

THE BROMHAM HOOT

MARCH/APRIL 2023



NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

Devizes (01380) numbers unless otherwise shown

Parish of Rowde, Bromham and Sandy Lane			Bromham Parish Council		
Rector	vacancy		Chairman	Peter Paget	850246
Associate Priest	Rev Heather Smith	07702 113544	Clerk	Rosalind Humphries	850874
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Contacts for Village Organisations

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Football Club	Neil Davison	07860 557125	Stitchers	Ann Hannah	850589
Footpath Group	Linda Drummond-Harris	07905 188030	Tennis Court Bookings	Caroline Jones	850260
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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the March - April 2023 edition of The Bromham Hoot.

Thank you to everyone who sent photos for the front cover. To be slightly different this month, rather than a photograph, we've used a painting by Kay Douglas from Netherstreet. Please do keep on sending us your photos, paintings or other images.

As you will see in this latest issue of the Hoot, many of Bromham's valued clubs/organisations urgently need our help, either in volunteer or paid roles.

St Nicholas' PTA is also crying out for volunteers to fill its three most important roles. If no one steps forward it will be unable to function and so will cease to exist.

We all know that Bromham is a special village to live in and the number and variety of clubs/organisations which support people of all ages are essential in keeping it this way.

Therefore, as you read though The Hoot, please consider if you, or someone you know, can fill any of the roles advertised. Remember that none of these need to be a long-term commitment, but all are important roles which need to be filled if we are to maintain the community which we all value.

The next issue of The Hoot will be for May /June 2023, and will be distributed early in May. The deadline for content and advertising will be Friday April 22nd.

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

THE HOOT NEEDS YOU!

The Hoot team are looking for help!

We need someone to be responsible for making sure each issue of The Hoot is distributed round the village as quickly as possible. The job involves picking up 1000 copies of The Hoot from the printers and dividing them into bundles to go out to the distributors in each area of the village. The distributors then sub divide the magazines for collection by the volunteers who deliver The Hoot through every door in the village. They also need to be a point of contact for any problems e.g. missing copies, finding cover for distributors or deliverers to cover holidays or illness. It really only takes about four or five hours every two months.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Caroline Culley to find out more.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY



When we started The Hoot nearly three years ago, it was intended that the cost of printing The Hoot would be covered by charging for advertising. We also received a startup grant from Devizes Area Board that allowed us to get up to speed and build the number of advertisers to the level that The Hoot would be self-funding. For the first two years that worked well, and we are hugely grateful to all of our advertisers for their support.

Over the past year, the price of printing The Hoot has risen due to a huge increase in the cost of paper and to the ever growing number of pages of content, which we definitely can't complain about!

We did raise advertising costs last year, thankfully almost all our advertisers have stuck with us and we are still attracting new ones. We are very aware of increased costs for our advertisers, so we don't want to put up costs at the moment as we feel that we would probably lose more than we gain. Despite this, printing The Hoot now costs over £1 per copy to print, and we have a shortfall of around £150 per issue. We are very grateful for grants from the Parish Council and from the Carnival Committee which have helped kept us afloat so far.

We would like to ask for support from the village to help keep us in the black. We don't want to charge for The Hoot, but we would welcome any donations, however small.

We have set up a GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/f/bromham-hoot-donations where donations can be made; you can make cash or cheque donations to Peter, Caroline, Tracey or Heather; or contact Tracey Hutchison by email at bromham.hoot@outlook.com to get details of our bank account.

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT January and February 2023

New Councillor Kate White was welcome and signed the Declaration of Office Book.

Clerk's Resignation update: As the Clerk's resignation has not been accepted but hopefully the reasons for her resignation have now been addressed the Clerk is continuing for the time being.

Wiltshire Issues Council Update:

Traveller's Site: Unknown to the PC and Laura Mayes the injunction court case was held over 4 days, the Judge is now deliberating.

Wyatt's Lake Flooding is hoping to be resolved following on site meetings.

The Parish Stewards are now concentrating on pot holes around the County.

A342 Speed reduction from 60MPH to 50MPH including South of Sandy Lane which will be reduced from 50MPH to 40MPH, Bromham and Calne Without will be required to contribute 25% of the cost, although no agreed it will be 12months before the scheme is implemented.

