Rev Peggy Kabonde

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday to be arranged

Sunday 24th April - Mr Eric Clifford

Coffee & Chat: Saturday March 5th and Saturday April 2nd from 10.00am - 12 noon

We will be holding a Lent Lunch on Saturday March 26th, 12 noon until 2pm, proceeds will be shared between "Send a Cow" and our own chapel funds. We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and as always say a very grateful thank you for all the support we receive from the village.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

Lent Lunch

In support of the Send a Cow



Saturday 26th March – Chapel Saturday 2nd April – St. Nicholas Saturday 9th April - St. Nicholas

12 noon to 2pm each day All Welcome ☺

GIVE US A CALL



We are delighted that many people who we have been supporting over the last two years 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. Even if you are just finding things a bit quiet and would like to have a chat with one of our friendly volunteers, do reach out and give us a call.



email: bromhamgoodneighbours@outlook.com

BROMHAM BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



On Saturday 5th February, the Bromham Branch of the Royal British Legion met at the Greyhound for a Lunch to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Branch on 4 February 1922 by servicemen who had recently returned from the Great War.

The current members reaffirmed their commitment to support the ex-servicemen and women of the Village, and to ensure that the names of the 83 villagers who fell in the service of their Country would never be forgotten.

Pictured here is the Branch President, Julian Lander, with the new Standard that was consecrated at the Village Remembrance Service on 14 November 2021, emblazoned with the Branch's 100th Anniversary Pennant.

BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES



Dear Friends,

I write this column on the day when Covid restrictions have finally (we hope) come to an end; it's no longer a legal requirement to isolate at home if you are infected. And just as we might have hoped to be able to breathe a little easier, this morning Russian forces attacked Ukraine, and rolled across her borders in armoured convoys. Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine, and to the surrounding nations who are also in danger. It seems likely that the sanctions we have announced, and the conflict itself, will have dramatic effects on our economy in the coming months.

All of which is to say that at the moment we have reasons to be grateful, but also concerns for our world and those who are most vulnerable. St Nicholas Church in Bromham and Sandy Lane Church are both open for you to drop in to say a prayer, (10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday) or just to spend some time in the peaceful atmosphere.

Our Sunday services are shown below, and also the services during Holy Week.

Our service on Easter Sunday will be my last as Rector, as I am moving to Alderbury to be Rural Dean, and Team Vicar in the Clarendon team of churches. I have had an amazing time here over the last five years, and it's been a privilege to serve you as your parish priest. Thank you for your company on the journey. But I'll be leaving you in safe hands. If you have any queries about services, you can contact:

Revd Heather Smith on 07702 113544 (especially for weddings and baptisms) Caroline Culley on 07557 983940 (especially for funerals)

or John Drew 01380 850908 (churchwarden)

with love and prayers,

Revd Ruth

Church Services in March and April in our churches in Bromham, Sandy Lane and Rowde

	8.00 am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	10.00 am Eucharist
6 March	Rowde	Bromham
13 March	Sandy Lane	Rowde
20 March	Bromham	Bromham
27 March - Mothering Sunday	Sandy Lane	Rowde & also Bromham
3 April	Rowde	Bromham
10 April	Sandy Lane	Rowde
17 April - Easter Day	Sandy Lane and also Rowde	Bromham
24 April	No service	Rowde

Holy Week Services at Bromham:

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th April 6pm Compline

Wednesday 13th April 7:30pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday 14th April 7:30pm Communion

Good Friday 15th April 6pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16th April 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Any changes to service times will be put on our Facebook page – Churches of Rowde and Bromham.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

The theme of our first meeting this year was very appropriate considering the forth coming celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. Our speaker for the evening was Daphne Atkinson and she gave us an enjoyable and entertaining talk and slide show on the Queen's hats. The Queen has over 5000 hats of various colours and styles, and it was interesting to see how her choice of styles has changed over the years. But they are always styled to be off her face so that she can be seen and in really bright colours to match her outfit. The Queen also has 100 clear plastic umbrellas, with a coloured edge to match outfits. Our competition for the evening was your favourite hat , and the members certainly went to town and there was a fantastic assortment of hats on the competition table. The winning hat belonged to Sylvia Dalby

