

NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

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Football Club	Pete Wallis	07917 697298	Stitchers	Ann Hannah	850589
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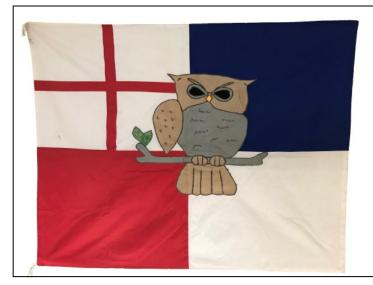
WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the September/October 2022 edition of The Bromham Hoot.

When we started to work on this edition of The Hoot I thought it might be a bit thinner than usual with the holiday season meaning that several groups have taken a break. Happily I was wrong, and we have a full magazine again! Many thanks to Jill Osborne for the cover picture of flowers growing along the fence on The Pound - which, fairly obviously, was taken earlier in the summer, before the long spell of hot weather. Please keep sending us articles, photographs and news for publication.

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 November/December 2022, and will be distributed at the beginning of November. The deadline for content and advertising is Friday October 21st.



The Bromham Flag

If you're relatively new to the village - have you ever wondered about the flag that hangs on the board in the Clubhouse?

The (unofficial) Bromham flag was produced in 1994 when the village declared independence during a fund raising event for the PTA. Designed by Lily Paget and made by Carol Foice.

I'm told there are still villagers who have their Bromham Passports!

Thanks as always to Dennis Powney for the information.



How to Order...

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Payment will be due on delivery of order via cash or cheque.

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT July / August 2022

JULY 2022

The Parish Council do not have a Parish Council meeting in August.

Traveller's Site, New Road:

- Wiltshire Council have successfully prosecuted the owner of the site for non-compliance with various Planning Enforcement Notices and they have received a sizeable fine.
- There are on-going injunction proceedings relating to this site. WC are preparing for a scheduled four day trial which the Court are saying is likely to take place in late January/early February 2023.
- WC Planning Enforcement team will continue to monitor the site and record the continuing breaches.

Other ongoing Issues:

Wyatt's Lake: Concerns on going. A3102 Drainage. Occupied caravans reported -bonfires to be reported

Pound Footpath/pedestrian signs.

A342 50 mph Speed Limit: –CATG Survey completed. 40mph Sandy Lane and 50 mph speed scheme to cost £10,000. RH to query 25% of cost for Sandy Lane. CATG NEW TITLE NOW LHFIG.

Church Hill Speed Limit. Metro Count: - Metro Count – RESULTS 58/59MPH speed recorded up and down the hill. RH requested to be put back on the CATG list. Agreed.

Church Hill weeds: Parish Steward –On going again to be requested

New Road 30MPH repeater signs: Ongoing – query next meeting.

Metro Count results for A3102 at Nonsuch: Results with in the required limit percentile.

Pound Footpath: 3 additional lights requested. Quote being obtained

Flooding: A3102 at Wyatt's lake- reported. WC in in conversation regarding drainage. On going

Trees at Rectory Corner: Reported to WC + Blocked drain in Stoney Lane/Overgrown paths – RH to meet with WC Highways.

Pedestrians New Road: Request drains in the verge to be levelled by WC – No budget available.

Brambles - Chantry Car Park: - PC/JB to cut back Plus Allotment entrance New Road. Bird nesting season - possible July?

Wessex Water - Water Pressure in village: Reply – no concerns. Andy Grant Contact/details Water pressure was discussed at a Wilts training session at Butler's Farm – pressure not adequate in the village! RH to write to Fire services Potterne.

Chittoe Heath - closed road concerns: Reported to police. Gate? Land owners? Police presence helped to reduce activities. JS reported that he is to fence his woods, but willing to give access if contacted. Other land owner – Spye Park. Problems on going. JS land now fenced.

Wednesday Club request: Memorial Anchor. PP to request plan and proposed location.

Eco Bromham land at the Pound planting Plan: PP suggested another 70 tree planting scheme. RH has been in contact with the Crown concerning this piece of land and it is being considered in the NHP, it is still being leased by JT Paget who has agreed to allow wild planting. It was reported that there are several areas set aside for wild flowers etc. throughout the village.

Chantry Cottage Hedge: Cutting back booked for July.

Hawkstreet/Durlett Traffic: Lorry watch suggested.

Breach Close Speed Humps: This needs to be a Highways official speed calming scheme. All Residents need to be consulted due to the implications of installing speed humps.

Bromham School Admissions: Concerns were addressed by P Wallis – Chairman of Governors and by the Head Teacher.

Allotments: A new lease with the Crown is being discussed for renewal. There are just three of the old allotments by the school now vacant.

Best kept Village CPRE Competition: Bromham came 1st in the first round in the large village category, and second in the finals. Congratulations Bromham.