Church Hill Speed: This was again discussed at the LHFIG meeting. Unfortunately although this has been ongoing for 3 years a Metro count being conducted which was proof of the speed, it has now been requested that further information is required via the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This requires VOLUNTEERS and now has more backing from a police team. Please contact the Clerk if interested.

Speed reduction extension at Westbrook: This was discussed at the LHFIG meeting and unfortunately does not meet the criteria required.

Social Centre Rebuild: A further consultation meeting was held on the 2nd February in St Nicholas Church. See separate minutes. The results of the Loan Option voting slips were 62% in favour of Option 1 (No Loan) 207 votes. Option 2 £250,000 PW Loan 46 votes. Option 3 £500,000 PW Loan 79 votes. See separate report/update.

PRECEPT: Now that Option 1 has been agreed and will not affect the Precept, it was agreed to apply for £45,000 at £1.13 on the Band D Council Tax/week. This will be the same as last year, although originally £41,000 was put forward at £1.03/week it was agreed to increase to the same as last year due to extra expenses that will occur in 2023/24 and not originally budgeted for. £1200 towards the Crown Estates new Allotment Lease Agreement fees, £2000 Extra for External Audit fees due to funds held for the SC Rebuild, and £1200 for a Cemetery memorial Safety check.

Football Club: A new 5 year lease is to be agreed.

A proposal was put to the PC to fence the Jubilee Field due to the persistent dog fouling of the 2 pitches which has resulted in the 2 small entrance gates being locked. The PC has met with football club representatives on the Jubilee Field to discuss this. It was agreed that the whole field could not be fenced denying access. This led to a discussion to only fence the main pitch and training pitch, with access around the pitches and the two small gates opened and accessible for walkers, - to be considered at the March PC Meeting.

Planning applications January:

PL/2023/00030 Nonsuch Estate. Agricultural building Westbrook Road: Change of Use.

PL/2022/09726 128 HAWKSTREET. Discharge of Obligation 15/08619/FUL RE: annexe.

PL/2022/09009 West Winds x 2, 72 Netherstreet. Variation of condition 2

PL/2021/11714 to amend design. (PLOT 2) 72 West Winds, Netherstreet, Bromham, SN15 2D

Coronation Mugs: Purchased and received. To be distributed to all children under 12. Mugs will also be available to purchase. Programme of events – see separate article.

Pound Allotment Footpath Lights: 3 New solar lights to be installed. On sight meeting on 20th February to discuss locations.

Parking at The Crescent/Highfield: This has been an ongoing problem for residents and is now also causing upset between residents. It has been suggested that car parking spaces could be provided adjacent to the Tennis Court. This Pound Playing Field is protected by under Land in Trust. Asters are not obliged to provide parking for tenants. The Clerks will contact Land in Trust.

Refuse/Dog bins: Normal green refuse bins are used for 'dog bags' The Clerk to contact WC regarding extra bins, although WC charges to empty and have to be on route for emptying.

Pavilion: It was agreed that a security light could be mounted on the rear of the Pavilion.

Clerk's Laptop: It was agreed to provide the Clerk with a Laptop to replace her computer purchased in 2006.

Village Car Park Noticeboard: Due to a cost in excess of £1000, it was agreed to renovate the existing board.

Chittoe Heath wood posts: J Seed to discuss with Spye Park (who originally erected the posts at the PC request to prevent cars on the heath) to replace any rotten posts.

Planning Applications February:

PL/2023/00463 40 New Road, 2 extensions

PL/2022/07296 64 Hawkstreet. Gateway entrance.

PL2023/00602 125 Westbrook. Roof improvements and under roof space.

PL/2022/09222 Sandridge Farm, Change of use. application withdrawn.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday March 13th

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

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

CONSULTATION EVENT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FUNDING FOR THE SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD - Held on Thursday 2nd February 2023

Present: P Paget Chairman of the Parish Council + Councillors; J Seed Chairman of the Social Centre Rebuild Committee + Members of the Committee. (A Sub Committee of the Parish Council); Approx. 60 Parishioners

