

# THE BROMHAM HOOT

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022





# NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

Devizes (01380) numbers unless otherwise shown

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# WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the November/December 2022 edition of The Bromham Hoot. It's a full magazine again with information about the Christmas services at St Nicholas and the Methodist Chapel, details of several events in the village and the usual reports and updates from village organisations and clubs. There's also an important update from the Social Centre Rebuild Committee.

As this will be the last Hoot of 2022, we would like to wish all of our advertisers, contributors and readers

## Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.



The next issue of The Hoot will be for January / February 2023, and will be distributed early in January.

The deadline for content and advertising is Friday December 23rd.



Saturday 19th November  
at 7pm  
St Nicholas Church Bromham

**Bromham Bash**

An evening of  
Fun,  
Food  
&  
Entertainment

**£5**  
pay at the  
door

raffle

Tea and squash provided but please  
bring your own wine

### The Bromham Bash.

Hooray! After a 3 year gap because of the pandemic the Bromham Bash is back. It will be held on Saturday the 19th of November at 7pm at St Nicholas Church, and the cost is £5 payable at the door on the night. This is an evening of fun and entertainment when local people from the village entertain us; and it has always proved to be very entertaining.

We have some talented people in our village. So, if you can sing or play an instrument or have any other talent and would like to be part of the evening's entertainment then please let me know by Friday 11th of November and you can be included in the programme.

Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own wine!

Many thanks. **Sheila Sims 859088**

Saturday 17th - Saturday 24th  
December  
In St Nicholas Church

**Christmas Tree Festival**

Daily from 10am until 5pm

## STEW, PUDS & BINGO

In aid of Julia's House

Friday 9th December

6.30pm for 7.00pm

in The Clubhouse

Tickets: £10

Bring your own bottle

Raffle

### Bromham Christmas Carol Singing 2022

We are looking forward to singing our favourite carols around the village again this year. Please come and join us.

We will be singing on :

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm

Meet at 7pm in the Greyhound Car Park and go out round the village from there.

Get in the Christmas spirit and bring joy to those who hear us sing!

Money raised will be given to Dorothy House Hospice and Devizes Foodbank.

**Georgie Devon and Caroline Culley**



# BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT September & October 2022

**Travellers Site Update:** On going with the site being monitored by WC. Further court case pending in the New Year.

## Wiltshire Council Issues:

- **A342 Speed reduction:** PC querying 25% of £10,000 costs which included Sandy Lane.
- **Church Hill 30MPH limit extension:** on going.
- **New Road 30MPH repeater signs:** approved to be installed January-March.
- **Metro Count at Nonsuch:** measured speeds are within the agreed percentile. A request received and forwarded to WC for the 40MPH speed limit in Westbrook to be extended towards Melksham.
- **Badgers in the Churchyard Extension:** this has been inspected by WC and agreed that there has been no recent activity.

**Lights at the Pound:** prices are still being requested to provide 3 additional lights.

**Village Water Pressure:** following concern raised again by the PC regarding water pressure in the village centre, Wiltshire and Dorset fire brigade has put extra requests for water bowzers etc. if a fire occurs in Bromham. The PC is also requesting an upgrade to the mains supply into the village centre.

**Parish Plan:** Quotations required for a consultant to complete the plan

**Social Centre Rebuild:** The PC has requested and received the insurance and contents cover from their own insurers Aviva a total of £751,967. The PC had already had a drawdown of £50,000 to cover the expenses of clearing the site and providing the Clubhouse. All organisations that had contents stored and destroyed have now been paid, leaving £692,589.00 plus donations and funds of £28,028.59.

**Coronation Celebrations:** a marquee has been provisionally booked

**Football Club:** more renovations are to be carried out in the Pavilion by the club with the PC agreeing to pay £1800.00 towards a new hot water system and removal of the old showers.

**Allotments:** The PC is still negotiating a new lease with the Crown Estate for the 100 acres of Bromham allotment land.

**Winter Warm Space:** is being investigated by Caroline Culley and volunteers.

**St Nicholas Pudding Run:** There will be no overnight parking in the Social Centre car park as it will be closed from Saturday evening 3rd December until Sunday after the race.

**Youth Club:** The AGM will be in January, when a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and new committee will be appointed.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

**September:** PL/2022/06721 40 The Pound; PL/2022/06476 The Kennels Spye Park (withdrawn)

**October:** PL/2022/07549 Land to the rear of 101 & 103 Netherstreet; PL/2022/07422 Brooklands 52 Netherstreet.  
PL/2022/07296 At last 64 Hawkstreet; PL/2021/11743 Dairy House, 62 Netherstreet.

**DOG FOULING:** This is a major issue on the football pitches in both the Jubilee Field and Millennium fields.

**NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE JUBILEE FIELD. THIS IS COVERED BY WILTSHIRE COUNCIL BYELAWS, WITH A FINE OF £1000 FOR ANYONE PROSECUTED.**

Dogs are allowed in the Millennium Field if kept under control i.e. on a lead. This field is used for youth training. It is the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their dog, bagged waste can be deposited in the waste bins.

