

THE BROMHAM HOOT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the January - February 2023 edition of The Bromham Hoot. It's a very full magazine again, including an important update from the Social Centre Rebuild Committee. You'll find all the usual updates from village groups and organisations and plenty of pictures from Christmas festivities in the village.

Thank you to everyone who sent us photos for the front cover. The photo we chose this month is from Adrian Burholt from Netherstreet taken on a very frosty morning while out walking his dog.

We were delighted to hear just before Christmas that The Hoot was placed 19th out of 450 entries in the 2022 National Parish Magazine Awards. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can make The Hoot even better, please let us know. Hopefully we can make the top 3 next time we enter!

There have been one or two questions about distribution and some missing copies of The Hoot recently. The timeline for creating an edition of The Hoot begins at least a week before the deadline date for content and advertising when Tracey emails all of our advertisers to see if there are any changes coming, and we chase up our regular contributors for their articles. We allow a week to edit the magazine and proof read, and the final files go to the printer on the Monday week following the copy deadline. If we're lucky the print run can be completed by the Friday and we get the boxes of magazines out to the different areas that evening. Our valiant team of distributors then pick up their bundles and start posting The Hoot through your letter boxes. Unfortunately it doesn't always run that smoothly and the last issue was delayed at several stages. Because of the half term week, we didn't get The Hoot back from the printer until after the weekend, and although we got it out to the areas, some distributors couldn't deliver their copies until the following weekend.

If you don't get your copy at the usual time or know someone who hasn't, do let us know by emailing bromham.hoot@outlook.com and we'll try to sort it out.

The next issue of The Hoot will be for March / April 2023, and will be distributed early in March. The deadline for content and advertising is Friday February 17th.

IMPORTANT - BROMHAM SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD CONSULTATION ON FUNDING:

On pages 20 - 25 are full details of the village consultation on funding for a new Social Centre, including: Why we need to make a decision now; What the priorities from the village survey were; Three outline layout options for discussion; Information about Public Works Loans; What happens next; Details of consultation events; Voting form.

This is your chance to let the Parish Council know your opinion about this important decision.

The Clubhouse Café

Total raised in 2022 - £13,235 !!

The Clubhouse Café raised more than £1,100 per month to reach the fantastic total of £13,235 - banked from January to the end of December 2022 towards the rebuild fund.

Massive thanks to the team of volunteers, everyone who donates cakes, drinks, raffle prizes etc. and of course our wonderful patrons who support us every week, without you all it would not work.

If you haven't already been along - we'll be open again from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm every Thursday and Friday in 2023; serving tea, coffee, cakes, scones, rolls and other snacks depending on what has been donated that week!

Bromham Tea Towel and Christmas Card Sales

I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who has again supported the fund raising efforts for the Social Centre Rebuild Fund in the past two or three months.

The remaining Christmas Cards from last year were bought by the end of November, and there has been a hugely positive response to the Tea Towels. To date I have handed over £2750.

Thank you to Den at the cafe, Collins Farm Shop and Stiles the Butchers who have also supported this effort and sold Tea Towels through December. A special mention must go to Cora Phillips who gave her time and expertise to design the final image and the adverts that have been in The Hoot and around the village.

There are still Tea Towels available so please remember, "A Tea Towel is not just for a Christmas present"!

Rachel Prichard

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT November & December 2022

Councillor Vacancy: Councillors met the six applicants who all were very strong candidates. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs Kate White. The PC thanks all candidates and hope they will again consider becoming a councillor in the next local elections.

Parishioners Concerns Re Dogs on the Recreation Fields:

- Concerns were raised regarding a proposal to ban dogs on the Millennium Field thus restricting dog walkers from using all 3 recreation fields. The PC stated that the Millennium field does not have a dog ban due to a public footpath across the field, but all dogs should be kept under control. There is great concern from the FB Club regarding dog fouling on the Jubilee Field on the Football pitch and training pitch, as well as on the Millennium Field to the rear of the Chantry which is also used for training. A request for more dog bins was discussed, although the PC are willing to provide bins WC will not empty any extra bins especially from the fields (Mrs Brown now empties the 2 Millennium field bins) More signs to be requested? There are signs on all entrances The Millennium field can be accessed directly from the SC Carpark without going on the Jubilee Field.
- The Chairman of the FBC and responsible for the welfare of members and of course concern regarding children and others using the field for recreation, being a resident in the village for 44 years and funding projects. The Football Club has locked the New Road gate and the small entrance to try and stop dog walkers using the Jubilee field and Football pitches, and has been verbally abused from dog owners using the Jubilee Field. It has been suggested that the pitches are fenced, although this could be an issue when needing to be removed for village activities such as Carnival.
- The PC agreed to a trial period for the rest of the football season to allow the two small entrances to be locked.

WC Issues: Laura Mayes is pursuing outstanding issues regarding A3102 Wyatt's Lake flooding, Travellers Site and speed concerns.

Parish Plan: J Butler is obtaining quotes for a consultant to complete the plan.

Social Centre Rebuild:

- An additional meeting was requested for Councillors to approve the first draft of a design brief. A Public meeting is to be called to discuss funding options.
- PC Community Assets discussed to raise funds.
- R Prichard handed over £350 funds from the sale of Christmas cards and tea towels for the SC Rebuild. Many thanks for the continued support from all those who have made donations and to D Fillis and volunteers who raise funds via the café on Thursday and Friday lunch times.

King's Coronation Celebrations:

- A committee has been formed, first meeting 16th Dec.
- D Fillis has booked a marquee for the Kings Coronation and Carnival events.

Parish Precept:

- Calculations for 2023/24 budget was circulated by RH with a recommendation of £41,000 (Last year £45,000) Cost/Band D dwelling £1.03 per week. This was agreed.
- Final Precept calculations and submission to WC may need to be deferred regarding a Public Works Loan

Raby Donation: £5.00 and a card was sent to 59 Parishioners living on their own.

The J D Davis Fund was awarded to Mr Ivor Gardner who will be 103 years young on the 21st December.

9 Local organisations received donations totalling £1650.

Planning Applications:

- PL/22022/04967 Unit 1 Barley Close Farm. Extension to provide additional floor space for reception and showroom.
- PL/2022/08231 B128 Hawkstreet, Change of use from house with annex to 2 separate houses.
- APPROVED: PL/2022/04465 9 Durlitt Road PL/2022/06211 39 The Pound Works to listed building.

SPECIAL PC MEETING 17TH NOVEMBER:

To discuss the Design Brief prepared by the SC Rebuild Committee. Public Works Loan options were also discussed. It was agreed to call a Parish Meeting to have the opportunity to discuss 3 options asking the PC to agree in principle to a PW Loan depending on the view of Parishioners. Also at this meeting the Crown's Heads of Terms was agreed for the new Lease.

DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following recent concerns and upsets, the Clerk handed a letter of resignation to the Chairman following almost 35 years as Parish Clerk. The Chairman agreed to hold until the Clerk receives further advice from WALC and SLCC.

Boundary Tree concerns, Huntsmead discussed with Property owner, WC and Laura Mayes.

WC Issues: Outstanding issues still ongoing. A342 verges being cut the first weekend in December – query regarding timing, this should have been in October. Flooding at Wyatt's lake, progress has been made with consultations with WC and Mr Beale.

Chittoe Footpath dispute: Thanks to J Seed this has now been settled.

Travellers are again residing on site – reported, plus bonfire reported

Pound Allotment footpath Lights: The light out at the Pound entrance reported. LM to follow up. It was agreed to erect 3 additional solar lights at a cost of £4800 using the PC Solar and CIL funds.

PRECEPT: An extension to the January 18th deadline requested due to possible PW Loan implications.

Social Centre Rebuild: Special Meeting: To discuss funding options for the Social Centre rebuild was arranged for Dec 19th in St Nicholas Church, (see separate report) followed by another consultation meeting on the Thursday 2nd February.

CCTV around Clubhouse - costs discussed, Clerk's concern regarding Government Legislation, Polices and Data Control required if on Public Land owned by the PC.

External Audit: RH to query fee increase of £2000 due to Rebuild funds held

Crown Allotment Lease Renewal: On going, new tenancy agreement to be agreed for large market garden tenants.

Football Club Lease: expires January 2023. January Agenda.

Defibrillator Pads replaced at a cost of £456.00

Kings Coronation Celebration Mugs: 250 to be ordered at a cost of £1969.00 for all children under 11.