Our February meeting was again about an article of attire, but this time not belonging to the Queen! Our speaker for the evening was Sarah Delves. an antiques dealer and lecturer and consultant at the V & A Museum. She gave us an interesting and very amusing talk on handbags and their development and various uses through history. She had brought pictures and bags from her own collection and it was fascinating to see how bags have evolved over the centuries. The earliest picture she showed us was of a pre-historic bag that was decorated with dog's teeth. Yet again the members surpassed themselves with the competition, and I think it was quite difficult for Sarah to choose the winning bag. But the winning bag belonged to Anne Smith, and was a bag bought by Anne's mother when they lived in Egypt.

Our next meeting is on March 9th at 7.30 pm in the Clubhouse, when Anne Smith will be telling us about her recent trip to Africa. In April we will learn about Fussel Foods. To learn more about Bromham W I please contact either Lesley Eacopo (850967) or Anne Smith (828412), new members are always welcome.

Sheila Sims

Bromham Footpath Group

Our pub walk in January started from the Black Horse Devizes and was led by Nigel Tuck. He took us along the canal towards the town until we reached the A361 and then down a path none of us knew existed which eventually brought us to the bottom of Conscience Lane. We eventually came to the Rowdey Cow and then crossed the A342 and picked our way up through the very boggy plantation to the flight of locks. We were a little bit ahead of schedule so we stopped at the little cafe for a drink before completing the climb up to the pub where 18 of us enjoyed a lovely meal.





The winter months are always a bit of a challenge - not so much because of the weather but the conditions underfoot. Try as we might it is very difficult to avoid the mud and on a recent walk we encountered a sea of it. I got my boot stuck and had to be rescued, then my rescuer almost got stuck but we all made it across in the end.

Linda Drummond-Harris



Bromham Gardening Club will be starting on Thursday 17^{th} March, 7.30-9 pm in the Clubhouse. This will be the AGM followed by our speaker Gill Hazel, who will be telling us about Holland and its Flower Festivals. Don't forget to bring your subs (£15)

for the year) and some change for tea, coffee and the raffle. On 21st April we will be hearing about Heavenly Hostas from John Baker, whilst 19th May will bring Dominic Hamilton from Painswick Gardens.

Whether you have been to Gardening Club before or not, everyone is very welcome to join. Visitors are welcome for an entrance fee of £2.

Notes from the Belfry

I now have two students learning to ring and both are doing very well. Bob is ringing with us for services now and is keen to get out and about to try other bells. Bell ringing is a very social activity. We enjoy attending each other's practices and there's often an opportunity to go to the pub afterwards. St Andrews Chippenham have a lovely ring of 8 and the ringers are very welcoming so we pitched up there last week. Bromham tower is a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (Calne Branch). We take turns to hold monthly meetings at each of the 10 towers in the branch. As well as the ringing there's a short (optional) church service followed by a tea. I am hoping that our new recruits will take advantage of this opportunity to visit other churches.

Linda Drummond-Harris

Eco Bromham



We are very pleased that the bulbs we planted in November are coming up. Look out for them at the entrance to the Social Centre car park. By the time you read this we will have planted some of the shrubs that have been donated for the same area. These shrubs are all good for wildlife, either birds, bees, butterflies or sundry bugs and beetles! Thank you to the Duke of Edinburgh volunteer who has been helping with this.

If you would like to know what to plant in your garden that is good for wildlife, have a look at some of the things we have planted here. Thank you to the three volunteers who have offered to look after this area. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

In March and April we will be scattering annual flower seeds in a flower bed by the Millenium Cross.

Don't forget to start planning so you can enter the 'Bromham Gardening for Wildlife' competition. We welcome entrants of all ages, from the youngest to the most mature!