Dog fouling is a major concern to many people, not just because of the mess it causes, but because it can be a health risk. Dogs may deposit roundworm eggs (toxocara canis) in their faeces, which become infectious after about 3 weeks, and can remain so for up to 2 years. Anyone, but particularly children playing near to the ground, can run the risk of picking up and swallowing the eggs. The eggs then hatch in the intestine, burrow through the intestine wall into the blood stream and pass into the body.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday November 14th**

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

**Rosalind Humphries, Parish Clerk - Tel: 850874 - Email: [rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com](mailto:rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com)**



## Bromham success in Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition

Bromham came first in the Kennet District Round, and second in the County Round. Framed certificates and a £100 prize were presented to the Parish Council at the October meeting. The judges commented:

*A lovely community tucked off the main roads and set in stunning Wiltshire Countryside. What a lovely place to live.*

*It is very sad to learn of the fire in June of last year with the loss of The Owl, but well done to the Community for managing to set up a temporary Club House so activities can continue. We wish them well for their future fund raising so they are able to replace this great facility in the village and their efforts so far show the excellent Community Spirit within the village.*

*The Millennium and Jubilee Fields together with the orchards and now the BMX track are a great asset to the village, neatly presented, and obviously appreciated and well used. The Pavilion was well maintained too.*

*The houses and gardens and verge areas around the village were on the whole well maintained and it was good to see the eco housing and self-build housing area also neat and tidy.*

*The school area and playing fields were well maintained and the footpaths we walked were fairly clear and easy to negotiate. The allotment area was well used and the notice board up to date, what a good idea to have an annual prize for the best kept allotment!*

*The Website up to date and informative and it is evident that this is a good village with a thriving Community Spirit. Well done to Bromham.*



### **BROMHAM PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Due to a recent vacancy and no request for an election, the Parish Council can now fill this position by co-option

<b>Role</b>	Parish Councillor
<b>Responsible to</b>	All people resident within the Parish
<b>Regular liaison with</b>	Other councillors, local authorities, residents
<b>Period of service</b>	Until the next Council Elections
<b>Salary</b>	This is a voluntary position

#### **Description of the role:**

**Main purpose:** Representing the views of all residents within your Parish.

#### **Secondary purpose:**

- As part of a local council you will have responsibility for running local services which may include: open spaces, play areas, village halls, community car schemes and potentially much more.
- Deciding on how much to raise through the council tax in order to deliver your council's services.
- Influencing and shaping the long term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish.
- Improve the quality of life and the environment in their local area.
- Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent.
- Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

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

The Clerk, Mrs R J Humphries, 3 Roughmoor Cottages, Bromham, Chippenham, SN15 2DU

Email: [rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com](mailto:rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com)

**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**



## BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES

It's hard to believe that we're once more heading towards the depths of winter. As a church we're very aware of the challenges everyone is facing this year. We can offer spiritual and emotional support – so please do get in touch if you need someone to talk to. The church is open every day if you want a quiet place to reflect.



If you're at home with a child under school age, you'd be very welcome at our toddler group, Little Angels, which meets on Friday mornings in the church once a fortnight. The group provides a space for parents (or other carers) and children to enjoy themselves with tea, coffee and snacks for the children. Every session has a craft theme:

**November 18th:** Animals that hibernate

**December 9th:** Preparing for Christmas

**December 16th:** Christmas party

November is a time of Remembrance, with Remembrance Sunday on 13th. Our regular act of remembrance is at 3pm. December is packed with Christmas activities – Christingle, carol services – do come and join us. In the midst of such difficult times, it's good to have something to celebrate.

**Revd Heather Smith**

### Church Services in November and December 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 6th November	Rowde	Bromham
Sunday 13th November	Sandy Lane	Rowde
	Services of Remembrance 3.00 pm at both Bromham & Rowde	
Sunday 20th November	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 27th November	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 4th December	Rowde	Bromham
Tuesday 6th December	Christingle, 6.00pm Bromham	
Sunday 11th December	Sandy Lane (Morning Prayer)	Rowde
	Sandy Lane Carol Service - 4.00pm	
Saturday 17th December	Bromham Carol Service - 6.00pm	
Sunday 18th December	No Service	Bromham
	Rowde Carol Service - 6.00pm	
Christmas Eve	Sandy Lane	Rowde
	Midnight Mass 11.30pm - at both Bromham & Rowde	
Christmas Day	Sandy Lane	At both Bromham & Rowde
Sunday 1st January	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 8th January	Sandy Lane	Rowde

#### Contacts during the interregnum:

**Revd Heather Smith**      07702 113544 / [revheathersmith@gmail.com](mailto:revheathersmith@gmail.com) (Especially for weddings and baptisms)  
**Caroline Culley**      01380 850531 (Especially for funerals)  
**John Drew**      01380 850908 (Churchwarden)  
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## Notes from the Belfry

Have you been wondering why the bells sounded different – muffled – during the period of mourning following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in early September?