Youth Club: Congratulations to members who served refreshments at the Pudding Run and raised £462 which was made up to £500.00

St Nicholas PTA and Friends: also congratulations on this successful fund raising event and smooth organisation of the annual Pudding Run.

Planning Applications:

PL/2022/08426 9 Durlitt Road. Change of use etc.

PL/2022/08860 The Old Church at Chittoe. Replacement glass doors etc

PL/2022/09067 Bromham House Digestate storage tower.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday January 9th

All Parish Council and Social Centre Rebuild Committee minutes are available on the Village website when approved.

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

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A SPECIAL BROMHAM PARISH MEETING TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR THE SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD

19th December 2022 @ 7.00PM

PRESENT: Parish Councillors, Social Centre Rebuild Committee and 72 Parishioners

Mr. Peter Paget Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed all present to this consultative meeting as a result of the fire on June 14th 2020 which destroyed the Village Social Centre.

Unfortunately the Social Centre was underinsured, although the PC and SC Committee agreed that £742589 was adequate cover, and due to the contractor's insurers not agreeing to a claim due to negligence, any further insurance funds are unlikely.

The Chairman gave a brief history of the Social Centre when the first Committee was formed in 1966 to replace the original village hut/hall at an expected cost of £20,000 and finally cost £40,000 taking eight years to raise through village fundraising. So anything is possible.

Mr Ross Phillips a solicitor and member of the Rebuild Committee has been assisting in the legal consultations, outlined the progress of the claim from the start up to preparations to issue court proceedings, with a final outcome 18 months later of the contractors insurers declining cover due to a number of factors which RP outlined.

Mr Jonathan Seed Chairman of the Rebuild Committee, a Parish Council Sub-Committee formed from Councillors and Parishioners, all with much particular expertise.

The Committee set about liaising with Insurers and a priority to clear and make safe the site with the provision of a temporary Clubhouse, and the start of a great deal of work much due to insurance deliberation.

Three options were outlined as circulated: All a compromise to balance survey and costs.

OPTION 1: To use the funds available £800,000 with possible grants and fundraising.

OPTION 2: A PW Loan of £250,000 @ 4.54%(Nov 22) When PWL repayments are added to the PC's annual PRECEPT on BAND D ONLY based on this year's calculations with a PC Precept of £41,000 (£1.03/week):

Cost per dwelling/ year for **10 years** on Band D would be £99.80 (£1.92/week) **Total repayment £305,650.00 (+89p/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/year for **15 years** on Band D would be £88.81 (£1.71/week) **Total repayment £331,375.00 (+68p/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/ year for **20 years** on Band D would be £84.69 (£1.63/week) **Total repayment £363,775.00 (+60p/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/ year for **25 years** on Band D would be £81.83 (£1.57/week) **Total repayment £394,712.50 (+54p/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/year for **40 years** on Band D would be £76.74 (£1.48/week) **Total repayment £485,912.50 (+45p/wk)**

OPTION 3: A PW Loan of £500,000 @ 4.54%(Nov 22)When PWL repayments are added to the PC's annual PRECEPT on BAND D ONLY based on this year's calculations with a PC Precept of £41,000 (£1.03/week):

Cost per dwelling/year for **10 years** on Band D would be £146.18 (£2.81/week) **Total repayment £611,300.00 (+£1.78p/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/year for **15 years** on Band D would be £124.21 (£2.39/week) **Total repayment £662,750.00 (+£1.36/wk)**

Cost per dwelling /year for **20 years** on Band D would be £114.65 (2.20/week) **Total repayments £727,550.00 (+£1.17/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/year for **25 years** on Band D would be £109.11 (£2.10/week) **Total repayments £789,425.00 (+£1.07/wk)**

Cost per dwelling/year for **40 years** on Band D would be £100.06 (£1.95/week) **Total Repayments £971,825.00 (+92p/wk)**

The Committee provided indicative plans only for each budget options. With no final decision on layout (internal and external) or building materials, displayed on tables around the Church. There were also slips for comments listing the 3 options which could be handed in at the end of the session.

Jonathon Seed reported that members of the Sub-committee have visited a new hall in Berryfield, Melksham which cost £750,000 as a bench mark of what is available. It is hoped that work on a new building could commence in 2023 and be available for the Carnival of 2024.

This is the first of a series of consultation events, all information will be published in the HOOT which is circulated to all Parish Dwellings.

Questions and comments:

Q. Although there is a lot of information and research there is concern that Facebook etc. is not available to all. Could a feasibility report be available in the Church, Clubhouse and on village websites.

All information will be in the January HOOT which is delivered to all parish dwellings, as well as on the village website and rebuild website/facebook etc.

Q. This is quite late for a February decision.

Borrowing funds - any Loan repayments will affect the Parish Council Precept which has a closing date of the 18th January. The Clerk has requested an extension due to circumstances and consultation.

Q. Do we have a business plan? Conditions to pay back a Public Works Loan?

All grant and funding applications require a business plan. If grants are obtained, all or some of the Public Works Loan can be repaid if not required. Any Precept that is not required due to no loan, as long as it is earmarked as an alternative for the build it can be used.

Q. Will having a PW Loan have any effect on applying for grants?

As a Public body funds are required to be in place before we instruct builders. There is a six month processing wait for PW Loan applications at the moment. A grant of £200,000 has been applied for.

Q. Does the village have any asset possibilities?

Only the two recreation Fields. Options are being discussed by the Parish Council and the Rebuild sub-committee.

Q. When were the last insurance valuations carried out? Possible 1- 5 year valuations?

Unfortunately there was no answer to be able to give.

Comment. The PC is asked to consider the cost of living increases and greater hardship for parishioners with the addition of the loan to the Precept and the possibility of a 5% Council Tax rise from Wiltshire Council. This should go to a public vote.

Q. Asked to clarify 3 options.

Based on a survey published in the HOOT of villager's preferences for a new building.

Q. Option 1 without a loan, provides a hall space of 205 sq. mtrs, Option 2 £250,000 loan - hall space of 200 sq. mtrs. Option 3 £500,000 loan - hall space 200 sq. mtrs. What does the extra funding provide?

More storage, larger kitchen and bar, more facilities (additional meeting room).

Comment: Build a community Hall with the available funding, and save up for extensions to provide more facilities.

All present were then invited to look at the indicative plans displayed and discuss further with members of the Parish Council and Rebuild Sub-committee.

Bromham & Rowde Monday Club

We had a busy time at Monday club during November and December this year! We always enjoy music and were lucky to have Marjorie's grandson Will, who volunteered to come and sing for us, accompanying himself on his keyboard. Another favourite, Ukulele Piddle, sang and played his ukulele making us laugh with his stories. Just before Christmas we enjoyed a visit from St Nick's school choir when the children sang some of the Christmas songs that they had been learning. We were all in good voice ourselves when we sang some favourite carols and during gentle movement sessions, Ann led us all in a rendition of the 12 days of Christmas accompanied by actions!

As last year, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner of roast turkey and all the trimmings followed by Christmas pudding - thank you Serena for this and all the other delicious meals that you cook for us during the year. We took time making decorations for our Christmas tree and were pleased to see how pretty the tree looked as part of the Christmas Tree festival in church - thank you Sheila for the idea of rag wreaths.

Why not come along and join us?

To find out more about Monday Club, please contact :

Carol - 01380 850925 or Caroline - 07557 983940



Your pictures - Frosty Bromham

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos of a frosty Bromham for this issue. Sadly we couldn't use all of them for the cover but it would be a shame for everyone not to be able to enjoy them. Please keep them coming!



Gemma Page



Rosie Wintour



Rosie Wintour



Maureen Poulsom

Christmas Tree Festival

More than 24 decorated Christmas trees filled the church over the Christmas period attracting visitors from all around. The Bishop of Ramsbury, who took the Christmas Day service said he had never seen such a beautifully decorated church.



BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES

A very Happy New Year to you all. I find the time around New Year a time for reflecting on the year just passed and wondering about the year to come. 2022 was certainly a year of highs and lows in our community. We had a fantastic carnival again with the crowds of people we haven't seen since before covid. Crowds of people were to be seen at the Pudding Run too. Our churches were full for our Village Carol services, which I personally found very moving. Whilst we really appreciate the Clubhouse we still miss our former Social Centre. I am sure you have had your own personal ups and downs during the last year too. We pray for a more settled year ahead, both locally and nationally.