Check out our Eco Bromham Facebook page.

Catherine and the Eco Bromham team

Bromham Branch 1922-2022

The Bromham Branch of the RBL celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Saturday 5th February 2022 with a lunch in the Greyhound. It was a good turnout and the beers went down well. The food provided by the Chefs at the Greyhound was exquisite.

For this year, we have agreed that our 1st outing should be to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire, dates will be arranged and we are looking at hiring a minibus for the trip. The journey up to the Arboretum is about 2-3hrs max with a quick break along the way. We will look into the best options and publish the costs in the next edition of the Hoot. Hopefully we can get as many veterans interested as possible and, weather permitting, it will be over a weekend in the coming weeks – watch this space!

We are also planning other trips and suggestions are to attend the Imperial War Museum in London or Duxford Aerodrome. The good thing about the UK is that we are spoilt for choices. In addition to our planned trips, we will be setting up a stand at this year's Carnival. This year we will look at inviting some veterans who make trinkets to sell, we will publish names once I get confirmation of their attendance and the wares that they will be displaying.

Upcoming Calendar of events

Wednesday 16th March 19:30hrs RBL Quarterly Meeting followed by Veterans 3rd Wed Social at the Greyhound

Wednesday 13th April 19:30hrs Veterans 3rd Wed Social at the Greyhound Wednesday 18th May 19:30hrs Veterans 3rd Wed Social at the Greyhound

Saturday 4th June Bromham Village Carnival

Wednesday 15th June 19:30hrs RBL Quarterly Meeting followed by Veterans 3rd Wed Social at the Greyhound

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 directly.

Whatever support you can give will be most welcome.

Bromham Ladies

Reflecting on 2021 and the Bromham Ladies Club, it was a bad year in many respects. Due to restrictions, we were unable to meet and our lovely Social Centre burned down.

However, by July we did make the decision to begin meeting again.

Our first meeting was on the Jubilee Field, with each person bringing their own chair and picnic. It was the most perfectly, glorious evening and Andrew Hurst provided quiet background music on his classical guitar. And, sensing our joyous mood, he serenaded us for much, longer than the time he was booked for!

In August we were still meeting outside. Jan Davey, one of our most loyal members, and a member of the Bromham Footpath Group, led us on a local walk. This was followed by another homemade snack, sitting on the Jubilee Field. Unfortunately, the weather on this occasion, was cold and damp.

The burning down of our beloved Social Centre, meant that as restrictions eased, the Committee had to start researching other venues that would be large enough to accommodate 30+ members. We were offered the use of Primary School hall, which we gladly accepted and this has proved to be a very comfortable venue.

So in September, with restrictions still easing, we held our first indoor meeting. Sheila Sims, one of our most hard working and talented members, brought in her many quilts to show us and to talk about. Each one has been made by hand - no machine work here! Amazing!!

In October, Jan Davey gave us a very informative talk, with wonderful photographs, about her very special expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. What a very special trip that was!

Following a cancellation from our November speaker, Dennis Powney, who has helped us out on many occasions and is a great friend of the group, presented part of his collection of photographs of Bromham, both old and new. Many in the audience recognised grandparents, great grandparents, or people from their childhood. Others marvelled at the beautiful old buildings that are no longer standing.

Sadly, in December, with the cases of Omicron rising, we decided to postpone the Christmas meeting and the meal that Eric Lepine was going to provide for us all.

2022 has started on a positive note with restrictions lifting again.

We had a super meeting in January, with Cathy Welch taking to us about Yoga and the history of Yoga. She finished, her very interesting talk, with some Chair Yoga which we all thoroughly enjoyed. We ended the evening calm and much more relaxed than when we started! A great evening!

We are looking forward to the future now and have a number of events to look forward to, including a 'Cattle Drive' (similar to a Beetle Drive, but much more fun!) with refreshments, on 15th March, the postponed meal by Eric Levine, on 12th April, a talk by Daphne Atkinson called 'Crowning Glory', on 17th May and the Jubilee Celebrations and Carnival, in June.