Web Master: many thanks to Joy Todd for the running and updating of the Village Website: bromhamwiltshire.org

The Owl: Now that The Owl has ceased trading monies received from their insurance claim and reserves would be held by the Parish Council in the Community Reserves. It was agreed that the Owl Rent balance would now also become Community Reserves.

SANTANDER AC	COUNT				
ALLOTMENTS £1771.18	GENERAL £14039.32	BURIAL £8251.44	Social Centre Rebuild £20252.95	VAT -£1805.58	O/S CHEQUES £413.82
BALANCE					£42923.13
SANTANDER IN	VESTMENT ACCOUNT				
	Clerk's Gratuity				5794.07
	Play Area			4099.61	
	Village Celebration			2476.55	
	BMX Skateboard Fund			2003.15	
	Solar Comm Fund			2261.81	
	RABY FUND			100.00	
	THE OWL - RENT			3790.00	
	CIL FUNDS			1859.48	
C/F	INTEREST	INTEREST			549.17
BALANCE					£22933.84
POST OFFICE	J G Davis Fund				500.59
LLOYDS	Raby Account	Raby Account			828.01
BALANCE			£1328.55		
BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS 30 th June-22				£67,185.57	

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday September 19th (Changed from September 12th.)

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

I am writing this just after the extraordinary heatwave and am gratefully watching the rain fall on my parched garden. As a farmer's daughter I know how hard it is to keep crops irrigated, particularly during such a long dry period, but hopefully things will settle down and Bromham's crop will be as bountiful as ever.

Much of my Council workload is taken up with illegal planning activity. I am regularly contacted by residents who are concerned about building works in the area. Planning breaches include illegal occupation of land, buildings built without planning permission, Rights of Way being ignored and infringement on neighbouring properties. Wiltshire Council has successfully prosecuted a landowner for illegally occupying a site in the Bromham area. The owner received a fine of over £20,000. If you have plans to do works to your property, then please contact me so I can guide you on the best way to achieve them. Liaising with



neighbours and your Councillor can head off problems early in the process and a compromise can often be agreed.

Finally, a number of Bromham households have generously welcomed Ukrainian refugees into their homes. I have been supporting them through the process, including helping get children into schools, and parents into work. If you have ideas on how to make our new arrivals welcome, then please contact me so I can share your details with the Devizes Loves Ukraine group who are co-ordinating community support.

If you need any help with Wiltshire Council business then please contact me at laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk

Laura Mayes

Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham

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FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

Our new minister Craig, and his wife Elizabeth, are now here in Wiltshire and will start their ministry on 1st September 2022. Craig's first service in Bromham will be on Sunday 11th September at 10.30am. Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 25th September at 10.30am, conducted by Rev. Di Whittall, followed by refreshments and the sale of products.

Services in September and October (all at 10.30am):

Sunday 4th September - Rev Graham Warmington
Sunday 11th September - Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 18th September - Local arrangement
Sunday 25th September - Harvest Festival - Rev Di Whittall
Sunday 23rd October - Mrs Elizabeth Manley
Sunday 9th October - Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 16th October - Local arrangement
Sunday 23rd October - Joanne Williams

Sunday 30th October - Sector Service at Corsham

Coffee & Chat from 10.00am - 12 noon:

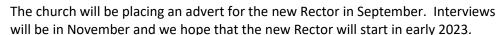
Saturday 3rd September Saturday 1st October Saturday 5th November

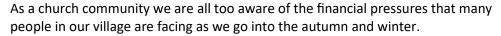
We will be holding our usual Bazaar in November - date to be finalised - all details in the next Hoot magazine. As always we extend a warm friendly welcome to everyone and look forward to seeing you at all our events.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES

As the summer draws to a close I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to have a break or days out over the last couple of months. I always find time away from home a good moment to reflect on the things that are really important to me, sometimes I am quite surprised by what those are.





Citizen's Advice, Wiltshire Council, Housing support officers etc can supply foodbank vouchers to those who are struggling to put food on the table.

Stepchange www.stepchange.org and Christians Against Poverty https://capuk.org can provide advice and support about managing money and debt.

Use the Olio app or Freecycle website to find local people looking to redistribute food and goods that they don't need.

Remember our church is open every day 10am - 4pm for some peace and quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I love being in church by myself, it's so peaceful, with the light streaming in through the windows, you can feel that it is a place where there have been centuries of prayer.

Do feel that you can contact us to support you through a difficult time.