1.	<p>Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council Mr Peter Paget. PP opened the meeting with comments regarding the replacement building. With the Social Centre in the past being a hub of the village hosting many events of all kinds. It is hoped that the village will not have to wait another year for a replacement and now hoping to aim high to provide the best possible replacement which may require a PW Loan. The Chairman thanked the Rebuild committee for their time and input. This is a second public consultation meeting. The parishioner's option votes/comments will be counted with the PC deciding on the next course of action.</p>
2.	<p>Update by Chairman of the Social Centre Rebuild: Mr Jonathan Seed. The SC Rebuild Committee is a sub-committee of the PC and consists approximately of half Parish Councillors and half parishioners with many having particular skills/tools to put things together - meeting when possible once a fortnight. All decisions will go to the Parish Council for approval. Although the building was under insured even for a replacement like for like, a claim has been paid and all funds including donations etc. are being held by the Parish Council. The 3 options presented are of indicative plans for each funding level. A visit to a hall at Berryfields, Melksham costing £750,000 but was agreed that the hall was too small for our village needs. The three options presented are all planned around a hall to suit needs and are of a similar size in the plans. The votes to date will be counted after the meeting in the Clubhouse – parishioners are welcome to attend. The PC has access to a Public Works Loan which is paid back on a fixed rate over a number of years, but it does not have to be taken up with in the first twelve months. It depends what parishioners are prepared to pay for it. A funding decision needs to be made at the PC meeting on the 6th of February for the Precept calculations, the WC deadline for Parish Precepts was January 19th but Bromham has been given an extension until 7th February due to the circumstances. Time has moved on in stages, building requirements/survey leading to 3 feasibility options, leading to Architect designs/ grants/ planning etc. with a possible chance of a building for Carnival next year. A start will depend on funds, parishioners input and PC approval. There have also been offerings of help with a Self-Build Scheme. There are a number of options to go forward.</p>
3.	<p>Questions/Comments: Will the PC go with the voting majority, if not why have the vote? The PC are required to make the decision, but governed by a clear mandate. It is hoped that there is a clear mandate. What is the definition of a clear mandate? Significant majority/preference. The PC asked for a vote therefore the PC have to make a decision that Parishioners have chosen. The Chairman has a casting vote – will the Chairman go with the majority vote? 3 Councillors in attendance all stated they would go with parishioners' decision to take forward. If a PW Loan has been nominated it still has to go to public consultation for approval before the PC can apply. Will Councillors have two votes? As an elector they can have a vote, but those present agreed they would go with the majority as a councillor. Will the votes be published? Yes – on all possible media available. Counting of the votes: Independently adjudicated? Parishioners welcome to attend the counting in the Club House after this meeting. Thanks were given to the PC, Rebuild Committee and the huge effort from those who have donated towards the fund including the sale of cards, tea towels and the Café. If grants are successful can they be taken off the PWLoan in the future? Yes, but inflation and contingencies need to be considered. Do the calculations include to finish or just the shell and a Business Plan. What if the Business Plan does not work? Any option would require a Business Plan including an application for a PW Loan and grants. Using skills at hand with a reasonably sound plan, Although might not necessarily be a sound commercial option a Business Plan should include running costs in the future. Three options but same size hall, therefore why the need for a loan? Has the The Owl and accommodation been taken in to consideration– income and input. The Owl was run independently therefore should not be included in the Business Plan. The original SC was originally just a hall with additions at a later stage. Why can we not do this without the need for a loan? Part of the design brief was to be able to extend, this has been considered with the proposed plant room and roof space to make extending easy. The original Hall cost £40,000 but an extension was added 8 years later costing £54,000, so is concerned that extending in the future would be false economy with the present raging economy if we don't do it now and pull together to move forward and do the best for the village. It is good to have opinions and observations but need to go ahead, although there may be different opinions. We have done well to get this far with meetings and being able to now move on. The committee is doing a good job on behalf of the village. Transparency? Need to see the result of the vote. Where will it be published? All possible media, Village Website, next publication of the Hoot. Will the decision/vote be known before the next PC meeting? The first count will be done tonight with the final count before the PC meeting on Monday to give all a chance to vote before the 6th. Will there be a second PC meeting? The Parishioners will be consulted at the necessary stages. There being no further questions parishioners were invited to discuss funding options with Councillors and The Rebuild Committee.</p>

SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD UPDATE

Public Consultation Vote Results

The results of the vote following the public consultation were as follows:

Votes received	337
Spoilt / invalid	5
Total valid votes	332

The votes cast represent just under 25% of the eligible voters in the village.