Muffling the bells is an ancient tradition usually reserved for very solemn occasions. On Remembrance Sunday we ring the bells ‘half muffled’ – that is, we attach leather pads to cover one side of each clapper, thus softening the sound. However, for the death of a monarch we ring the bells ‘fully muffled’, leaving just one side of the tenor clapper only uncovered.

On the Queen’s passing, towers countrywide received instructions from the CCCBR (Central Council of Church Bell Ringers) on how and when bells should be rung. We had long been aware of ‘Operation London Bridge’ and had been preparing accordingly. Most towers, ourselves included, only possess one set of muffles, so we had been thinking how we could adapt what we had without spending a small fortune on a second set. Our muffles are attached to the ball of the clapper with leather thongs. We obtained some square pieces of leather, punched holes in the four corners and threaded the thongs through. It worked a treat.

The day after the Queen’s death was announced, eight of us assembled in the tower just before midday and rang the bells fully muffled. Then, on Sunday 18th September we rang before and after a service of thanksgiving held at St Nicholas’. Finally, on 19th September Steve Pardoe tolled the tenor for one hour before the funeral, after which the muffles were removed and put away until needed again on Remembrance Sunday.

**Update:** Work on the tower is scheduled to start on 21st January 2023 and will probably take 2 months, during which time the bells and the clock will be out of action.



Linda Drummond-Harris

## Letter from the Parochial Church Council

This is the first letter of its kind from the members of the Parochial Church Council. Its purpose is simply to inform you all on a regular basis of all that is happening in your churches here in the Parish Church and St. Nicholas & St Mary’s Church at Sandy Lane. You are all very welcome to come and join us. After all, both Churches are yours to use and enjoy.

The Church Council has eight members (names are below and also inside the Parish Church Porch). We volunteer our time to (amongst other things) ensure our Church buildings continue to be well maintained and financially viable so that these historically important buildings survive for the generations to come.

Despite being without a full time priest at the moment (the post has been advertised), we are fortunate that we have an Associate Priest, Revd Heather Smith, and a Licensed Lay Minister, Caroline Culley. They are providing the usual regular services as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals. We are indebted to both for their continued commitment to our community.

At the entrance to the Parish Church and displayed on the noticeboards, you will be able to find details of every event that is due to take place in church.

We are especially pleased to announce that soon we will have fully functioning kitchen facilities with new tables and seating which will enable any organisation to meet, and which we can use for socialising after worship or concerts for example. We are not in competition with those who work so valiantly in the village Clubhouse, raising funds for the rebuild of the Social Centre, but our Parish Church is a large underused space most of the time which villagers are welcome to use. We want to create an atmosphere of warmth and welcome so that everyone feels comfortable and we hope that you will help us achieve our ambition.

If any of you have any suggestions about how we can make our churches thrive, do please get in touch with any of us. For example, are there any young parents who could revive a Sunday school for toddlers and younger children?

Both our Parish Church and our unique wooden thatched Church at Sandy Lane are open from 9am. to 6pm. every day.

Our churches belong to all of us in the community, to have fun in, to be there for private time and reflection, to keep our lives on an even keel in today’s difficult times, to be thankful for everything that we hold dear.

With your help, we can get our Churches thriving again.

Best Wishes,

**Your PCC.**

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



# VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

## Bromham W I

The meeting of the W I in September was out of the village, when we went to visit Pam Lewis's lovely garden near Worton. Pam is an experienced and knowledgeable gardener and also a well-known flower arranger. So, after an entertaining and informative tour of her garden we went indoors and enjoyed a wonderful demonstration of flower arranging. Pam is a very entertaining speaker, and at the same time she produces wonderful arrangements with seemingly little effort! She used really simple containers to hold the flowers---a wooden box, a glass fishbowl and baked bean tins covered with strands of wool--but the finished arrangements were lovely. The finished arrangements were raffled at the end of the visit. The afternoon finished with a lovely tea of sandwiches and super homemade cakes. which was really enjoyed by everyone. We all agreed it was a fabulous afternoon and hopefully we will be able to visit Pam again.

Our meeting in October was supposed to be a visit to the Bio Digester at Jim Butler's farm In Bromham. But the visit had to be cancelled at the last minute because of Covid, so we had a very pleasant evening in the Clubhouse instead. Muriel Sibun taxed our brains with some quizzes and a word game and then we played Beetle before we had refreshments of the usual delicious cake. It was an enjoyable evening with lots of chat and laughter.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th of November, when we will be having a talk by Angela Austin on the Mercy Ships and the incredible work they do in various parts of the world. Our December meeting on the 14th is going to be a purely social event---with the usual Xmas refreshments! -- and we will be providing our own entertainment, What this will be remains to be seen!!

To learn more about Bromham W I please contact Lesley Eacopo (850967). New members are always welcome.

**Sheila Sims**

## Bromham Phoenix Club

### PHOENIX CLUB TRIP ON THE 4TH OCTOBER 2022

Unfortunately we couldn't travel through Cheddar Gorge on our way to Weston-Super-Mare as planned, due to tree-felling for ash die-back, so we headed straight for the coast. The weather was sunny and breezy and the tide was well out when our coach dropped us off right on the promenade near the "See Monster ( spelling is correct). There was a queue of school children waiting to go on, so most of our party decided to wait until later.