Bromham Ladies is a club for all women. It is a friendly, relaxed club with a hard working Committee. We meet in Bromham Primary School hall on the third Tuesday of the month, at 8pm. If you'd like to join us, please, just turn up on the night or contact Muriel Sibun on 01380 850126 or e-mail. davidsibun@hotmail.co.uk

Muriel Sibun

Phoenix Club

The guest speaker on January 11th was Libby Mornment. She told of the invention of Cyanotype (or Blueprint) an early type of photography, by Sir John Herschel in the 1800s. Members were then able to conduct their own experiment and keep the result. On January 25th John Girvan came to tell of the many things that could be done with things that we usually throw away. This talk was entitled 'A Load of Rubbish', but the talk was far from that, in fact it was very interesting.

We made an early start on Tuesday 8th February and set off at 8.30 am prompt, heading for Abergavenny in Wales. Our driver told us it was busy on the M4 so he took the Bath road. We had a welcome comfort stop near Newport and arrived at Abergavenny late morning after riding through the beautiful Welsh countryside. We were lucky enough to see the first spring lambs. We parked near The Priory, but unfortunately couldn't look round as there was a funeral in progress. There was quite a long walk to the town, so a coffee was very welcome before exploring this attractive market town, known as "The gateway to Wales". Luckily it was market day with an indoor market as well, so plenty to see.

After lunch we set off again for a tour of the Brecon Beacons. Lovely far-reaching views all around. We descended through a light drizzle, but still with wonderful views and with a lake as an extra bonus. We arrived safely home in Bromham at about 5.00 pm.

Bromham & Rowde Monday Club

Monday Club is now meeting permanently in the Clubhouse every Monday between 10 am and 1 pm. We enjoyed our time at Angell House but refurbishment of the lounge in early January meant it was no longer suitable for large groups.

Serena continues to spoil us with her delicious food. This year Valentines Day fell on a Monday, and we had a lovely themed meal.





The Monday following the weekend of storm Eunice we were surprised by a visit from a camera crew from ITV News who interviewed some of our members to find out how they had coped during the power cuts. Pauline and Nick both had starring roles on the local news that evening!

To find out more about Monday Club, please contact

Carol - 01380 850925 or Caroline - 07557 983940

We have room for new members, so why not come along for a coffee and a chat one Monday morning and see if you would like to join us?



LAURA MAYES - Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham, Rowde & Roundway

Happy New Year! I hope you managed to see friends and family over the holiday period without too much disruption. I finally succumbed to Covid two weeks before Christmas but am fully recovered and looking forward to another busy year as your Wiltshire Councillor.

Have you ever considered becoming a foster carer? You may have seen a new campaign to find foster homes for 23 children and young people who live in the Devizes area. Wiltshire Council began targeting local areas this summer starting with Trowbridge. It's now hoping the campaign for the Devizes area will help local people who are thinking about fostering to take the next step by finding out more.



Foster carers do an amazing job but we need more people to step forward and take up this vital role. In return you will be provided with support, training and the right payments so that it can be a vocation. If you are over 21, have a spare room and want to help local children stay in the Devizes area, please visit www.fosteringwiltshire.uk or email fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk

As your Wiltshire Councillor, my 2022 to-do list includes resolving the continuing flooding and footpath issues in the area, championing speeding and road safety issues, managing development and working with Sustainable Devizes to implement plans to mitigate climate change.

If you need support with Wiltshire Council issues then please contact me so I can help.

Laura Mayes

Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham

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Busy Kids Bromham

The topic this term has been ALL ABOUT ME. We have been learning about body parts and the clothes we wear and thinking about our feelings and our likes and dislikes.

We have been painting with our hands and we have created self-portraits. We have also drawn around our bodies and then coloured them in.

We have taken lots of opportunities to get out and about to explore our local environment.









We have also been learning about Chinese New Year this term. We have explored different Chinese foods, tasting some during snack times but also exploring the textures with our hands. We have made Chinese lanterns and created our own room dragon with handprints!