The votes cast for each option were:

Option 1 - no Public Works Loan	207
Option 2 - £250,000 Public Works Loan	46
Option 3 - £500,000 Public Works Loan	79

This was a clear mandate to the Parish Council, and accordingly at the Parish Council meeting on February 6th it was unanimously agreed not to increase the Parish precept for 2023 in order to pay for a possible Public Works Loan.

Next Steps

As a first step we need an outline design and a target budget to support grant applications; for example, many grants are based on matching funding. As a public body the Parish Council also need to be able to prove that we have all the funding in place before any work can begin on a building.

In order to be able to move forward as quickly as possible - at a Parish Council meeting on February 23rd it was agreed to initially plan and cost the build based on 3 phases:

Phase 1: £800k (our current funds)

Phase 2: An additional £250k from grants and fundraising taking the total budget to just over £1m

Phase 3: A further £250k from grants and fundraising

We have now begun the process of appointing an architect. Six architects have been invited to tender for the design of the new building based on the design brief. The design of the building must support the requirement to build in phases and to facilitate later extension as, and when, demand indicates a need and funding allows.

The initial responses will be narrowed down to three, who will be invited to present their proposals before the Rebuild Committee make a recommendation to the Parish Council to appoint an architect.

The successful architect's design will then be put out for consultation by the residents of Bromham in mid May 2023. Following the consultation, planning permission will be sought, and a formal tender process conducted for a contractor.

Hopefully at this point we will know if we have been successful with our initial grant application, and have sufficient funding to be in a position to seek tenders for building Phases 1 and 2

With this in mind a rough timetable has now been drawn up with key dates in the process outlined as follows:

End of March: Appoint architect

Late April: Approve design

Mid May: Parish consultation on design

Early June: Submit planning application / Concurrent tender for contractor (Wiltshire Council Approved Contractors)

Mid August: Appoint contractor

September: Start build (estimate 20 weeks build time)

This is an ambitious timetable with many unknowns and possible delays, but the target is to have a new building completed by Carnival 2024.

Charitable Status

The Parish Council agreed to move forward with an application to register as a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO) to replace the current Social Centre charity, which is a simple trust. This is a condition for acceptance of a significant (£250k) grant application, which we have now been invited to formally apply for.

As a CIO, the charity will have the legal capacity to do many things in its own name that a person or company can do, such as: employing paid staff; delivering charitable services under contractual agreements; entering into commercial contracts in its own name; owning freehold or leasehold land or other property. In addition, as a corporate body, generally its trustees are not personally liable for what it does.

We intend to set up the CIO with a wider membership, so that it has members who vote on all important decisions (usually at AGMs). Any person on the Register of Electors of the village will be eligible to be a member. The way the charity will operate is similar to a company that has: shareholders, the Members of the charity; a board of directors, the Trustees; and a management team.

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

Services in March and April 2023 (all at 10.30am):

Sunday 5th March	Mr Eric Clifford
Sunday 12th March	Mrs Elizabeth Manley
Sunday 19th March	Local arrangement
Sunday 26th March	Holy Communion - Rev Di Whittall
Sunday 2nd April	Rev Craig Manley
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday - to be arranged
Sunday 16th April	Local arrangement
Sunday 23rd April	Mrs Michele Gard
Sunday 30th April	Sector Service at Calne

Coffee & Chat from 10.00am - 12 noon:

Saturday 4th March

Saturday 1st April

Saturday 13th May (moved from the first Saturday to avoid the Coronation Celebrations)

We will be joining with the Parish Church on Sunday May 7th at 11.00am for a service of Celebration to mark the King's Coronation. We will also be involved with the Easter Trail, which is organised by the School, St Nicholas church and ourselves.

As always we say thank you for all the support and help we receive, and extend a warm friendly welcome to everyone.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

Bromham & Rowde Monday Club

It was lovely to see our members again after quite a long Christmas and New Year break. Brian celebrated his 90th birthday in late January and we all enjoyed a piece of his delicious birthday cake. Nick, too, was pleased by a cake - Serena made one of his favourite puddings, Pineapple Upside Down Cake - delicious with ice cream!!



We were glad to get back to our gentle exercise sessions, puzzles and bingo, and also enjoyed singing along to songs from the shows with Sian and Rob.