The See Monster is a retired offshore platform from the North Sea, transformed into one of the UK's largest public art installations. The monster is the biggest platform of it's kind to tell stories, inspiring global conversations about re-use, renewables and the great British weather. It is on three levels: Cellar Deck, Garden Lab and Helideck. There is a lift available if you don't want to climb the stairs. Each level has it's own interesting features, and from the top there are fantastic views, an amphitheatre style seating, soothing sounds of the shipping forecast. You can also descend down the 10 metre curly slide to the level below if you are brave enough. It will only be there for another month when it will be taken to Holland for dismantling, which seems a shame. It is also free of charge.

Weston has links to a large number of distinguished people, who have been commemorated on "Blue Plaques" in the town. Deborah Kerr, the well-known actress, came to live here in 1938 until she left in 1957 for Hollywood. Roald Dahl spent 4 years here from the age of 9 and apparently wrote his novel "Matilda" based on characters from St. Peters School which he attended. A ruinous medieval barn was converted into a "National School" in 1865 by John Norton and is now Worle School in Weston. John Norton is best known for building Tyntesfield near Wraxall. Though Bob Hope was born in London, his grand-father, who was a stone mason, brought his family to Weston and helped build Weston's new seafront wall in 1883. They lived in Weston until moving to America and his grand-father joined the stone carvers on the Statue of Liberty. In 1976 The Queen made Bob Hope an honorary knight.

At 4.00p.m, after visiting The See Monster, and having a welcome coffee we made our journey home arriving back at about 5.30.p.m. after a lovely day out.

**Jean Turner**

## Bromham Good Neighbours

Bromham Good Neighbours have been thinking about how we can best support people living in our community during this time when some will be finding it hard to pay for their electricity and gas, as well as keep food on the table.

The Parish Council have agreed to hire the Clubhouse one evening a week for use as a warm space. People could meet their friends and families up there, use the Clubhouse microwave and charge their phones. What do you think? Would that be something that you might use? If so, we'll get it started.

Do you have any other ideas about the best ways we can support everyone living in our village? Let us know by sending us an email in confidence.

Email : [bromhamgoodneighbours@outlook.com](mailto:bromhamgoodneighbours@outlook.com) Tel 07557 983940

# RBL Bromham Branch 1922-2022

Welcome to the latest insight from Bromham Veterans. In September we held our AGM and it was well received by those who attended. Neil presented his latest designs of 'Tommy's' that are available to purchase. All proceeds go to Bromham Veterans for events that we are looking at holding in the new year. Neil also made a large 6-foot Tommy which is now sited just by the Church entrance - so if you are passing please take a look at the intricate design.

Bromham Veterans also paid homage to our Queen Elizabeth outside the church for a minutes silence. A very big thank you to those who attended from the village.

Seend Branch of the RBL, will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary at the Seend Community Centre on Saturday 12th November at 19:30hrs; all Bromham Branch members are cordially invited to attend. If interested please contact Robin Heatley on 01380-828491 - tickets are £12 including a hot supper.

As we ramp up to the Xmas festive season, Bromham Veterans will be providing an entry into the Village Christmas Tree Festival in St Nicholas' Church. So pop along and see the workmanship for this joyous event.

After the past few years of holding Remembrance Service outside, this year we are pleased to announce that normal service will resume in the church. Sunday 13th November at 3pm, when we will congregate to remember our fallen.

We have a variety of suggestions for events in the New Year, kicking off with a late Xmas Lunch, which Julian is arranging. We will publish confirmation of the event, once a venue is arranged.

## Upcoming Calendar of events:

**Friday 11th November - Armistice Day**

**Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday**

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

**Wednesday 21st December - Bromham RBL Quarterly Meeting followed by Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs.**

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

**Wednesday 15th February 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](mailto:bromhamveterans@gmail.com)

**Whatever support you can give will be most welcome.**



If you haven't been before, do come and join us. We have some excellent speakers on a wide variety of gardening topics. We are a friendly group who meet in the Clubhouse once a month. Come along and listen to our next speaker!

Our speaker in September was Nicola Hope who gave a great talk on "Tales from the Potting Shed" Nicola gave us hints, tips and photos from some of the gardens she has worked in. These include the gardens of very famous people and celebrities, so most enjoyable! Nicola is also an artist and this has influenced her garden designs which she now includes in her portfolio of work.

## Next meetings :

November 17th - David Moon - Garden Slide Show

December 15th - Christmas Social Event

January 19th - Richard Ricket - The Amazing Honey Bee

February 16th - Aldetha Raymond - Garden Preparation Tips + Q&A session

Visitors, at a cost of £2 per meeting, are very welcome. Club meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday monthly in The Clubhouse from 7.30pm-9pm. Our Programme Planners are already working on the programme for 2023/24, so watch this space, or even better, come along and enjoy an evening and see what we do.

**Sue Skelt and the Gardening Club committee**

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## Bromham Footpath Group

We are fortunate to have access to over 30 miles of footpaths and bridleways within the parish which offer variations in terrain. Nevertheless, once a month we like to find a location further afield for our walk with a decent pub for a convivial meal afterwards. These walks are usually well planned in advance for both time and distance, but just occasionally we rely on the map and good sign posting.