Caroline

Contacts during the interregnum:

Revd Heather Smith 07702 113544 / revheathersmith@gmail.com (Especially for weddings and baptisms)

Caroline Culley 01380 850531 (Especially for funerals)

John Drew 01380 850908 (Churchwarden)

Sarah Bowler, Administrator sarahbromhamandrowde@gmailcom

Web page: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9620/



Church Services in September, October and November in Bromham, Sandy Lane and Rowde

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

	8.00 am Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)	10.00 am Eucharist		
Sunday 4th September	Rowde	Bromham		
Sunday 11th September	Sandy Lane	Rowde		
Sunday 18th September	No Service	Bromham		
Sunday 25th September	Sandy Lane	Rowde		
Sunday 2 October	Rowde	Bromham - Harvest Festival		
Sunday 9 October	Sandy Lane - Morning Prayer	Rowde - Morning Worship		
Sunday 16 October	No Service	Bromham		
Sunday 23 October	Sandy Lane	Rowde		
Thursday 27 October	6.00 pm - Rowde - All Souls			
Friday 28 October	6.00 pm - Bromham - All Souls			
Sunday 30 October	No Service	Rowde		
Sunday 6 November	Rowde	Bromham		
Sunday 12 November	Sandy Lane	Rowde		
Sunday 13 November	3.00 pm - Act of Remembrance			

Notes from the Belfry

As with all things mechanical, bell installations need to be kept in good working order. This function is carried out by a steeple-keeper and at St Nicholas', that role is admirably fulfilled by Steve Pardoe. As well as carrying out routine maintenance, it is Steve who muffles the bells, makes adjustments to ropes or changes them when necessary, replaces broken stays and puts the ties on the clappers for practices using the simulator.

Our bells are hung in an oak frame and the forces exerted on it by several tons of swinging metal are considerable. So every year all the bolts holding the frame together and anchored in place have to be checked and tightened.

It was during a recent maintenance check that Steve discovered a problem. Below the bell chamber and above the ringing chamber ceiling are huge oak beams to which the frame is bolted. In one corner he was not able to tighten the bolts from above so he entered the crawl space under the bell chamber floor to see what was amiss and discovered dry rot and a death watch beetle infestation. John Drew, our Church Warden was called and subsequently Andrew Nicholson the Dorset bell hanger arrived to assess the situation and produce a full report with a view to carrying out the work. As yet we don't know when this will happen, as there are a few formalities that have to be carried out first. Whilst none of us is in imminent danger, the sooner the job is done the better and once work starts, the bells and the clock will both be out of action for a while.

And talking of the clock – who do you think winds it twice a week? Yes, that's also Steve. We are so lucky to have such a competent and diligent steeple-keeper. Thank you Steve for all you do.

Calne Branch Practice

Bromham Tower will be hosting the Calne Branch Ringing practice on Saturday 10th September. The bells will be rung from 15.00 until 16.30 and for a short while in the early evening finishing by 19.00.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

The speaker for our July meeting was Debs Marrison-Wood, the creator and founder of Marrison Millinery based at Paxcroft Farm in Trowbridge. Debs had brought lots of her hats with her and before she started her talk she put us all in hats, often matched beautifully to the colour of the outfit we were wearing.

While learning her trade Debs had worked with several milliners, some with royal connections, before starting her own business. Debs brought along some of the materials and the beautiful wooden blocks she uses to create her hats, and demonstrated some of the techniques used to shape the hats. All the hats Deb makes are bespoke and created for each customer to match their outfit or occasion. The finished hat can then either be bought or hired by the client, and the hats she has created have been to royal events and Ladies Day at Ascot, as well as the usual family weddings. The finished hats are beautiful and we all enjoyed wearing them for the evening. The competition was a photo of you wearing a hat and the winning photo was brought by Ann Paget. After our refreshments the evening finished with a group photo of us all in the hats taken by Debs. It was a really fun evening.

In August we always have a purely social event, which has often been a party in a member's garden. This year we enjoyed a really nice afternoon tea at the clubhouse. The committee provided the tea and as usual the food provided was delicious. Three sorts of sandwiches, scrummy cakes and scones with jam and clotted cream. All very good for the waistline! The weather was really hot so we didn't venture outside, just enjoyed the air conditioned clubhouse. It was a really pleasant afternoon with lots of chat and laughter .

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th September, when we hope to make an afternoon visit to the lovely garden of Pam Lewis. We have visited Pam's garden before and it is always an inspiration. To learn more about Bromham W I please contact Lesley Eacopo (850967). New members are always welcome.

Sheila Sims

Bromham Phoenix Club

On the 14th June we set off on our trip to Stratford-on-Avon on a beautiful sunny day. Everyone, hopefully with plenty of suncream, hats and sunglasses. Our first stop was at The Valley, a centre near Evesham, where there was a variety of different shops, with nice clothes shops for the ladies and an attractive indoor/outdoor café. We left there about 12.15 pm for our destination.