This issue we are introducing one of our wonderful nursery practitioners, Shana.

Shana has a Level 3 childcare qualification and is also trained in a number of other areas including Early Years yoga, reflective practise, pre-phonics and outdoor learning. She has experience working in nurseries and as a nanny.

"I have a dog called Fly and enjoy taking him for long walks. I also enjoy going out on the motorbike and exploring new places."











Why should I pick up my dogs' poo?



Following a few posts and comments on social media recently, and a personal perception that there are more "poos" being left unclaimed, certainly in my field, I thought I'd share a few facts about canine faeces.



Firstly, it is simply socially unacceptable to the vast majority of us to see unclaimed dog poo. It's the owner's responsibility to clear up after their animals, whether they are working dogs, pets, on leads or running free!

Oh, and after picking it up, take it home please! Leaving it bagged and hanging on a convenient tree or fence is not only unsightly, but is dangerous to domestic and wild animals. They will be attracted to the contents plastic in the throat or stomach can be fatal.

And what of the pooleft on the ground? Yes, over time it will decompose, but due to the high nitrogen content this can take a year, burning and killing the vegetation in the immediate area.

What is the risk to us humans?

Dog poo contains lots of nasties including: roundworms, (which can cause stomach cramps, diarrhoea, intestinal illness, dehydration, kidney disease and blindness), parvovirus, e.coli and Salmonella.

Our contact with the poo does not need to be immediate; these nasties can survive in faeces and soil for several months. They can be passed to the ground on which the faeces have laid, and then distributed on feet, hooves and claws etc. Transmission to humans can happen without direct contact with the faeces, but simply with where that poo was, or where it was carried to or moved to by rainwater wash off etc.!

Poo in areas where food for human consumption is produced – which is most of the land in and around Bromham - can introduce these issues into our food chain!

And to domestic animals?

Well, just one example, in cows. It can cause digestive issues and abortions in pregnant cows.

Put simply Neospora Caninum is carried by dogs and is passed in their faeces. When this is not collected by owners it can be ingested by cows, or enter their food chain via hay making etc. Also, and this may surprise some, it can be transmitted by an intermediate host (goat, sheep, badger, fox, rat etc.) who will digest it and then pass it on in their faeces, possibly where cows feed or their feed is grown.

Therefore, even if your dog poos in a remote area, some distance from animals or food producing fields, please pick it up. Your dog could be causing ill health.

Dog owners

The Pet Advisory Committee recommend that you encourage your animals to poo at home where it is easier to manage. Their website (and the RSPCA) offers advice about encouraging your dog to do this.

Bromham Past and Present - The Bromham Brewery

A branch of the Banks family of Lacock had been established in Bromham ever since James Banks married Abigail Webb at Bromham on 15 June 1713. There is a fine 18th century memorial in Bromham Church to their son, John Banks, who died in 1785, and his wife Ann, who was the daughter of John Rogers, a maltster, of Wyatts House, Bromham. Ann had received a large inheritance from her father.



The memorial in Bromham Church to the Banks family of the 18th century

Their son, also named John, was baptised at Bromham in 1749. He married Ann Trotman at Bromham in 1780 and they had six children. John served as a Bromham Churchwarden from 1798 to 1818.

There is a lease between Sir Edward Bayntun and Walter Gaby, the churchwardens of Bromham, and John Banks, of a 'Dwelling House' dated 17 May 1784. This lease is for Church House, now 26 High Street, and John and his family lived there until 1821. It was about this time that John established the Bromham brewery, situated in Church Hill; and the Banks' family home, which they called 'Bankside' is believed to date from soon after this. The brewery was erected in 1811, it stood beside the road, east of the house; it consisted of two separate buildings, and no doubt one was the malt-house. There was a pathway between these buildings that led up-hill to the coopers' shop, the stable and other brewery buildings. Vehicular access to these buildings was via an entrance, with double wooden gates, from the road at the top of Church Hill beside the churchyard wall; the site of these gates is now number 10 Church Hill Rise.