Our August 'pub' walk starting from the Bell at Lacock was one such. The plan was to avoid hills if possible, but it soon became clear that this was not an option without shortening the walk considerably. Having crossed Forest Road we struck off to the right and were soon relentlessly toiling up towards the top of Bowden Hill, emerging onto the road just up from the Scrapstore. At least it was then downhill all the way to the pub and a well deserved lunch.



Since the Michaelmas Fayre took place on the last Thursday in September our next pub walk was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, when we set off from The Bridge Inn at Horton towards Bishops Cannings. We followed the footpath up a steady incline from the top of which we had a magnificent 360 degree view of the surrounding countryside. Then we dropped down to Horton village and returned to the pub along the canal.

**Linda Drummond-Harris**

## Bromham Youth Club

Youth Club has been busy this month. We hosted a team challenge evening that included towel volleyball, the floor is lava, chopstick challenge and spicy jellybean eating. The winning pair were Liana and Isabelle who won by a single point.

This week we hosted a Halloween party that included human mummy making and a pumpkin piñata. Great fun was had and a delicious buffet was devoured. Thanks to Jean for setting up the nail bar where members painted their nails.



We are planning a trip to the Arc Climbing Wall in Chippenham during November which should be a great experience.

We would like to thank Devizes Area Board as we have recently secured a youth grant that will fund half of the annual running costs of the club this academic year. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Bromham Carnival Committee for their generous donation to the club.

**Darren Barber**

## 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](mailto:fiona@aps.ltd)**

## UPDATE FROM THE SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD COMMITTEE

As you will know, 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 roofers' insurers are not accepting insurance liability for his actions. We are working with our insurers to see if we can pursue the roofer on a personal basis, but we are not hopeful that this would bridge the gap.

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) plus any additional funds that we can raise for a new hall.

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. We believe we need a budget of around £1.25m to design and build a Social Centre that will meet the immediate needs of the village.

Our approach will 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.

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.

We will need to justify everything we do with support from the whole village, particularly if we are proposing to raise the council tax precept to help fund the rebuild. This means that there is a requirement to move forward on the basis of what we can afford based on concept, content and a business case.

In order to move forward, the Rebuild Committee has set up two initial work streams reporting back to the Rebuild Committee, and to the Parish Council for decisions.

**Concept and Content** workstream led by Peter Hindle, to develop a design brief (and possibly an outline layout) for an architect. This needs to balance what we can afford with the priorities that the village has told us it needs - based on the results of the survey earlier this year. Initial thoughts of this workstream 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.

**Business Case** workstream led by Graham Prichard which is developing a business case for what can be justified in the new hall. This has studied the accounts and footfalls of the Owl and the old Social Centre. We need to get this business case into a robust document to support any grant applications or funding bids from e.g., the Lottery. The final design concept needs to be fully justified by the business case.

As well as the two work streams above there are other aspects that will need work at the same time. Village fundraising will be critical and the Clubhouse Cafe has been a great lead, however we need to coordinate all the village event fundraising.

To press on with the new hall we need to engage with the Parish Council and get decisions and some actions from them as soon as possible.

The Rebuild Committee will ask the Parish Council to:

- Accept the principle of a building supporting a hall of similar proportions to the old hall but delivered as a flexible space.
- Approve the design concept and the business case as they are completed.
- Agree size of the Public Works Loan to be requested and start the application asap. The maximum envisaged cost would be £1.25 million but we are hopeful of a lesser spend. For information, a £250k Public Works Loan at current rates would put an additional £19 per annum on a Band D precept. This would require agreement from the whole village.
- Discuss including a possible replacement dwelling (for the flat in the old Social Centre) in the Planning application – for future sale or rent to help service a loan
- Investigate and consider a shop option as a future income stream (commercial franchise?)
- In due course discuss and determine a management model for the future social centre

If we move forward with determination and work in parallel, we believe we could: get a concept / design brief together by Christmas; start architects' detail design work in January; apply to Planning in the spring; start building in early autumn, with a target of completing the project by Carnival 2024.

**Jonathon Seed - Chairman, Social Centre Rebuild Committee**





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This term at Busy Kids we have been learning about ourselves and what makes us unique. We have created handprints and looked at the differences between ours and our friends. We have also made self portraits using lots of natural materials.

We have had fun dressing up and talked about what jobs we would like to do when we grow up.

We have talked a lot about being kind - using kind hands and listening ears and sharing toys.



We have also been learning about Autumn over the last couple of months. We have spent lots of time outside looking for changes in the environment and the exploring the colours of Autumn.

We have collected lots of natural materials from outside and explored them in our tough trays and with our crafts.







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A group of our staff and parents are taking part in the Bromham Pudding Run to raise funds for Busy Kids. We are currently fundraising for a new pergola for our outside learning and play area. Our wonderful team of runners are Kelly, Beth and Shana from Busy Kids and Lee Napier and Zoe Back who are parents of children at Busy Kids. We are so grateful for any support you can offer.