In Stratford our driver managed to park quite near the river, which was great as we were due for our sail down the Avon at 2.30 pm. Everyone had time for a wander round Stratford or have a meal across the bridge at a nearby pub right on the water's edge. At 2.30 pm. we embarked on our boat (which held us all) and enjoyed a sail up the Avon. We passed lovely houses with gardens fronting the river, cabins for holiday homes and plenty of swans, some with their cygnets. Our pilot then returned to our starting point and carried on taking us down to the weir as far as he could go. The journey took about an hour and a half and was most enjoyable. On arriving back we were just in good time to board our coach for our journey home through Moreton-on-the-Marsh back to Bromham.

Our next meeting in September will be our A.G.M and an auction of fruit and veg.

Jean Turner



Despite grey clouds we had a fantastic evening for the Gardening Club annual BBQ. This was made possible with the amazing support of Kath, Den, Denise and Tracey who took on the roles of chef, helpers and organisers. The comfortable Clubhouse and surrounding area made it a fun evening with an excellent quiz compiled by Jean.

The September meeting will be on the 4th Thursday, which is the 22nd September, and will take the form of plant swap. Bring along your spare plants, produce, pots or other garden paraphernalia and revamp your outside space!

Sue Skelt and the Gardening Club committee



RBL Bromham Branch 1922-2022

Bromham Veterans are planning a day trip to Bovington Tank Museum in Dorset on Saturday 1st October 2022. Again the idea is to hire a minibus and offer veterans or serving personnel, a day out courtesy of your local Veterans club. The price for the trip – Free! So if you are interested, please send an email to the address below or contact either Neil Meadows or Julian Lander to book a place. We warmly welcome further suggestions for the future, so please recommend a place or event and we will endeavour to facilitate where we can.

Our 3rd Wednesday Social has become a fun packed event, as you would expect from the forces community and we have discussed the idea of having polo shirts made up, with a logo etc. Colours and designs are debatable at the moment, so we will put it to vote on suggestions in the coming months. If there is anyone who is good with art work, we would appreciate help with drafting a logo. Other ideas that were well received came in the form of a bit of hill walking, there is even a place in the Malvern's area called 'The Bog', so it would be a bit of a funny event to walk around the 'Bog'! But that's the good thing about the UK, we have some excellent countryside and National Parks within an hour or two on our doorsteps, so we should make full use of them. We also had a suggestion from Pam & Tom Smith who offered to host Bromham Veterans at their home in the Dordogne – France in 2023. Possibly meet up with the local RBL ex-Pats living in the area and take in the sites and culture? So another event to consider for the future.

The 3rd Wednesday Social planned for the 14th September has been rescheduled for the 21st, in order for us to combine our AGM with a social afterwards.

We will also be utilising the 'Spotted in Bromham' Facebook page for updates and any snippets of information for you.

Upcoming Calendar of events:

Wednesday 17th August - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs

Wednesday 21st September - Bromham British Legion Annual General Meeting - 19:30hrs at the Clubhouse followed by Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound

Saturday 1st October - Proposed trip to the Bovington Tank Museum

Wednesday 19th October - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs

Friday 11th November - Armistice Day

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 16th November - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs

Please let us know if you would be prepared to help in any way you can by emailing us at:

bromhamveterans@gmail.com

Whatever support you can give will be most welcome.

Best Kept Allotment

After careful consideration by judges (Keith Mahoney & Sam Paget), the Parish Council's much sought after award for Best Kept Allotment has this year been awarded to Dave Paget.

He had only taken on the empty plot relatively recently and in that time had clearly spent a lot of time clearing/ planting and now maintaining it.

Dave will receive one years free rent on the plot, as well as the engraved Challenge Cup of course!



Bromham Footpath Group

Our June 'pub' walk was led by John Burton, a former resident of Bromham who now lives in Tetbury. We set off from the Cat and Custard Pot in Shipton Moyne, a pretty Gloucestershire village not far from Westonbirt. The first part of our walk was through Estcourt Park. The Estcourt family had lived at the Grange for centuries but the line died out in recent years and the house and outbuildings fell into disrepair. The estate was sold to an Arab gentleman who had the property restored and established an impressive stud farm. We are used to negotiating overgrown footpaths but the way through the estate was by wide, mown rides. What luxury! Eventually, the tall spire of Tetbury church came into view. We spent a short while visiting the church with its Georgian interior before heading back to the Cat & Custard Pot for lunch.

In July we decided to stay closer to home. A select group met at The Foxham and walked along part of the Wilts and Berks Canal and under the railway line to Christian Malford. Once again, we took time to look inside the church before heading back across the fields, passing under the railway line onto Green Lane, which eventually brought us out at West End. A ten minute walk along the road saw us back at the start where we enjoyed an excellent al fresco lunch.