On Saturday April 15th we will be holding a coffee morning in the Clubhouse to raise funds for Monday Club. Please come along and support us.

Why not come along and join us? To find out more about Monday Club, please contact :

Carol - 01380 850925 or Caroline - 07557 983940

Job Vacancy – Monday Club Organiser

With the current Organiser leaving in the summer, there is a vacancy for Monday Club Organiser. Hours: Mondays 9-2 plus 2 hours admin a week. Remuneration in line with National Living Wage. The Organiser is responsible for providing a varied and enjoyable weekly programme for the older people of Bromham and Rowde. The Organiser is responsible for a team of volunteer helpers. She/he will enjoy working with older people and liaising with family members as necessary.

For an application form and more information please email carolineculley1@outlook.com

Closing Date: 31 March

BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES

It's great to emerge from the depths of winter and find the evenings getting lighter, the sun rising in the sky and the temperature just that little bit warmer. Spring is here at last and it seems to bring a sense of hope.



For the Church, Spring brings the most important festival – Easter. It's a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. What can we make of that event in twenty-first century Wiltshire? It demonstrates that no matter how bad things get there is always hope. Jesus' disciples in the first century thought that everything was over. They had lost their friend and teacher – someone who had transformed their attitude to life. But their experience of the resurrection ended up giving them a renewed hope. This small band of people found courage to speak out and share their hope when all had seemed lost, and the good news of God's love spread across the world.

As we eat our chocolate eggs, let's remember how much difference a few people inspired by hope can make.

Happy Easter!

Revd Heather

Church Services in March and April 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 5th March	Rowde	Rowde (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 12th March	Sandy Lane	Bromham
Sunday 19th March (Mothering Sunday)		Rowde
Sunday 26th March	Sandy Lane	Bromham
Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday)	Rowde	Rowde
Monday 3rd April	6.00pm Compline at Bromham	
Tuesday 4th April	6.00pm Compline at Bromham	
Wednesday 5th April	7.30pm Tenebrae at Bromham	
Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday)	7.30pm Eucharist at Bromham	
Friday 7th April (Good Friday)	10.30am Children's Service at Bromham 2.00pm Rowde 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at Bromham	
Saturday 8th April	7.30pm Easter Vigil at Bromham	
Sunday 9th April (Easter Day)	Sandy Lane	Bromham Rowde (Morning Worship)
Sunday 16th April	No Service	Rowde
Sunday 23rd April	Sandy Lane	Bromham
Sunday 30th April	No Service	Rowde

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

Letter from the Parochial Church Council

Hello everyone, how are you all? We hope that you are keeping well especially now that the daylight begins to lengthen and the signs of Spring are appearing. Hasn't it been wonderful and almost awe inspiring to witness the rapidly changing colours of sunsets in the chill evening air recently?

It won't be long now before seeds and plants are planted and as well as bird song and buzzing insects, we'll soon hear another sound return, the hum and droning of lawnmowers.

At the time of writing there is still a chill in the air, so a reminder that our warm Church is open every day and available for you if ever you feel the need for a place to unwind, relax or just take time out in peace, quiet and warmth. Beginning on Saturday 25th February, and each Saturday up to and including the 1st of April, we are hosting Super Soup Saturday, otherwise being promoted as "Lent Lunches". Delicious, wholesome, homemade soups are being made by some of our kind "Church ladies". If you fancy a break from your usual Saturday routine, why not come along? There is no charge, but we will gladly accept donations which will be given to the Devizes Food Bank.

We were pleased to host the recent public meeting when the three options put forward to rebuild the Social Centre were discussed. Congratulations to the Clubhouse for continuing to raise much needed funds for the rebuild. There is to be a musical evening in the Parish Church on Thursday 13th April at 8pm featuring the well-known and talented guitarist, Eddie Martin. Contact Hans Shell on 07957 882304 for tickets. All monies received will be donated to the rebuild fund, so do come along and enjoy an evening of varied guitar music.

You will know of course that we are still without a full-time priest. When the post was advertised last Autumn, two people showed interest, but regrettably in both cases, they have withdrawn for personal reasons. The position is therefore being re-advertised in the Church Times on April the 14th and 21st.

Last summer, as part of the process of attracting a new priest, the PCC's of both Rowde and Bromham created a profile of our villages giving an in depth assessment of the life and work of our three Churches plus detailed information about our villages and Wiltshire in general, including education, health, shopping and leisure etc.