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-james45](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-james45)



### BUSY KIDS VACANCIES

We are recruiting for two new members of staff; a Nursery Practitioner to work in our baby room and a Level 3 Practitioner with SENCO experience.

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The successful candidates will be enthusiastic, flexible and motivated to join our small, friendly team.

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## BROMHAM PUDDING RUN 2022

The Pudding Run Team would like to give advanced information for the annual 10-kilometre race on Sunday 4th December 2022.



The race starts from Greystones at 11:00am and completes a circular route twice around the village. The route travels along the High Street, onto New Road, onto Hawkstreet, onto the A342 Devizes Road, onto Highfield, onto the Pound, onto Horsepool and back onto the High Street with the race ending at the Social Centre car park following completion of the second lap.

As always, we would like to thank you for your patience, and we hope to minimise disruption but would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. If you are able to avoid parking on the route and in particular on the High Street or driving around the village between 11.00am and 12.30hrs it would be greatly appreciated.

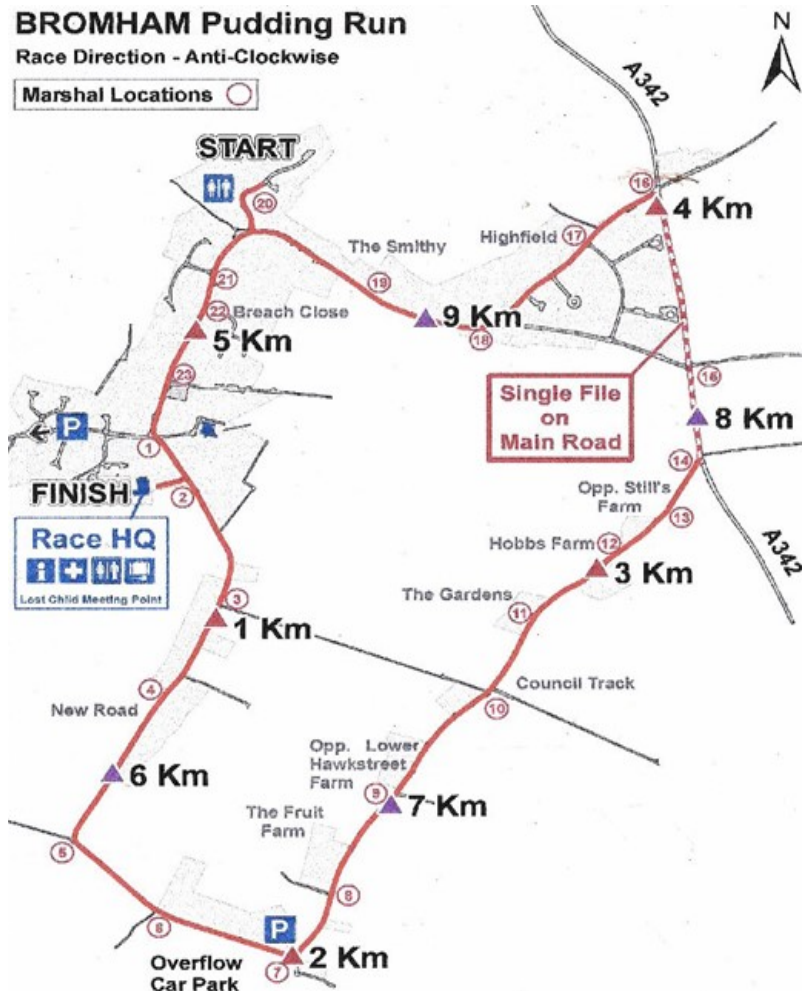
Please can we ask you to come out and support the event and cheer the runners on, this helps both the runners and volunteers. As we did last year, we plan to use the Social Centre car park and field for runners registration so please can we ask you to spread out around the course and avoid the most congested areas such as the start and finish. Please can we also ask people to avoid overnight parking in the Social Centre car park the night before the race as setting up will be earlier than normal due to the above facilities being set up.

The race is the biggest fund raiser for our wonderful school with all proceeds going to St Nicholas School

If you would like to help out on the day or wish to sponsor this fantastic fundraising event, then please email the team at: [puddingrun@live.com](mailto:puddingrun@live.com)

**See you on the day!**

**Best wishes from The Pudding Run Team**



**Bromham Youth Club will be running a pop-up cafe at Bromham Clubhouse on Sunday 4th December 2022 during the Pudding Run.**

**The cafe will be open from 9:00am till 1:00pm, selling:**

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*If anyone can help with donations, etc. please contact us directly at [bromhamyouthy@gmail.com](mailto:bromhamyouthy@gmail.com)*



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Autumn is well and truly here, with the first frosts arriving at the beginning of October. I don't know about you but I am itching to tidy up the garden, chopping off the dead flower heads and so much more.

However, I am going to leave the flower heads on over the winter and wait until spring for that tidy up. The flower heads form a vital winter home for all sorts of insects including lady birds. An 'untidy' garden is so much better for wildlife.