Hopefully in 2023 a new Rector will come and join our benefice, taking services and ministering in our three villages of Sandy Lane, Bromham and Rowde. Much of the work done by those in the Ministry Team is invisible but includes visiting those who are unwell at home and in hospital, visiting those wishing to get married and helping them plan their wedding services, visiting families who would like their children baptised and visiting families who are planning a funeral for a loved one.

Caroline Culley

Church Services in January and February 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 8th January	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 15th January	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 22nd January	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 29th January	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 5th February	Rowde	Rowde
Sunday 12th February	Sandy Lane	Bromham
Sunday 19th February	No Service	Rowde
Sunday 26th February	Sandy Lane	Bromham
Sunday 5th March	Rowde	Rowde
Sunday 12th March	Sandy Lane	Bromham

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

Notes from the Belfry

It is estimated that there are about 40,000 bell ringers in England and about 5750 towers with ringable bells. The number of bells in a peal varies between 3 and 12 with one of 16 at the Bull Ring in Birmingham. Whilst some towers have a full complement of ringers, others have no regular band and some ringers cover more than one tower to ring for Sunday service.

As in any other organisation, there is a wide spread of age groups among its membership. Ideally the best age to learn is in your teens but most people take up ringing when in their forties and fifties when progress can be a lot slower. There is no upper age limit - there have been many ringers still active into their nineties - but eventually many have to give up for various reasons, often difficulty climbing the stairs up to the ringing chamber. We are always thinking about attracting newcomers to the art and to this end recruitment campaigns are launched from time to time by the ringing community.

Back in 1997 I heard an appeal on the radio for people to learn to ring for the millennium so I made enquiries and ended up learning at St Nicholas under the tutelage of Dennis Powney. I really got the bug and, once proficient at handling a bell, was out most nights of the week visiting other towers and developing my skills. Thus I became a Millennium Ringer.

More recently when we were commemorating the centenary of the First World War, an initiative called 'Ringing Remembers' was launched. The aim was to train at least 1400 recruits to replace those ringers who had given their lives in that conflict. That number was vastly exceeded.

We now have a new initiative - 'Ring for the King' - as bells all over the country will be sounding out to celebrate the coronation of King Charles in May. Will you answer the call?

Linda Drummond-Harris

Letter from the Parochial Church Council

Hi everyone and a very Happy and Healthy New Year to you all. Wasn't it fantastic to see so many Christmas trees in our Parish Church over the festive period. Thank you to all businesses and organisations who put together the many creative and beautiful trees, spreading Christmas goodwill throughout this special season.

It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the many Christmas services, the lusty singing at the Carol Services, the sight of the excited children together with their parents and grandparents, creating their Christingles. So too our Christmas Crib walk with children from the Greyhound to the Blind House and into the Church was made all the more exiting by the sight of the live sheep & pony.

This culminated with a cup of good cheer and mince pies, with the children hunting for and finding little toy animals which they put inside the Nativity tableau. And not to be outdone, Santa himself appeared handing out sweets for the children, magic in the darkening sky!

We are still advertising for a new priest and so at the moment, we are relying on either retired priests from the area to take our Services, otherwise our services continue to be taken by our Associate Priest Heather, or our Lay Minister, Caroline.

Did you know that our Parish is one of 459 administered by the Diocese of Sarum in Salisbury and in which we have two of the 582 active churches. This area stretches from the Channel Islands in the South, up to the M4 corridor in the North and from parts of the Devon border in the South West to the Hampshire border in the East. What a lot of Churches to keep warm during the Winter!

Away from worship, we are busy planning loads of events for the New Year, especially aimed at all you youngsters out there, so how about a disco and dance in the Church? Would you like us to arrange something like that? We think it would be great, but we need your help because we PCC people haven't discoed for ages. But what we would really like is to hear your ideas, what can we provide for both services and fun events?

We need to get our Churches into the centre of village life again. Why? because it's community, loving, warm and inclusive of everyone.

Events wise, we are having a games evening on the 8th of February in the Greyhound, a Ukelele evening (the band is local, and very good) with wine & nibbles, the date to arranged in Church during March and an Art Exhibition by local artists in the Church in May. All the details will be displayed on our new noticeboards outside the Parish Church and through social media.

One sad note to report, was the sight of the ancient Yew tree lying on its side after standing in the Parish Churchyard for a reputed 900+ years. What changes that tree must have witnessed over that time!

Take care, and always remember if you need somewhere to just "be" either of our two Churches will welcome you and your children, be it just for a moment of peace, reflection, hope. There are lots of toys in the Parish Church too for your children to play with whilst you perhaps browse the many books available, plus there is always a very good selection of delicious home made and organic jams, chutneys etc. that you can purchase at prices a lot less than commercial outlets.

Finally, a huge thank you to our devoted ladies who do such a wonderful job of keeping our Churches dusted, vacuumed and polished. Your work is perhaps sometimes taken for granted, but it is nonetheless much appreciated.

And finally, finally, so to help dispel any thoughts that we are a bunch of old fuddy duddies, how about this one;

Come to our forthcoming talk that is entitled, "What is Hell"? --- come early & listen to our choir practice!

John Drew, Cynthia Wilkinson, Ernest Escott, Anne Smith, Phil Bayley, Linda Drummond Harris, Heather Armstrong

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

The speaker for our November meeting was Edward Sheffield, who came with his wife Ruth to talk to us about the Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is a global charity which provides medical aid in countries where poverty is rife and consequently medical provision is often non-existent or hard to access. There are 3 Mercy ships and their work is mostly along the coasts of East Africa, but they go anywhere where illness and disease is heightened by poverty. The charity was founded over 40 years ago by Don Stevens and although it is American-based it is now a global charity. Everyone who works on the ships are volunteers and give their time and expertise for nothing. Edward and his wife Ruth became involved with the charity in 2004 and have both worked on the ships. He is a pathologist and worked in the pathology lab on the ship to help diagnose patient's problems. Edward told us that now with the development of the internet he can now do his work at his home base and send the results by computer to the ship. Edward illustrated his talk with before and after photos of patients who had received medical help, and it was so obvious how their lives had changed for the better. It was a very inspiring and thought-provoking talk. The competition for the evening of something nautical was won by Deb White.

Our December meeting was a purely social event, with lots of seasonal entertainment provided by the members. We also enjoyed mulled wine and delicious festive food provided by the members. It was a lovely evening, with lots of laughter and chat and as the Club house was beautifully decorated there was a real festive spirit around.

Our next meeting in the New Year is on Wednesday January 11th, when we will be learning about goats and goat's milk. To learn more about Bromham W I please contact Lesley Eacopo (850967). New members are always welcome.

Sheila Sims

Bromham Phoenix Club

On Tuesday, 1st November, our driver took us the scenic route to Cirencester, where we had a comfort stop before heading to our destination – The Valley, Evesham. On the way we enjoyed a lovely drive through the countryside showing its best autumn colours. We had set off in sunshine, but as we arrived at The Valley the heavens opened and raincoats and umbrellas were quickly utilised. However, after a visit to the coffee shop we were surprised to find the sun was out again. The Valley is a large outlet of over 20 shops, two cafes and a garden centre. There is an interesting variety of goods for sale in the large indoor gifts and clothing section. Some ladies complained they had spent too much money as there was such a tempting array (especially as it is near Christmas).

We returned to our coach at 3.45 for our journey home, passing through Stow-on-the-Wold and arrived back in Bromham at 6.00p.m.

Jean Turner

Bromham Youth Club

On Sunday 4th December as part of the pudding run the youth club were given the fantastic opportunity to run a pop up cafe which was a huge success. We supplied hot drinks, cake, hot dogs, soup and snacks to the runners and the supporters throughout the morning and raised an amazing £472 after expenses. This was then very kindly rounded up to £500 thanks to John.

There are many people to thank for their help, all those who baked and donated cakes and soup. McDonalds and Costa in Melksham for donating cups. Morrisons, Asda and Tesco for coffee, sugar, tea and bread roll donations. Cath, Jenny, Den, Frankie, Erin, Alex, Daniel and Phoebe for helping on the day. Finally thanks to the Pudding Run organisers for giving us the opportunity and the customers who supported the cafe. Apologies if anyone has been missed.