Linda Drummond-Harris

Bromham Amblers Walking Group

We meet every Thursday at 10.00 am in the village car park by The Greyhound. The friendly group walk gently - with no stiles - locally. About once a month we share lifts to amble somewhere else. We arrange to have coffee somewhere every week at 11 o'clock. We generally have between 8-20 people weekly walking and it's is a lovely supportive and fun group.

Fiona Burtenshaw, 07929 995093, email: fiona@aps.ltd

Bromham & Rowde Monday Club

Numbers have varied over the last couple of months due to members enjoying holidays. Despite the very hot weather we have continued to enjoy activities such as Gentle Movement, Bingo and keeping our brains working with puzzles and





quizzes. We have been very grateful for the air conditioning in the Clubhouse on the hottest days!

Funding Update

Since it began, Monday Club has received an annual grant from Wiltshire Council. In order to get better value for money, and to provide a fairer system for providing funding, the council have decided to replace the ad-hoc funding to clubs such as ours by the "Living My Life" Daytime and Evening Opportunities Framework. This framework will provide funding on an individual basis to anyone who has been assessed under the Care Act as being eligible and will be paid to the club directly.

This means that eligible people will be able to come along to Monday Club without paying anything. Their transport, lunch and all the other activities will be funded by the payment from Wiltshire Council.

Self-funding members will of course still be able to come along as usual, but if you feel that you may be eligible for council funding due to needs based on, for example: frailty, disability or memory problems, then further investigation might be worthwhile. Keith and Caroline are happy to give more details, and answer any questions you may have.

We are very grateful for all the hard work of our treasurer, Keith, who has successfully completed the lengthy, complex paperwork needed to get Monday Club accepted on to the new framework. We feel that having as many members as possible receive this support will help Monday Club to survive into the future. We will also be looking for additional sources of funding.

To find out more about Monday Club, please contact Carol - 01380 850925 or Caroline - 07557 983940

Bromham Youth Club

Bromham Youth Club has been busy over the last few months with many activities taking place for the members.

We recently ran an exciting and well attended trip to the new Arc Climbing Academy in Chippenham. Members had the opportunity to learn how to climb and also take part in bouldering. It was a very successful session and we found that some members had climbing skills almost as good as Spiderman. Some of the staff ached slightly for several days after but did manage to get to the top of the wall.





We had a visit from Ranger Kris at the Tropical Discovery Workshop. Members were able to hold a snake, tarantula, stick insects and giant cockroaches. Kris was full of information about different species and was successful at encouraging members to hold the different creepy crawlies. Several members contemplated a pet snake for their birthday.

As part of the Jubilee celebrations young people in the village took part in a field events competition which included towel volleyball, welly wanging, swede shotput and several other events. Rain did not stop play and the competition commenced. Winners were awarded medals and everyone feasted on hot dogs and burgers provided by Den, Cath, Denise and Tracy.

To coincide with Wimbledon we ran our very own popular tennis doubles tournament thanks to Bromham Tennis Club. This was a very popular event and this years champions were Alex and Fred. The competition was fierce and everyone tried their best.



Bromham Youth Club would like to say a huge thankyou to the Netherstreet Plant Sale Team who made a very generous donation to the club. The weather was perfect for the plant sale, it was well attended and has become a popular and successful village event.

The club currently finds itself in difficult times financially. For the last seven years the club has been funded via Devizes Area Board via a youth grant. However, the club can only access a grant now for 50% of the funding required to run year on year. It's a popular club, well attended and open weekly for 39 weeks of the year taking 20 members per session. Operating costs include insurance, staffing, session supplies, data management software, training, etc. We have had to match fund the Area Board grant and this means the bank account will be empty. There is currently a risk that the club may close in the future once funds are depleted.

The youth club are planning to hold a cream tea, cake sale and raffle late November/early December to raise some funds for the club. If anyone can help with donations, etc please contact us directly at bromhamyouthy@gmail.com



BUSY KIDS NURSER

based in Bromham, Wiltshire

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We have had a wonderful summer at Busy Kids making the most of the lovely weather with lots of outside play. We have spent lots of time in our new woodland area playing in the sandpit, exploring the wildlife, building a fire pit and singing songs around it. We have also enjoyed playing with the outside toys and splashing in our paddling pool.











The children all thoroughly enjoyed our end of term party where we had lots of party games and food and a special visit from Spiderman!









Each week during summer holiday club has had a different theme. We have had a baking week where we made cookies, pizzas, sausage rolls and fruit kebabs which the children loved. We also had a crafts and messy play week which included a paint party!

















Family Fun Day

Our family fun day on 23rd July was a huge success. We made a fantastic £927.36 which will go towards new play equipment for our outside area.