At the time of his death, in 1824 John was quite a prosperous brewer, as is indicated by his will. To his wife, Ann, he left two houses and an annuity of £50. John, his eldest son, was left £500, Ann, his daughter, £600, and Elizabeth, his other daughter £900. His youngest son, James received the residue which included Bankside, and the brewery.

In the 1831 census, James Banks gives his trade as brewer. James married Susannah, but they had no children. He, like his father, also served several years as a Bromham Churchwarden. By the 1851 census he is described as a 'Brewer and maltster, employing six men'.

James owned several inns including The Lamb, and The Oddfellows Arms, both in Devizes, The New Inn at Chippenham, The Carpenters Arms at Lacock, The Raven at Poulshot and The George at Rowde. Also inns that were not tied to other breweries and many off licences around the area were supplied with Bromham brewed beer. The Shoulder of Mutton Inn in Bromham High Street was one such.

Susannah, the wife of James, died in 1861 and he died two years later. That James was a wealthy man at the time of his death is shown by his will where he leaves his house and the brewery, 24 acres of land and five cottages in Bromham and six inns to his nephew, John, the son of his late brother John. He left £500 to each of the other children of this brother. He gave £200 each to Jane Stugg of Bon's Cottage (now 18 Horsepool), Bromham and to her two children. He gave to 'Margaret Beames, spinster, now residing with me, £500.'

John Banks married Mary Ann Gee at Bromham in 1865 and they made their home at Bankside. They were soon blessed with two daughters, Mary and Ellen. Sadly, Mary Ann died in May 1870, aged 29. The next year, 1871, the census shows John, a brewer, living at Bankside, he is given as being aged 40 and as a widower. Also living there at this time is his mother Betty, and his two young daughters, Mary aged three, and Ellen aged one. Later John married again, this time to Harriett. The 1881 census shows that there were only two persons at Bankside on census day, John and Harriett; it is likely that his daughters were away at boarding school. At this time John is described as a brewer employing six men and two boys.

When the Shoulder of Mutton Inn in Bromham High Street closed in 1886, the members of the Bromham Working Men's Club found themselves without a meeting place. Hearing of this John Banks turned one of his properties; now number 2 The Chantry, into a licensed clubhouse with his brewery providing the drink. The drinks licence was transferred to the new premises. Ever after that the licence for the club read: 'Bromham Working Men's Club, The Shoulder of Mutton'.

John was still brewing beer at the time of the census in 1891; shown living with him at Bankside is his second wife, and his two daughters from his first marriage. In 1893 John was owed £362 5s 0d by Thomas Hughes of the Heddington beer house (now the Ivy Inn), this sum was made up of £282 5s 0d for beer, and £80 for eight years rent. Therefore, it appears from that John owned the Heddington pub and had been rather lax about collecting his dues.

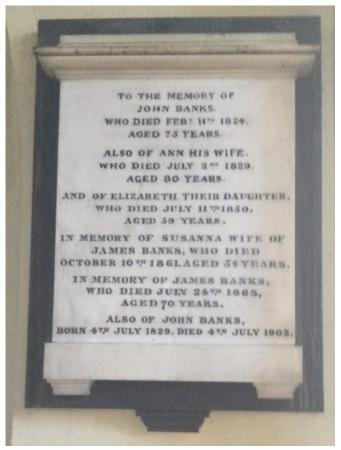
About 1896 the Bromham brewery ceased to brew beer; and then Messrs Wadworth, the brewers of Devizes, supplied the inns and the club-house with drink. John Banks died on 4 July 1903, intestate, leaving his wife, Harriett Susan Banks, and his, now married, daughters Mrs Mary Nuth and Mrs Ellen Dore as his co-heiresses. Bankside, and the garden was then leased, on 25 March 1904, to Mrs Elizabeth Catherine Wiltshire, at the yearly rent of £35.