This week we had our Christmas party. A big thank you to Kaye for setting up Christmas Karaoke. We had a bring and share buffet, pass the parcel, musical bumps, elf piñata smashing and Christmas bingo. Also thanks to Jean for giving members the chance to create Christmas cards.

We do have some spaces for new members. You need to be aged 11-16 and at Secondary school. Please email bromhamyouthy@gmail.com for more information.

Happy New Year from all at Bromham Youth Club



Darren Barber



RBL Bromham Branch 1922-2022

Welcome to the next insight from Bromham Veterans - we hope you all had a wonderful time over the festive season.

What's new? Bromham Veterans set up an entry into the Village Christmas Tree Festival in St Nicholas' Church, which was well received and enjoyed by all those who paid a visit and took a look. We also held our quarterly meeting on the 21st Dec and we welcomed our newest member, Rodney Morris to the group. Afterwards we convened in the Greyhound for our 3rd Wednesday social and helped the staff shift some of them beers!

Bromham Veterans made a donation to the Social Centre Fund; we long with everyone else to see a new village social centre built and parishioners making full use of what it can bring to the village.

We can now confirm that our annual lunch will be held on Saturday 4th February 2023, meet up 12:30 – 1pm. If you are an RBL / Bromham Veteran and would like to attend, please forward your requests to either Julian or Neil via the contact details in this edition of the Hoot, or send an email to the address below. The cost is £25 per person.

We have a variety of suggestions for events in the New Year. However, we would appreciate any other recommendations that members would like to suggest. Please forward your ideas to Bromham Veterans.

Upcoming Calendar of events:

Wednesday 18th Jan 2023 - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs.

Saturday 4th Feb 2023 – Bromham RBL annual lunch at the Greyhound – 13:00hrs

Wednesday 15th Feb 2023 - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs.

Wednesday 15th Mar 2023 - 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.



We had a lovely meeting in December when Pam came and gave a flower arranging demonstration. The speed with which she put such beautiful arrangements together was amazing. The arrangements were auctioned off, with some very happy people taking home a door decoration, a posy and some amazing flowers in containers. We finished the meeting with

some nibbles and drinks while we did a quiz and some singing!

Our next meeting will be on 19th January, when Richard Ricket will be coming to talk to us about the Amazing Honey Bee. Our February meeting will be on 16th, when Aldetha will be giving us gardening preparation tips for the coming year.

If you are interested in gardening do come and join us, everyone is welcome. We meet on the third Thursday, 7.30 in the Clubhouse.

Sue Skelt and the Gardening Club Committee

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

ALL ELECTORS OF BROMHAM ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

A CONSULTATION EVENT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FUNDING FOR THE SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD IN A CAFÉ STYLE EVENT WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND REBUILD COMMITTEE.

THIS IS NOT A FORMAL PARISH MEETING

St Nicholas Church ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY AT 7.00PM

UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR P S PAGET (CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL)

- **Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council Mr Peter Paget.**
- **Update by Chairman of the Social Centre Rebuild: Mr Jonathan Seed.**
- **Questions**
- **Opportunity to discuss funding options to provide plan possibilities with Councillors and The Rebuild Committee.**



BUSY KIDS NURSERY

Bromham, Wiltshire

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We have had another busy term at Busy Kids. We celebrated Halloween during our half term holiday club with some fabulous costumes and lots of creepy crafts!

Then it was time for Bonfire Night when we explored bright colours to create some wonderful firework pictures.

Later in November we raised money for Children in Need by coming to Busy Kids dressed in our pyjamas which was lots of fun!



We have been enjoying lots of Christmas activities over the last few weeks of term.

The children have been creating lots of Christmas crafts and they have decorated baubles to go on the Busy Kids tree for the church Christmas Tree festival.

We have had a naughty elf visiting us in December who has been getting up to all kinds of mischief!





Christmas Fayre and Raffle

Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success. We raised £1,005 for the nursery. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success from the volunteers who helped on the day to everyone who bought raffle tickets and came along to the event. A special thank you to all the businesses who donated raffle prizes:

The Greyhound, Oliver's Electrical, Bowood, Stiles Butchers, Netherstreet Enterprises, Rowdey Cow, Bulldog Bouncers, Boomerang, The Garden restaurant, Beeze's, Harrington's Hair and Beauty, buyagift.com, Waitrose, Atwell Martin Calne, Olivia Nails, Mybeautyaesthetics, Wildology, Lily's Bakes, Morrisons Devizes, Tesco Calne.

A huge and very special thank you goes out to Father Christmas and his elf who made the event magical for all the children who saw them.



THANK YOU!!

- We would like to say a huge thank you to Christine Price and Zoe Back who raised sponsorship money for Busy Kids by running the Pudding Run. They were both fantastic!
- We would also like to thank the Parish Council for their recent donation to the nursery.

THANK YOU!!

A big THANK YOU from St Nicholas VC Primary School and the friends of St Nicholas School for all the raffle prize donations and ticket sales. We could not have done it without you!

Altogether... drum roll... we raised £1250 from the pudding run raffle and another £111 from the wreath making workshop which was another huge success. We would love to do this again next year as it was a lovely workshop to do to get in the festive spirit. Thank you for all your support to the School, it really means such a lot to all of the parents and most of all the children.

Friends of St Nicholas School welcomes all parents of the school to join us at our next meeting - date tbc via school email. We are very friendly and welcoming and would love to hear your suggestions or skills you can offer, no matter how big or small everything makes a difference.

Here's to a Happy, Healthy, New Year!

BROMHAM BASH

The Bromham Bash held in November was a fantastic success and £540 was raised that evening to go towards the repair of the church bell tower. Many thanks to everyone who performed or provided the lovely refreshments. It was a superb evening and hope to see you all again next year.

Sheila Sims

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

Firstly a very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Chapel Bazaar in November. We raised £700 for Chapel Funds. Another BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Carol Service on such a wet and miserable evening. We appreciate all your support.

Services in January & February 2023 (*all at 10.30am*):

Sunday 8th January	Local arrangement
Sunday 15th January	Mr Bob Farrimond
Sunday 22nd January	Covenant Service and Holy Communion - Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 29th January	Sector Service with Calne & Corsham - Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 5th February	Mrs Izzy Smears
Sunday 12th February	Holy Communion - Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 19th February	Local arrangement
Sunday 26th February	Mr Eric Clifford

Coffee & Chat from 10.00am - 12 noon:

Saturday 7th January
Saturday 4th February
Saturday 4th March

We have had a very successful year with our Coffee Mornings and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023. As always we extend a warm friendly welcome to everyone.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

Bromham Footpath Group

Our last 'pub' walk of the year on the first Thursday in November started from the Millstream at Marden and took us across to Chirton where we visited the church of John the Baptist. From there we passed through Conock and Wedhampton before heading back to Marden where we were joined by a few non-walkers for lunch.

On 1st December forty-seven of us, including many of the Amblers and past members of the group, met at the North Wiltshire Golf Club for our annual Christmas Lunch.



Prior to the meal some of us set off from the golf club car park to walk along the Ridgeway. Unlike last year when it had been a crisp sunny day, this year the hills were shrouded in mist so we were denied the usual spectacular views. However neither that nor the fog dampened our spirits and we were soon sitting down to a delicious meal and enjoying a most convivial atmosphere.

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 a lovely supportive and fun group.

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



CAROL SINGING

Thank you to everyone who donated to the carol singers of Bromham, we are really sorry we couldn't get round to everyone. Sub zero temperatures one night, and pouring with rain the other!

We had lots of fun and raised £216.09 in total for Dorothy House and Devizes Foodbank. See you all next year.

CURIOSITY CALL....

I would like to put on a summer production to raise money for the rebuild of the Social Centre.

I am curious to know how many people, (adults, children), there are out in the community who would be interested in either being on stage or helping out behind the scenes.

Or anyone living in nearby villages who may be interested that you know of.

Please text me on 07850 458451 if you are willing to commit to a production of some sort.

Penny Lander

LAURA MAYES - Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham, Rowde & Roundway

A Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a good Christmas and were able to spend time with family and friends. 2022 was a tumultuous year – a war in Ukraine, economic and political uncertainty, rising energy costs, inflation and interest rates, and the increased cost of living. We are all hoping for some stability in 2023 but I realise there are residents who are struggling.