Thank you so much to the staff, committee and Busy Kids community who helped us with setting everything up and running the stalls and a huge thank you to all the people who joined us on the day and made the event such a success.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Cora Phillips for creating our fabulous new Busy Kids logo. We wanted something that focused on the outdoor environment where we spend lots of our time. We are so happy with







the new design.

Another big thank you to the staff, parents and committee members who helped to repaint the inside of the nursery recently - Beth, Ellie, Shana, Debbie, Jade, Ellie K, Sue and Simon, we're ever so grateful.



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Farmers in Bromham

Until about 200 years ago the main farming practice in the parish was that of sheep; providing wool for the famous West of England cloth. With the decline of this trade it was replaced by dairy farming and market garden vegetable growing. In the 1930s there were over 50 independent 'Market Growers' making quite a good living from a few acres of rented land. Now that number is down to about two!

Also in the 1930s there were over 20 persons who were milking a herd of cows; now there is only one dairy herd, and that is at Bromham House Farm.

SURPLUS MILK PRICE.

Attention is called to the announcement in our advertisement pages that the June price for the surplus milk under the National Farmers' Union arrangement with the whole-salers—the milk, that is, in excess of the basic quantity purchased for liquid consumption—has been fixed at 7\frac{3}{4}d. per gallon at the railway stations of the senders.

From the Wiltshire Gazette, June 1923.



Cows awaiting milking at Dairy Farm, Netherstreet.

The list of Bromham persons who milked cows just before the outbreak of war in 1939 includes the following:

- Alfred Butler at Bromham House Farm, Alfred died in 1942 and was succeeded by his sons.
- Daniel Holborow at Netherstreet Farm.
- William Powney at Netherstreet Dairy Farm.
- Lawrence Paget at Kenilworth Farm.
- Stanley Triese at Moorhouse Farm.
- Cyril Gregory at Marsh Farm, and his elder brother Rowland Gregory at Horse Lane Farm.
- William Few at Hawkstreet Farm.
- · Henry Bullock at Durlett.
- Sidney Smart at New Road, Sid had a mobile milking bale with fields that he rented at Loophill as well as at home.
- Joe Trimnell was known as 'Farmer one cow'. He lived in the Council Houses in New Road, his (rented) cow field was at Durlett and actually his herd was slightly more than one
- George Minty lived at Crowhill Farm, he was the Bromham baker and shop keeper and his son, Albert, managed his cows.
- Douglas Cox at Common Farm.
- Reuben Long at Abbotswood Farm.
- Rowland Boulter at Brick Hill.
- William Watson at Maples Farm.
- Stephen Spencer at Westbrook Farm.
- Sir Edgar Ludlow-Hewett at Westbrook House, Rowland Davis was his cowman.
- Edward Strange at Westbrook Mill.
- Ralph Perrett at Sloperton Farm, he died in 1949 and Ken Holly, who lived in the farm cottages at Boseley, then took over the herd.
- Sidney Moore at Manor Farm Chittoe.
- Francis Wheeler at Closeberrys Farm, he also had two fields in Chittoe down by the brook.
- In Spye Park, living at Dairy Farm was Leonard Wootten, who was the cowman for Capt. Frank Spicer.
- Henry Harmsworth, trading on his own account, at Home Farm, Spye Park.

Others, including some of the market growers, had a 'house cow' to provide milk for the household. They are not named here as they were not contracted to send their produce to the Milk Marketing Board.

Dennis Powney, Bromham Area History Group.

20 Things for 20 Years

Raising Money for Young Lives vs Cancer and Ronald McDonald House Bristol



I completed my June challenge of walking 100 miles (in a total of 35 hours and 21 minutes for the stats nerds) with a final walk in Melksham with my Mum, Sister, Nieces, and Mum's Goddaughter.

July's challenge was an odd one (but people who know me would understand the struggle) - I didn't wear a single comedy t-shirt, nothing with a slogan, logo or anything at all.

I had to buy some plain t-shirts as I didn't even own any! I'm glad to be back having puns and comic characters on my chest now.

At the beginning of July / start of August I had a "Birthday Fundraiser" on Facebook where my very generous friends and family donated £200 to Ronald McDonald House Bristol so thank you very much to all of them!



At the time of writing, I'm currently about three-quarters of the way through my July challenge - cycling the distance from Bromham to Land's End (234 Miles) on an exercise bike, needing to average about 7.5 miles a day.



A massive thank you to everyone donated a prize, baked cakes for, or attended the Coffee Morning + Family Fun Fete on 6th August.

The total raised on the day was an amazing £715.78! This brings the total so far over £1,000 (by quite a margin) to £1,708! My original target was to raise £1,000 for each charity so that's brilliant.