A sale was held on 4 July 1912, at the Bear Hotel, Devizes. Included in the sale was Bankside, the Working Men's Club house and the other lands and buildings that lately belonged to John Banks. The sale was held on behalf of his two daughters.

Two of the cottages that had originally belonged to James Banks (died 1863), and were mentioned in his will, were included in this sale. These were at (present numbers 94 and 96) The Common; and they were purchased by John Spicer, of Spye Park.

Bankside and the brewery buildings were purchased by William James Rendell, a builder, of Devizes. In the sales catalogue mention was made that: 'Anyone considering the purchase of this Lot should give careful thought to the amount of building material contained in the Brewery Buildings, which if removed and converted into cash would realise a considerable sum'.

It was during Mr Rendell's ownership that the actual brewery buildings were demolished. The associated brewery outhouses, stables, coopers' workshop, etc that stood to the east, near the top of the hill, remained and continued in use as farm sheds etc until they were demolished prior to the dwellings at Church Hill Rise being erected on the site; this was in the 1980s.



This is the memorial in Bromham Church to the Banks family of the 19th century.



Bankside, Church Hill - the former home of the Banks family. In the foreground is part of the wall of their, now demolished, brewery.



CARNIVAL PROCESSION 2022

Let's make sure the first Carnival for three years is a success. We are applying to Wiltshire Council for the road closure - so start planning your float or fancy dress for the parade. We're booking the bands and the majorettes, but we need the support of the whole community to make the Carnival Procession a success again. Floats can be entered by Schools and Associations, Pubs and Clubs or even by families - start planning your entry now. If you need advice or have any questions, please ask a member of the committee. Entry forms will be in the May/June Hoot.

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 one of the committee.

CARNIVAL EVENTS

Wednesday June 1st 7.30 pm General Knowledge Quiz

Thursday June 2nd 7.00 - 9.00 pm Bingo Evening

Saturday June 4th 2.00 pm Bromham Carnival Procession, stalls, BBQ

One of our big fundraising activities is the Carnival Raffle. If you can 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**

TEDDY BEAR TRAIL - Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June 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'**.

Get your thinking caps on and start planning your Teddy soon – we are looking to have 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 but we 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: This year we have again 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.

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.

Final details of the Carnival events and the Teddy Bear trail will be in the May/June issue of The Hoot.

BROMHAM CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

Peter Hindle, Cathy Welch, Joanna Williams, Louise James, Eileen Dyke, Megan Hazell, Bridget Barber, Jenny Cole

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Bromham



Plans are now well underway for Bromham's celebrations of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee which will incorporate Bromham Carnival. We have booked a large marquee to be erected on the field which will hold up to 200 people. This means that as well as the Jubilee events, we can also run some of our traditional Carnival events.

TIME TABLE OF EVENTS:

Tuesday May 31 st	6.00 pm	Table top / jumble sale / car boot - £5 per table or car, entry £1 per head
Wednesday June 1st	7.30 pm	General Knowledge Quiz. Bar available from 7.00 pm. £2 per person in teams of 4.
Thursday June 2 nd	11.00 am	Church Service
	7 - 9.00 pm	Bingo evening. Bar from 6.30 pm
	9.15 pm	Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon on the church
Friday June 3 rd	12.30 pm	Senior Citizens Lunch - sign up on the list in the Clubhouse or at Monday Club
	4.00 pm	Children's Tea Party
	7.30 pm	Field Events for Teenagers
Saturday June 4 th	2.00 pm	Bromham Carnival Procession, stalls, BBQ, fun fair
	6 - 9.30 pm	Music and Dancing in the Marquee
Sunday June 5 th	1.00 pm	The Big Jubilee Lunch – bring your own food or make up a table with your neighbours or friends and share. Bar available all afternoon.

Please book the dates in your diary now!