Wiltshire Council is focused on supporting residents, businesses, and communities - there is detailed information online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk Please do take a look, as there may be additional help available for you and your family.

Assistance has already been provided to residents through schemes such as the Household Support Fund (£2.7m to vulnerable households), the Council Tax Energy Rebate to residents in Council Tax bands A-D and the School Holidays Activity and Food Programme. The discretionary Council Tax Energy Rebate scheme for households in Bands E to H is now open for those in receipt of Council Tax reduction, or if the property has been adapted to accommodate a disabled person (including severe mental disabilities).

The £400 Energy Bills Support Scheme, payable to everyone, has been applied. The discount is paid monthly, even if you pay for your energy quarterly or use a payment card. Prepayment meter users will get equivalent vouchers that will need to be redeemed. Alongside this, the Government's Energy Price Guarantee – the "Energy Price Cap" ensures that a "typical" household will pay no more than £2,500 per year until April 2023 when there will be a Treasury-led review into how energy bills are supported going forwards.

If you need help, or you know someone is struggling with the cost of living, then please contact me and I will help find the right support.

As ever, if there are any issues relating to Wiltshire Council business then please contact me and I will do my best to support you.

Laura Mayes

Mobile 07855819343

Email: laura.mayes@wiltshire.gov.uk



20 Things for 20 Years

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

It's been a busy few months for the 20 Things fundraising...



September

On the 6th I did the The Colour Rush with a group of friends, which is a part of the Devizes Carnival celebrations

The weekend after we had Bingo at The Foresters, Melksham which raised an amazing **£315.50!**

Thank you to everyone who came along, I don't think I'll be a professional bingo caller any time soon, but it was fun!

My monthly challenge was 'Cutting Out Crisps' which meant 4 weeks of boring sandwiches!

October

Next up was the Quiz Night, and as I often did with writing the Pub quizzes I only finished writing the questions a few days before the big night. What a surprise!

This was also at The Foresters and we had 11 teams who added another **£225** to the pot!

The winning team was "Four Decades" who just beat "Dad Cabs & Co" into second place by 2 points.

I also did 'Sober October' so just the Orange Juice for me!



November

The Big Ball was intended to be the final event but it didn't work out that way, but it was a great night.

The Band (Catch 22) put on a brilliant performance and kept the dance floor busy all night. They had a guest Air Guitarist for one song too.

A total of **£1,356.71** was raised which brings the current total up to an incredible £3,942.14!

Finally my challenge was 'Nochobar' (No Chocolate) which I didn't plan well just after Halloween when I had lots of leftovers!



Next up is the Horse Race Night (The 20th 'Thing' at last!) at The Conservative Club, Melksham on Saturday 28th January so follow on facebook.com/20thingsfor20years or instagram.com/20thingsfor20years for more information.

Adam Dempsey

CRIB SERVICE

It was lovely to see so many children and their families gather in the garden of the Greyhound on Christmas Eve to take part in the retelling of the Christmas story assisted by our real life shepherd, Chris Farnsworth and his very well-behaved sheep and Spot the pony playing the part of the donkey who carried Mary safely to Bethlehem (aka the Blind House). The children were brilliant at rounding up all the knitted sheep hidden round the church and were rewarded by Father Christmas and his sack of flying sweets.



LOCAL RIDER LIBBY SEED CROWNED 2022 AMATEUR RIDER OF THE YEAR BY HORSE & HOUND

Bromham based Libby Seed has been named as 2022 Amateur Rider of the Year at the Horse and Hound Awards Ceremony held on 30th November at Cheltenham Racecourse. The award acknowledges a rider who does not make their living from riding, training or competing horses, yet dedicates themselves to their passion.

Libby is an amateur event rider who balances competing at five-star level alongside a full-time career in the medical devices industry, selling equipment for medical advancement and spending three to four days per week supporting operations in NHS operating theatres across the south of England.

Libby was brought up on a smallholding in Wiltshire, where she is still based, and started eventing aged nine via the Pony Club. She has gone on to represent Britain at two youth European Championships, including winning pony team gold in 2013. Libby has produced two horses to five-star level and has competed at Luhmühlen, Burghley, Pau and Badminton.

In 2021 Heartbreaker Star Quality, who is co-owned by Libby and her parents Jonathon and Lesley, won the four-star long at Strzegom, and in 2022 they jumped double clear round their first Badminton.

"I'm very fortunate to keep my horses at home, even though I don't have an arena and often practise in a field, on the common or at a friend's yard," says Libby. "For financial reasons, I don't have a groom either and rely on a huge amount of help from family to balance competition and work commitments."

Libby added "I am delighted to have won the 2022 Amateur Rider of the Year award. It comes at the end of a great year having won the Strzegom (Poland) International Event and jumped double clear around Badminton on Heartbreaker Star Quality. I could not have done it without the hard work of my Mum, Lesley and the support of my parents and sponsors."





Bromham and our wider communities welcomed this year's Pudding Run in style, and with incredible support and generosity. As always, the runners came from all over the UK and received amazing support across the route which certainly helped encourage them on a cool day. The 2022 race didn't disappoint with very fast times in all categories with the male race being won by Michael Towler of Avon Valley Runners in 32.49, this was one minute quicker than last years' time, and the female race being won by Frey Spruit of Team Bath Athletics Club in 37:45. The fastest local male race was won by Adrian Hoban and the fastest local female race was won by Sophie Edwards. Both the fastest male team and the fastest female team races (first 3 from each team over the line) were won by Team Bath Athletics Club as they did in 2021.

This race wouldn't be able to take place without having the most amazing community that not only welcomes the race but actively does everything it can to make sure it is both a success and a great experience for all our race runners.



Thank you to Grist Environmental Ltd for the most incredible support with the race day infrastructure along with the support they provide days ahead of the race to ensure our route is as safe as possible for the runners.

This year's Zero Waste runners medal sponsor was The Westbrook, thank you for the most incredible support you have given, you are the most amazing family.

Thank you to the Parish Council for allowing us to close the Social Centre car park and put in place all our race day infrastructure. Thank you to all residents in Greystones who are incredibly patient with our race start and especially to the amazing family (you know who you are) that allow us every year to take over their driveway and always go out of their way to help us.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Again, this race wouldn't be able to take place without our incredible volunteers, the Race Event Team which includes our AMAZING Race Secretary and family, our Medical Team, our Signage Team, our Road Safety Team, our Sponsorship and Social Media Team, our Marshals, our Drivers, our Race Starter, our Entertainment and Runner Warm Up Team and our catering team that rustled up the bacon butties for all our volunteers, this kept us all going all day and to anyone else that helped us.

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

The Pudding Run 2022 raised the totally amazing amount of £12,020.83

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

The Pudding Run 2022 sponsors are:



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The Pudding Run Event Team

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BROMHAM SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD

CONSULTATION ON FUNDING - YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE

THE SITUATION SO FAR

As you will have read in the November Hoot, we have been patiently waiting for some months to receive a response from the insurers of the roofer regarding our claim for uninsured damages. Unfortunately, we have now been formally notified that the roofer's insurers are not accepting insurance liability for his actions. We could pursue the roofer on a personal basis, but it is believed that his assets are inconsequential.

This means that the starting point for the budget for rebuilding the Social Centre is the £750k received from our insurers (now in the Parish Council bank account), additional fundraising and donations during the past year plus any additional funds that we can raise for a new hall going forward.

The village survey carried out at the start of 2021 gave us a prioritised list of what the village would like to see in a new Social Centre. We believe we would need a budget in excess of £1.5m to design and build a Social Centre that would meet all of those requirements.

Clearly, this means we cannot afford everything we would like and there are going to need to be compromises made in what we can afford to build.

The committee are looking at various ways to meet the need for additional funding. These include grant applications - for example to The National Lottery, local large donors and individual donations. The Parish Council can also apply to the government for a Public Works Loan that would be repaid by an increase to the Parish Precept.

Ideally, we would hope to be able to raise the bulk of the necessary funding from grants, fundraising etc. but applying for a Public Works Loan to underwrite the required additional funding would mean that we could move on to detailed design and costings without waiting for fundraising and grant applications to be completed.

WHY NOW?

We need to make a decision now as we need a target budget and outline design to be able to apply for grants; for example, many grants are based on matching funding. Also as a public body the Parish Council need to be able to prove that we have all the funding in place before we can even put a spade in the ground. Rising costs of building materials means that our budget will need to increase if we delay.