The next events are:

- * Saturday 10th September Bingo Night The Forrester's Arms, Melksham
- * Saturday 8th October Quiz Night The Forrester's Arms, Melksham
- * Saturday 26th November The Big Ball Spencer's Social Club, Melksham

More details will posted on the website/social links and Spotted in Bromham closer to the time. Anyone who would like to join in is, of course, welcome to come along. The Big Raffle at The Big Ball is lining up to be great with over £1,000 worth of prizes so far!

I know it seems there is always someone asking for donations or sponsorship and right now money is tighter than ever but if anyone would like to donate a couple of quid towards these two incredible charities then I would be very grateful indeed. If you want to read more about what I have planned or to donate then you can check out www.20things.net, follow updates on facebook.com/20thingsfor20years or instagram.com/20thingsfor20years

Thanks, Adam Dempsey



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Bromham Runners in London Marathon

As some of you may know Louisa Tatton Bennett and I are running the London Marathon 2022 on the 2nd of October.

It's been quite a journey to get here, organising our 1920's Flapper Night (one of the last big events in the Social Centre), and training up to 16 miles only for it to be cancelled due to Covid, then stopping training whilst life and covid took precedence. We then had 7 weeks notice we could run virtually which we did in October 2020 running 6 very long flooded laps of the village in horrendous rain and cold weather. We came away with injuries, but a huge gratitude for everyone who came out over the 5.5 hours and braved the elements to support us (Thank you again everyone!!). Finally our deferred place for the real event has come round and we are now only weeks away. Training only started 16 weeks before the event and we started from scratch again. First time round we trained in named storms, below minus temperatures, hail and fog and now this time heatwaves - we've had everything thrown at us!

We are raising money for a fantastic charity, Blind Veterans, who provide the most fantastic support and aids to help veterans with sight loss live well and achieve their goals. If anyone would like to sponsor us we have a just giving page https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/london2020staceylouisa or we both have a sponsorship form for cash donations.

Once again thank you for your support that has got us here and will get us to the start line - we look forward to doing our very best to cross that finish line and finish the job we set out to do and handover the funds raised for a fantastic cause.

Thank you

Stacey Wall and Louisa Tatton Bennett



Photo of us with Trevor a Blind Veterans Member who supported us at our event

Little Angels

The Little Angels Toddler Group held their annual picnic in July. We all met at the Westbrook Inn, where we were hosted by Kevin & Louise. We were all in the garden where the children played on the bouncy castle and with all the other toys that were there. We were treated to a table loaded with lovely finger food along with a variety of drinks. The children had a wonderful time in the safety of the garden. Thank you once again to Kevin & Louise.







Little Angels meet in St Nicholas Church on alternate Fridays from 9.15 to 11am. All are welcome, snacks are provided as well as tea & coffee for the adults.

We resume on Friday 9th September at 9.15 am, when we will be "Going Dutch". Our full programme can be found on our Facebook page, Bromham Little Angels Toddler Group.





Teddy Bear Trail 2022

What a fabulous Teddy Bear Trail weekend we had this year – the weather was pretty good with just a few spots of rain (and it was just a little windy!) It was amazing to see the village teeming with visitors from as far afield as Bristol and Swindon as well as the local Bromham community who supported this event so brilliantly.



Once again 50 teddies were placed around the centre of the village each representing 'Someone Beginning With B'. The creativity of those making the bears was excellent – some of them made us laugh and others made us scratch our heads! The 'Favourite Teddy' was voted to be Bertie Bassett made by Sue Dolman (a bottle of gin was her prize).







We sold 380 programmes in total and with over 200 entries the marking was a bit of a marathon effort (thank you to Jackie Williams for your help with this momentous task). The total monies raised over the weekend (including the refreshments) was almost £3000. I would like to thank everyone involved from the creators of the bears, the people who helped over the weekend, all the teddy bear sponsors and the team from the carnival committee who worked so hard to make the event such a resounding success. Most of all I would like to thank everyone who came along to share the weekend – it felt like a really special community event and makes me proud to be part of this fantastic village!



A final special mention goes to the Clubhouse Cafe Team (Den Fillis, Cath Lloyd, Denise Hammond, Tracy Hutchinson and all the individual volunteers too numerous to mention) who were a driving force of the Refreshments in the Clubhouse this year.

We mustn't forget everyone who made/ donated cakes and those who enjoyed eating them (special shout out to the Oliver family who were in the café several times over the weekend!)

Every year the Teddy Bear Trail grows bigger and better and although it is a lot of hard work to organise, I am already looking



forward to 2023 when the theme will be...'Nursery Rhymes, Old & New'...so put your thinking caps on and get in touch if you would like to make a bear next year.

Wildflowers in the Churchyard

You may have wondered why a small patch of ground in the churchyard has been roped off for the past few months.

We've been taking part in a wildflower survey by Dave Green, a botanist who lives in Bradford on Avon. Dave expressed an interest in the Bromham churchyard because it is ancient land, likely to be rich in botanical species that aren't found where there have been multiple changes of use.