I have some lady birds in my house at the moment looking for a cosy spot to hibernate – little gaps around the windows seem to be a favourite spot. They will emerge when it gets warm in the spring.

For a complete list of tips on preparing your garden for winter look on the Garden Organic website. It suggests collecting fallen autumn leaves to make leafmould. Keep turning the waste in your compost bins so it is ready to use in the spring. Entice birds into the vegetable garden by feeding them. They will repay you by eating many insect pests hidden under leaves.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page where we share ideas about everything from recycling, to counting butterflies and conserving energy.



**Caroline Culley, Cath Read**

## Little Angels

To celebrate the wonderful summer weather, Little Angels held another picnic in August in the gardens of Westbrook House, the home of Heather & Michael Armstrong. We were pleased to welcome former members of Little Angels, who now attend school, along with their younger siblings. There were lots of games and activities for all ages followed by a sumptuous snack, including pizza, fruit, cakes and sausage rolls.



Little Angels created spaceships & flying saucers during Space Week and produced a display in Church.

**Bromham Little Angels have decided to take up Bishop Stephen's challenge to produce items to sell in order to raise money for two children's charities that have helped some of our members, Julia's House & Royal United (Bath) Special Care Baby Unit.**

**We will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.  
Tea, coffee, cakes, raffle, handmade crafts & Bric a Brac.  
Please help us and gain a unique gift item.**

# BROMHAM CARNIVAL AGM - 13 OCTOBER 2022

## Chairman's Report

Due to Covid, this was the first formal AGM since October 2019. At that meeting we were looking forward to celebrating our Diamond Jubilee and starting to prepare a huge programme of events to mark the occasion.

The outbreak of Covid meant that sadly we had to cancel Carnival completely in 2020. We had thought we might be able to organise a Carnival in 2021 if we delayed it until July - but Covid restrictions changed again. This meant that Wiltshire Council were unable to issue an event license – so once again we had to cancel Carnival.

Then in June 2021 the Social Centre was destroyed by fire ...

We did manage to organise the Teddy Bear Trail in 2021 at the end of July. We were immensely grateful to St Nicholas School for letting us use the school as a starting point for the Trail. As well as fantastic support from the village we had visitors from as far afield as Bristol and Swindon, and we raised an amazing £3500.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year gave us the opportunity to share in the cost of a marquee with the Jubilee Committee and work together to plan an amazing week of celebration. The marquee was literally full to overflowing for both the General Knowledge Quiz and the Bingo evening and Carnival Day itself exceeded all expectations. Even the weather was kind to us, and the threatened rain turned into a short shower at dawn and full sun for the procession.

Huge thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes, gave up time to set up the marquee and help at events. So many people have told us that it was the best Carnival ever! There were certainly more people on the field than I have seen.

As Cathy will report, despite only running a few events and having to pay £1000 towards the cost of hiring the marquee, we still raised an amazing £5500 after expenses.

During the time since the last AGM we have seen a number of committee members leave us:

- Pete Davis retired after more than 30 years on the committee, and we presented him with an engraved decanter and a bottle of whisky at this year's carnival.
- Malcolm Turner also decided to retire after many years as Pete's vice chairman.
- Den Fillis and Tracy Collins also decided it was time to step down after many years on the committee.
- Jane Fowler, Jane Slusarczyk and Fiona Burtenshaw also left the committee

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank them all for their huge contribution to Bromham Carnival over many years, and I hope we can continue to live up to their standards.

Finally, can I say a huge thank you to all of the committee who have worked incredibly hard over the past 3 years, who have adapted quickly to changes beyond our control, and still kept smiling and positive.

**Peter Hindle, Chairman**

## Treasurer's Report

The sums have all been done and after expenses this year we have raised £5,555.16.

The support from the village was fantastic and once again we would like to thank everyone who played in part in making Bromham Carnival 2022 such a success.

With the need for a new Social Centre at the forefront of our minds we have decided to donate the majority of our funds this year towards that cause – a donation of £4,500 will be made.

We also asked local organisations to contact us regarding projects they would like some funding towards and as a result we will be donating as follows:

<b>Clubhouse</b>	£750	Audio-visual equipment for presentations/talks
<b>Youth Club</b>	£500	To make up for loss of funding to pay insurances and costs
<b>Methodist Chapel</b>	£250	For a new noticeboard and display materials
<b>Raby Fund</b>	£200	Annual donation
<b>Busy Kids</b>	£300	Replacement of outdoor pergola
<b>The Hoot</b>	£300	Towards production costs shortfall

We have kept a small fund of money aside for any other village organisations who have a project they would like some support with. If you have received funds from us in the past, or would like to be considered for some funding please do get in touch via [bromhamcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:bromhamcarnival@gmail.com) and tell us what you would like the money for and how much you are asking for. We will help this year if we can, otherwise you will go top of the list for 2023.

Thank you all once again

**Cathy Welch, Treasurer**





## St Nicholas CofE VC Primary School

Thank you very much to everyone who visited the Netherstreet Plant Sale at the end of April and purchased/donated – your contribution has been very well spent by the school and will benefit the children for many years to come.