Like many villagers, we believe we need to start work on a new Social Centre sooner rather than later. This means that there is a requirement to move forward on the basis of what we can afford. To gather the views of the village, the Rebuild Committee have prepared outline layout options for a new Social Centre based at three budget points:

Option 1	£800k	Insurance claim plus fundraising
Option 2	£1050k	£250k additional budget underwritten by a Public Works Loan at a cost of an additional 54p per week over 25 years on Band D Council Tax
Option 3	£1300k	£500k additional budget underwritten by a Public Works Loan at a cost of an additional £1.07 per week over 25 years on Band D Council Tax

These options try to balance what we can afford with the priorities that the village has told us it needs in a new Social Centre, based on the results of the village survey earlier this year. In a nutshell these are: a building with flexible spaces that can be configured to a hall similar in size to the old one when required, or used separately; kitchen and bar facilities to support large events and use as a community café / bar; making better use of the outside area. See the next page for more details.

Our approach would be to deliver and build what we can as soon as possible, but to include in the design plan the possibility of future expansion as and when funding permitted. We would also intend to apply for outline planning permission for subsequent stages at the same time as for the initial build.

OVER TO YOU!!

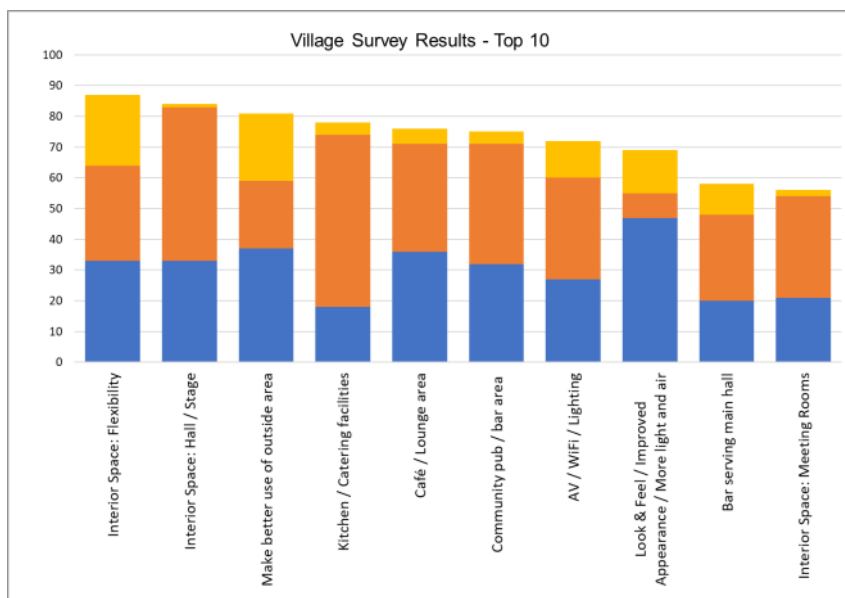
We now need the village to give us their opinion on which option they prefer – balancing the size of the new building and the facilities with the additional funding required and the possible impact on the parish precept. This is a big decision and we need the opinion of as many villagers as possible. Please read this supplement carefully, come to one of the meetings or drop-in sessions if you have any questions, and let us know your opinion using the voting form on page 25.

VILLAGE SURVEY

Based on the responses to the village survey and discussions in the Rebuild Committee over the past 12 months, the new Social Centre needs to meet the following requirements:

Situation and Appearance:

- ◆ An attractive building which will help create a recognisable 'community hub' for the village and surrounding area
- ◆ A low maintenance energy-efficient building, in order to help contain future operating costs, as far as possible using renewable energy sources such as air or ground source heating and solar panels. Include energy efficient lighting (including timers and automatic sensors); double/triple glazing; draught proofing; insulation.
- ◆ High quality internal sound insulation to enable different activities in the various rooms of the new building to take place without causing interference or disruption to other users of the building or to neighbouring properties.
- ◆ Maximum use made of the view across the Millennium Field from the main facilities in the new hall when considering the location and orientation of the new building.
- ◆ Easy external access for service deliveries to bar, kitchen etc. via car park and service drive.
- ◆ Existing buildings in the village are predominately built of local red brick with slate roofs. As far as possible the new Social Centre should be constructed in sympathetic natural materials.
- ◆ Use of as much natural light as possible is important, especially facing out over the Millennium Field.
- ◆ Large windows facing on to the car park area are not desirable. Natural lighting to spaces on this side of the building from rooflights is preferable.



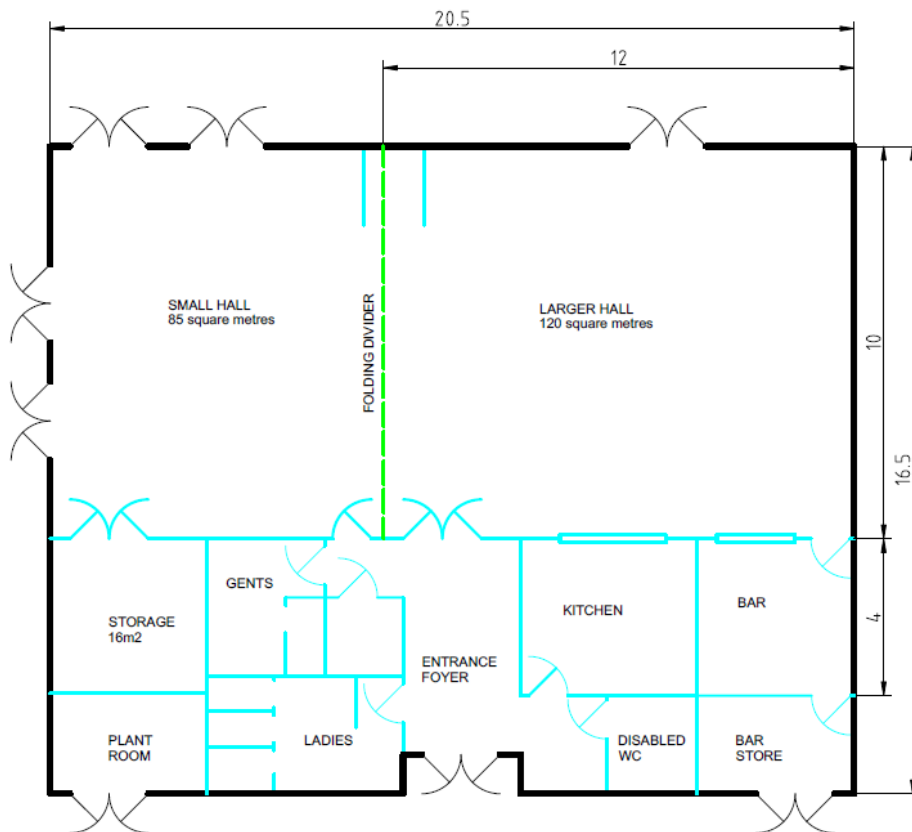
Flexible space which could be configured either as:

- ◆ A large hall – seating up to 180 in theatre style or 120 in banqueting style
 - Additional space for portable staging
 - Access to bar counter and kitchen serving hatch
 - Usage: Large village events e.g., Carnival Quiz and Bingo; Charity Dinner/Dance; musical or theatre performances. Available for hire for wedding receptions, private parties, wakes etc.
- ◆ Or as two separated spaces:
 - Small hall large enough for two skittle alleys, children's party, meetings of village organisations or groups
 - Café lounge area / Community Pub
 - ◆ Also usable as an informal meeting room
 - Both with separate access from the foyer / main entrance, and both with access to toilets

Other Facilities:

- ◆ Storage room for portable staging, tables and chairs - directly off the hall
- ◆ Kitchen, similar in size to the old Social Centre kitchen
 - Specification to be discussed, but including:
 - ◆ Industrial dishwasher
 - ◆ Oven(s)
 - ◆ Storage for crockery, cutlery
 - ◆ Serving hatch to bar/café
 - ◆ Space for food preparation and plating
- ◆ Bar serving functions in main hall and the Community Pub / Lounge area
 - Including associated cellar and dry storage areas
- ◆ Storage space for equipment owned by organisations
- ◆ Plant room / Caretakers cupboard
- ◆ Entrance lobby/foyer with space for village photos, history displays etc. and sufficient space to sell event tickets, raffle tickets etc.
- ◆ Toilet / cloakroom / disabled facilities to meet the needs of maximum number of users.
 - Including at least 1x enlarged cubicle / baby changing provision