We never see the full extent of our flora because we like to keep the churchyard neatly mown, but Dave found 26 different species:

Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow
Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley
Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat-Grass
Arum maculatum	Lords-and-Ladies
Bellis perennis	Daisy
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog
Leontodon hispidus	Rough Hawkbit
Leontodon saxatilis	Lesser Hawkbit

Luzula campestris	Field Wood-rush
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick
Pilosella officinarum	Mouse-ear-hawkweed
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain
Poa pratensis	Smooth Meadow-grass
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal
Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous Buttercup
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup
Senecio jacobaea	Common Ragwort
Taraxacum agg.	Dandelion
Trifolium repens	White Clover
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat-grass
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell









Common Mouse-ear

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The Clubhouse Café

The Clubhouse Café continues to go from strength to strength every Thursday and Friday. In July we banked £1,255, making a total for the year so far of an amazing £7,155 towards the Social Centre Rebuild fund. We're on target to raise a staggering £12,000 this year - please keep on supporting us.

If you haven't already been along - we're open every Thursday and Friday from 10.30 am - 1.30 pm serving tea, coffee, cakes, scones, rolls and other snacks depending on what has been donated that week!

A huge thank you to everyone who helps serving in the cafe, all who donate cakes etc. and of course to our patrons who come along each week - without you all it wouldn't work.

A special thank you to Fiona and Jon Burtenshaw for providing our new sign, to Kevin & Louise at The Westbrook for donating four umbrellas, to all of the others who generously donated umbrellas - we couldn't have done without them during the hot weather! Finally thank you to the family of Pauline Hartley, who died earlier this year, for the beautiful flower troughs which had been in Pauline's garden.

The Clubhouse Cafe Team















Eco Bromham



Heatwave

The hot and dry weather has certainly focussed our minds on the **fragile** state of our water supply. With more frequent extreme weather conditions we should think about **adapting** our gardens to include drought resistant/tolerant plants, lavender, rosemary and thyme, or sedums, sempervivums or yucca.



A few simple ways to make this precious resource go much further:

- 1. **Prioritise** plants. Mature shrubs, trees and grass do not need watering, they will recover. Food crops, pots, hanging baskets and young plants need watering.
- 2. Water either early morning or dusk to prevent evaporation. **Water soil**, not the plant.
- 3. Watering longer but **less** often so that water seeps down to plants' roots.
- 4. Use **watering cans** (more accurate) not hoses or sprinklers which are wasteful.

Recycling

What do you do with the bras that you no longer need? Is it landfill or charity shop? I wasn't convinced by either. Is there a recycling option?

Yes. Against Breast Cancer run a bra recycling scheme. www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling/bra-recycling

This got me thinking about other items I no longer need: foreign coins, foil banners, Pringles tubes, toothpaste tubes, and the list goes on. It seems that there are charities which can benefit from our waste.

I will be investigating options for recycling these items. Look for posts on Eco Bromham Facebook page.

Morrisons in Devizes have a collection trolley for much plastic waste which can't go in our blue bins. Have a look next time you visit.

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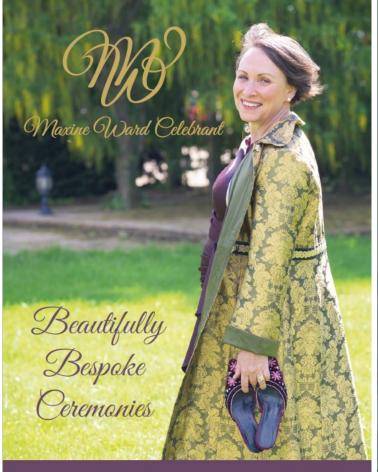
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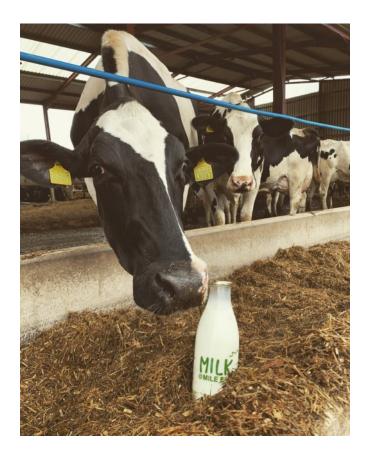




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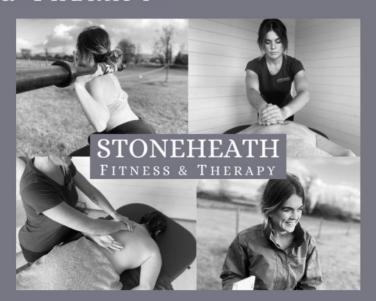
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