We needed new benches for our outside area to enable the children to work outside when possible. Alongside the generous donation from the Netherstreet Plant Sale and money given by the Friends of St Nicholas School - PTA from the Pudding Run, we purchased four benches that can accommodate six children per bench with access either side for wheelchairs or another chair. The benches are made from recycled plastic and are environmentally friendly. They are far more durable than the old wooden benches that require regular maintenance and can splinter.



The children use the benches for various outdoor learning activities and packed lunches. They have already had a great deal of use during the beautiful summer and September we have had.

### Forest Schools

The Forest Schools project has been running for some years, but as you can imagine during the past two years it has not been able to continue. With changes in staffing and reorganisation of resources, we are now in a position with our new Forest School Leader, Mrs Chillitupa, to resurrect the Forest Schools Outdoor Learning with a willing group of volunteers. This clearly enhances the pupils learning giving them a wider understanding of the outside world and an appreciation of our natural habitat. It incorporates Science, Maths, PSHE, English as well as many other aspects of our everyday school life. The pupils get an insight into growing vegetables and the natural habitat of insects and other wildlife. Various equipment is required to give the children a flavour of the skills used in outdoor living such as wood carving, magnifying glasses to look at bugs in their natural habitat and making fire safely for cooking and keeping warm.



Once again thank you very much to the Netherstreet Plant Sale volunteers and, of course, our wonderful Friends of St Nicholas School.

### The Clubhouse Café

The Clubhouse Café continues to go from strength to strength. In August we banked £1030, and in September £1365 making a total sum so far this year of £9520 towards the Social Centre Rebuild fund.

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 be the success it is.

**The Clubhouse Cafe Team**

## FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

Firstly we would like to thank the Carnival Committee for their very kind donation to the chapel. These funds will be put to very good use, and we are extremely grateful. We will be holding our Chapel Bazaar on Saturday 19th November 2.30 - 4.00 pm in The Clubhouse. Any offers of Cakes, Raffle Prizes or Bric-a-Brac will be much appreciated - we can collect, contact Jenny 01380 850580.

Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 18th December at 6.00pm followed by refreshments. Everyone very welcome.

### Services in November & December (*all at 10.30am*):

Sunday 6th November	Mr Clive Illman
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Service - 3pm at St Nicholas (No service at the Chapel)
Sunday 20th November	Local arrangement
Sunday 27th November	Mr Tom Hill
Sunday 4th December	Local Arrangement
Sunday 11th December	Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 18th December	Mrs Elizabeth Manley 6.00 pm - Carol Service

### Coffee & Chat from 10.00am - 12 noon:

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We thank everyone for their continuing support and generosity, and as always we extend a warm friendly welcome to everyone and look forward to seeing you at our events.

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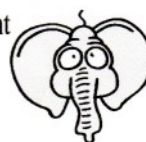
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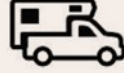
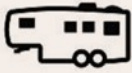
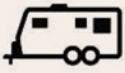
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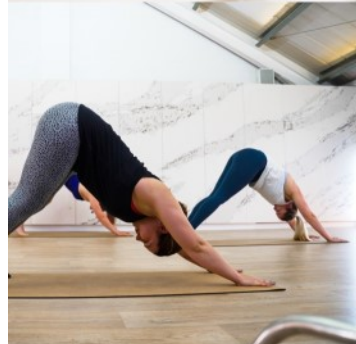
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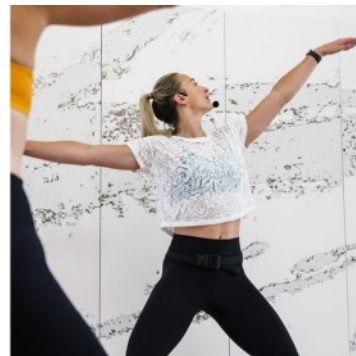
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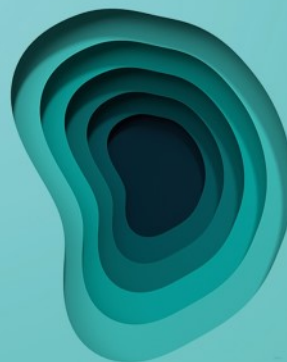
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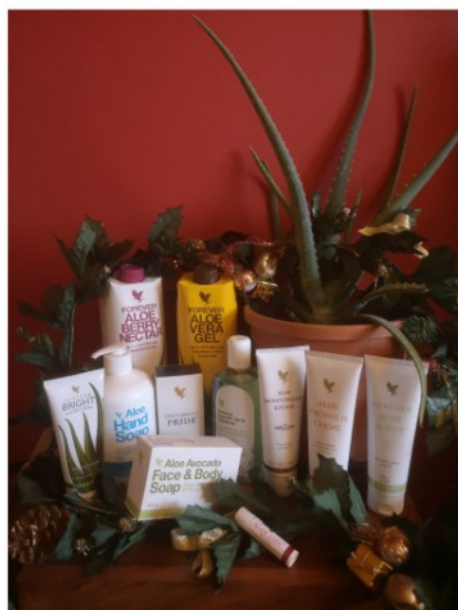
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