OUTLINE LAYOUT OPTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

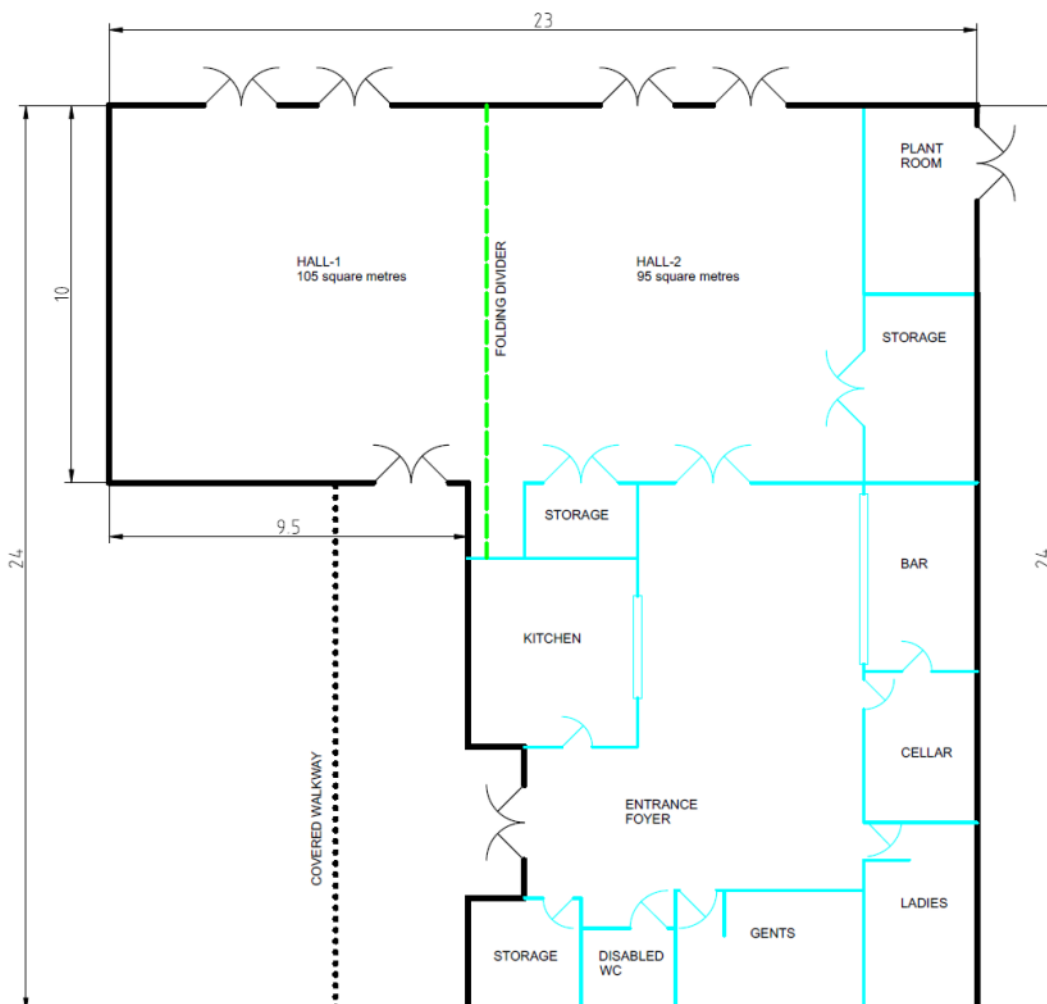


Option 1 - 320 sq. metres

Total area (m2)	338
Budget cost (£2500/m2)	£845,625
Public Works Loan required	0
Hall 1 (m2)	120
Hall 2 (m2)	85
Combined	205

- 2 good size hall / meeting rooms
- Very good size combined hall
- Based on existing design of Berryfield hall - low design costs

- Small bar and store
- Bar & kitchen only accessible from larger hall
- Limited storage area
- Needs space to store folding divider

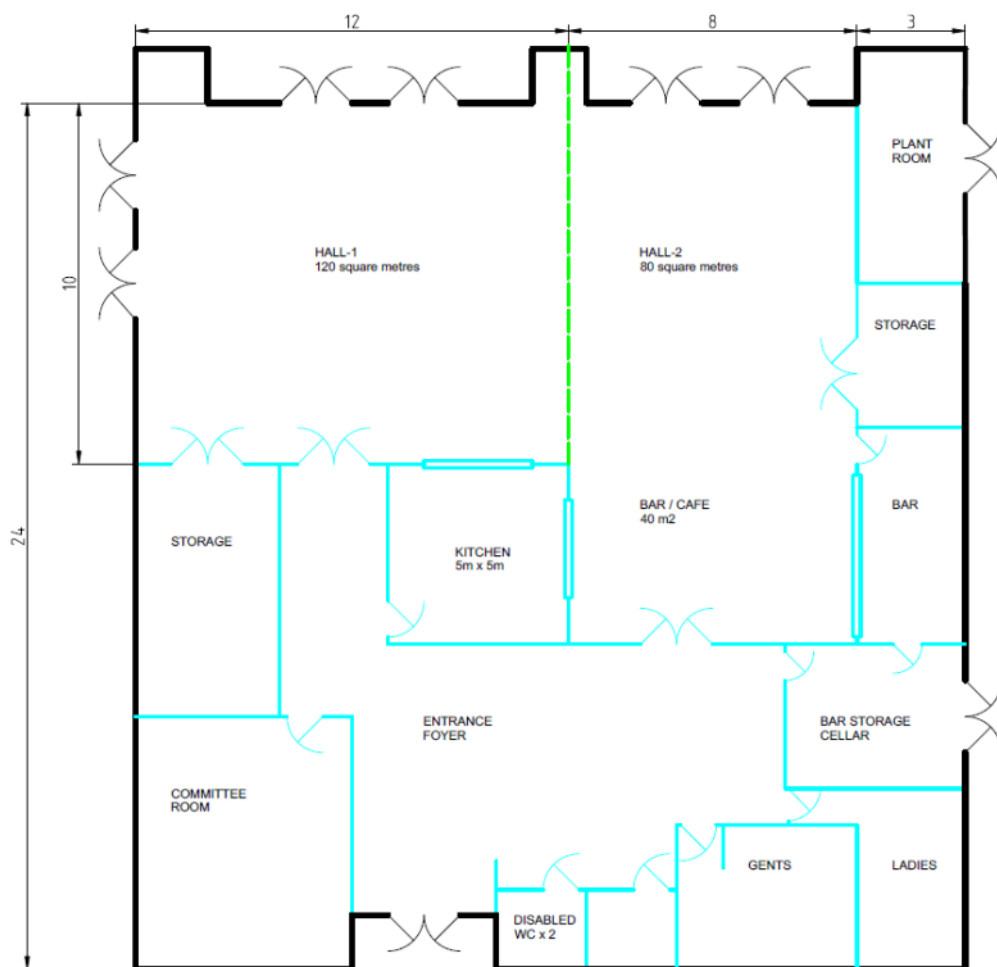


Option 2 - 420 sq. metres

Total area (m2)	419
Budget cost (£2500/m2)	£1,047,500
Public Works Loan required	£250,000
Hall 1 (m2)	105
Hall 2 (m2)	95
Combined	200

- 2 good size hall / meeting rooms
- Very good size combined hall
- Large bar/café space integrated into foyer

- Bar and kitchen only accessible from foyer
- Entrance to Hall 1 from outside (covered walkway/ patio area)



Option 3 - 520 sq. metres

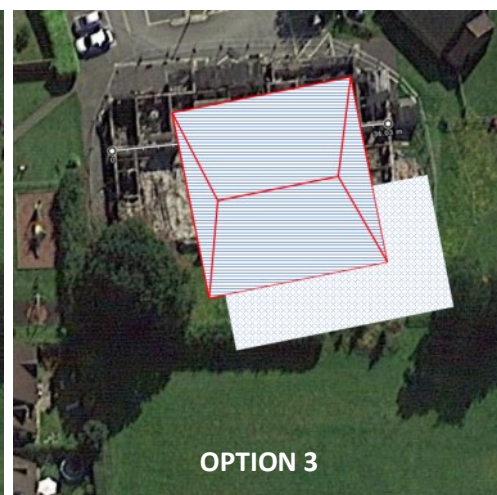
Total area (m2)	552
Budget cost (£2500/m2)	£1,380,000
Public Works Loan required	£500,000
Hall 1 (m2)	120
Hall 2 (m2)	80
Combined	200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes most of the village wishes from the survey 2 good size hall / meeting rooms Separate Committee Room Very good size combined hall plus adjacent bar area Kitchen accessible to both halls 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the top end of budget 	

IMPORTANT NOTES

- These outline layouts are NOT final designs, but have been prepared to give an idea of the facilities and approximate sizes that can be provided at the three budget price points. The chosen layout will need to be given to an architect together with a design brief to create a final design for approval both as part of the planning application and for final build quotes to be obtained.
- The indicative costing is based on industry guidelines for this type of project of £2,500 per square metre for a turnkey project (from starting work to handing over the keys of a completed building). Final pricing may be lower or higher.
- Due to rising costs of building materials, the total cost will probably increase before building starts and is completed. The increase will be dependent on time scales.