JUBILEE MUGS

The Parish Council has bought Jubilee Mugs that will be given to all children in the village aged 11 or younger (Year 6 or lower). These will be given out to all the children attending St Nicholas, Busy Kids and Little Angels. If there are any other children in this age range resident in the parish who would like a mug, please send their names, and date of birth to Den Fillis at d.t.fillis@hotmail.co.uk. Extra mugs will be available to purchase on Carnival Day price £10 each in aid of the Social Centre Rebuild fund.

HELP NEEDED!

We need the help of all the village to make this a success.

Donations – Without a Social Centre, the largest cost is hiring the marquee, tables and chairs. The Parish Council have a Village Celebration fund that will cover some of the cost, and the Carnival Committee are also making a donation. We are applying for a grant to support events for the elderly, but we need to raise in the region of an extra £1000 to cover all of the costs. Several events are being arranged to help raise the money - please support them as much as possible.

Volunteers – We need volunteer helpers at all of the events, and especially for setting up for the Carnival. We'll also need help making cakes and puddings for the Pensioners Lunch and the Children's Tea Party. Please let us know if and when you could help.

More Ideas – If you have any ideas or suggestions for making the Jubilee celebrations a success, please let us know, or come along to the next planning meeting on Monday March 21st at 7.00pm in the Clubhouse.

If you would like to help in any way - please contact any of: Pete Paget, Den Fillis, Tracy Collins, Peter Hindle, Eileen Dyke, Jenny Blackman, Darren Barber

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For further information, contact

Carolyn: 07484 255797

Notice of Road Closure - Bromham Carnival, 4th June 2022

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, 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 4th June 2022.

If anyone has any objection, please inform Wiltshire Council by Friday 22nd April 2022

By post: Sustainable Transport Group, Wiltshire Council

Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

By email: TrafficOrders@wiltshire.gov.uk

All Objections must include the name and address of the Objector or they cannot be considered. Objectors have the right to request under the Data Protection Act 1998 that their names and address be withheld from public inspection or inclusion in any published report.

Please feel free to contact Peter Hindle on 01380 850925 or email **bromhamcarnival@gmail.com** with any enquiries.

Netherstreet Plant Sale

Last year, thanks to the wonderful support from so many people, the Plant Sale raised £550 which was split between the Youth Club and St Nick's PTA. The cash enabled the Club to buy a high-quality Bluetooth speaker, meaning that music could be played again weekly, with the speaker also being used for bingo sessions. Some replacement dodgeballs were also bought because members like to end each week playing this popular activity. The Club even managed to buy some indoor popup football nets and a new badminton set up with shuttlecocks and rackets. For the future the Club would like to purchase an indoor six-a-side hockey kit, enabling it to run this as an activity and, in preparation for the summer months, some new footballs, bibs and outdoor pop-up goals.



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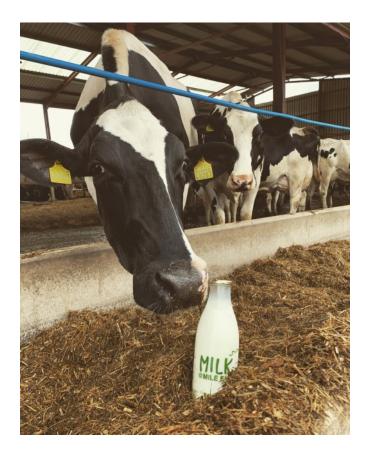




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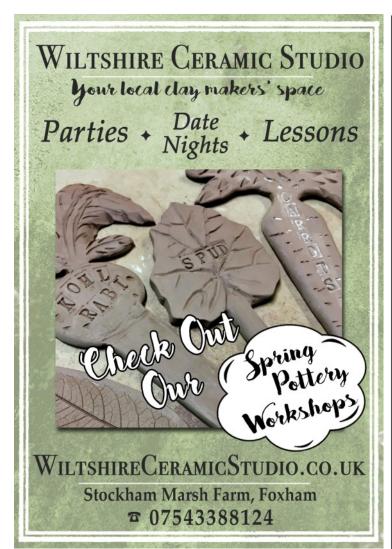


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