OPTION LAYOUTS COMPARED

- Block layouts to approximate scale, overlaid on to aerial photograph of site
- Axis of building is rotated relative to the original footprint to improve the view across the Millenium Field
- Space left on both sides for improved access



WHAT IS A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN?

The Public Works Loans Board lending facility is operated by the UK Debt Management Office on behalf of HM Treasury and provides loans to local authorities, parish councils and other specified bodies from the National Loans Fund.

This borrowing is for capital projects and is usually limited to a maximum of £500,000 per council per year. The parish council will need to seek approval from the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in order to borrow. Current fixed interest rates are very favourable and are currently around 4.5% dependent on the length of term of the loan. Loan rates change daily.

Bromham Parish Council has two Public Works Loans at the moment at a cost of approx. £6400/year.

HOW IS A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN PAID FOR?

The cost of repaying a loan is added to Bromham Parish Precept which is the money applied for by the Parish Council for Parish expenses and is collected as a component of the Council Tax.

Last year's Parish Precept was £45,000 with a Band D rate of £58.61/year (£1.13/week).

Note: Band D costs are used nationally as a standard for comparison. There are 840 dwellings in Bromham, of which 518 are in Band D or lower.

The proposed Parish precept for 2023-24 before any Public Works Loan is taken into consideration is £41,000 at an estimated Band D rate of £53.42 per year (£1.03 per week).

It is important to stress that the Parish Council does not start paying for the Public Works Loan until it has been drawn down. As we already have the bulk of the funding in place from the insurance settlement - that would not need to happen until well into the build; but, as stated earlier, we need to have guaranteed funding in place to cover the total costs before we can give the go-ahead to a builder to start work.

Any funds raised from grant applications, donations and other fund raising would be applied to the building costs before the loan is drawn down - reducing the amount borrowed. In an ideal scenario we would be able to raise most if not all the additional funding required without needing to draw the loan. Any funding received after drawing down the loan can be used to make early repayments.

HOW MUCH WILL A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN COST?

Like any loan the cost of repayment is determined by both the amount and the term of the loan. The detailed calculations for the two options depending on a Public Works Loan are shown below. As explained above, all figures are based on Band D only - properties in Bands A,B,C will be proportionally lower and Band E and higher proportionally more. The most likely scenario (which we have used for simplicity in defining the options) would be for a loan term of 25 years.

OPTION 2: A Public Works Loan of £250,000 @ 4.54% (Nov 22)

Term (years)	Cost per dwelling/year including planned precept	Cost per dwelling/per week including planned precept	Additional cost of loan repayments per week	Total cost of loan
No loan	£53.56	£1.03	0	0
10	£99.80	£1.92	£0.89	£305,650
15	£88.81	£1.71	£0.68	£331,375
20	£84.69	£1.63	£0.60	£363,775
25	£81.83	£1.57	£0.54	£394,712
40	£76.74	£1.48	£0.45	£485,912

OPTION 3: A Public Works Loan of £500,000 @ 4.54% (Nov 22)

Term (years)	Cost per dwelling/year including planned precept	Cost per dwelling/per week including planned precept	Additional cost of loan repayments per week	Total cost of loan
No loan	£53.56	£1.03	0	0
10	£146.18	£2.81	£1.78	£611,300
15	£124.21	£2.39	£1.36	£662,750
20	£114.65	£2.20	£1.17	£727,550
25	£109.11	£2.10	£1.07	£789,425
40	£100.06	£1.95	£0.92	£971,825

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once the consultation and voting on options is completed, the Parish Council and the Rebuild Committee will be able to focus on the preferred option. The first priority will be for the Parish Council to formally approve the 2023-24 precept, and the Rebuild Committee will need to work on a detailed business plan and to complete the design brief.

The business plan needs to show how the proposed Social Centre will become financially secure into the future, and that the costs of running and maintaining the building are covered by the expected income from lettings. If the village decide to go with option 2 or 3, we must also quantify the added value of the increased space and how this option is sustainable in the future. Having a coherent business plan is essential to support grant and loan applications as well as other fund raising.

A design brief is a detailed list of requirements that can be given to an architect to develop initial design plans. The requirements generated from the results of the village survey that are summarised on page 22 are a high level view of the most important details discussed so far.

These two documents will be fundamental to moving to the next stages of the project: making grant and loan applications; selecting architects; validating the build costs; agreeing a final design ready to apply for Planning Permission.

The committee will also need to discuss and make recommendations to the Parish Council on the preferred approach to building the new Social Centre: Turnkey design and build - i.e. a single contractor responsible for detail design, and build up to handing over the keys on the completed building; Detail Design and Build as separate contracts; Self build project.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

There will be a series of consultation events running through to the start of February for villagers to find out more and give us their opinion on their preferred option.

- **Members of the Rebuild Committee will be present at the Clubhouse Café every Thursday from 11.00am to 1.00 pm.**
- **There will be additional drop-in sessions in the Clubhouse on Thursday January 19th and Thursday January 26th between 6.00 and 7.00pm**
- **Finally there will be a second consultation meeting in St Nicholas Church on Thursday February 2nd at 7.00pm (See details on page 11)**

Full details of the options will be available to view at all these events and members of the Rebuild Committee will be available to answer questions. You can also contact us through our Facebook page: [Bromham Social Centre Rebuild](#)

WHO CAN VOTE?

Any person on the register of electors of Bromham Parish is entitled to vote on the options presented. We would like to see as many of you as possible contributing your opinions, in particular the younger inhabitants, as the decisions made now are going to affect them for much longer! Voting slips should be left in the box in the Clubhouse, in the Clubhouse letterbox, or in the box in Stiles the butchers or at any of the consultation events.

WHEN WILL A DECISION BE MADE?

The final decision on applying for a Public Works Loan and an increase in the Parish Precept will be made at the February Parish Council meeting on Monday February 6th at 7.30 pm. Legally, this decision has to be made by the Parish Council.

The decision will be dependent on the feedback the Parish Council receive from residents of the parish, so do please send your votes and comments in. All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public, and you are welcome to attend.

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Address:

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Option 1	320m2 – No loan	
Option 2	420m2 - £250,000 Public Works Loan	
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Comments:

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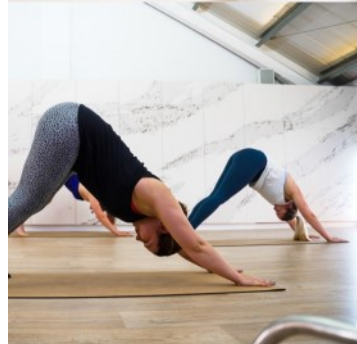
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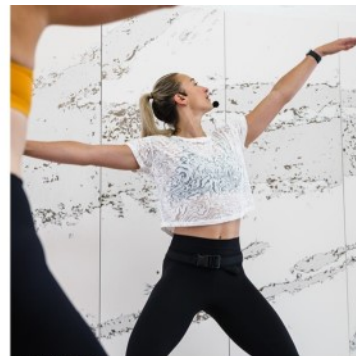
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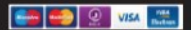
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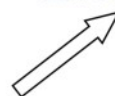
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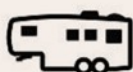
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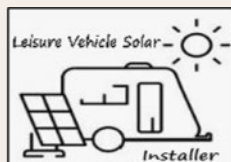
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