At the moment Salisbury Diocese are making many changes in Rural Ministry, so much so, that our next priest will be part time, working three days a week plus Sundays. This is not ideal of course, but it reflects the fact that fewer people are coming into Church Ministry and there are many vacancies throughout the Diocese.

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

Notice of Road Closure for Bromham Carnival, 24th June 2023 **Temporary road closure application (Town and Police Clauses Act 1847)**

Please be advised that Bromham Carnival Committee have applied to Wiltshire Council for a Temporary Road Closure Order under the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 to enable the annual Bromham Carnival procession to take place, affecting the following road(s):

Highfield, The Pound, Horsepool, High Street, New Road, Church Hill

Access to and from the following will also be affected:

Minty's Top, Breach Close, Greystones, Jockey Lane, School Lane

It is anticipated that the above road(s) will be closed to all vehicular traffic (save in all cases of emergency) between the hours of **13.30 and 15.30 on Saturday 24th June 2023.**

If anyone has any objection, please inform Wiltshire Council by Friday 21st April 2023

By post: Sustainable Transport Group, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

By email: TrafficOrders@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

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

Clubhouse Café

In the first two months of 2023, the Clubhouse Café continues to do well. In January we banked £1,165, and in February £1,150, all 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 work.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

The speaker for our January meeting was Nick King, who with his two sons runs "Goats of the Gorge", a company that produces goat's milk products. Nick was a policeman, but had to take early retirement in 2014 because he had osteoporosis and was advised to drink goat's milk to help the condition. This proved to be the case and Nick decided to keep his own goats so he had his own ready supply of milk. He started with 2 Anglo Nubian goats and ended up with 24! As the benefits of goat's milk became clear Nick formed his company to produce creams, lotions and shampoo using goat's milk, and these are used by adults and children who suffer from various skin conditions. The products are now sold at markets and outlets around the country, and they are now sending products abroad. It was a really interesting and informative talk.

The speaker for our February meeting was Ann Ewing. Ann is retired but had been a Registrar of Ceremonies for Wiltshire County for nearly 4 years. She had only been required to work at weekends and only officiate at weddings. She had to have a lot of legal training to do it, so that she was able to recognise scam marriages and dodgy documentation. She said she also had to learn to use a fountain pen again as all the marriage certificates were hand written. She had performed weddings at many different places, and the type of weddings had been varied and sometimes quite bizarre. But the venue chosen for the wedding ceremony had to have a roof and no alcohol was allowed in the room. The music at ceremonies varied - harp, flute and guitars - and at some weddings owls and dogs had been involved in the proceedings. These along with small children could be disruptive during the ceremony as well as the antics of certain photographers. The dresses and outfits worn by the brides and guests could be various and the money spent by some couples on the ceremony was astronomical. Ann's talk was an amusing insight into her life as a registrar.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th March when we will be hearing about riding for the disabled.

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

Sheila Sims

Bromham Phoenix Club

It was a rather foggy, frosty morning when we set off for Gloucester on Tuesday, 7th February. The temperature was -3 deg. So it was definitely a hat and gloves day. We travelled on the A roads through Malmesbury, Tetbury and were dropped off right outside the Gloucester Quays shopping mall which had beautiful marble flooring and various attractive designer shops.

At the far end were the quays lined with many inviting cafes. Also a large Piazza where there would probably be some live entertainment in the summer. Further along the canal was crowded with boats and overlooked by old and new apartment blocks. The walk by the canal was called Paju Walk named after the city of Paju in the Republic of Korea. The Gloucester Regiment (The Glosters) played a heroic role in the defence of South Korea during the war (1950-53) holding out against the Chinese army at the Battle of Imjin River despite being heavily outnumbered. There are still strong ties between the two Cities. Further along the walk is a large sculpture looking rather like Cleopatras Needle created by Wolfgang Buttress. It is a 22 metre high beacon land mark and it a reminder of the many fires that have occurred in the docks. It is made of corten steel and is etched with the words of Ivor Gurney's poem "Requiem".

Further through the town is Gloucester Cathedral which is well worth a visit. Outside is a new 27ft. high sculpture called the Knife Angel which is part of a national anti-violence tour. Made from 100,000 bladed articles seized by police, it weighs 3.5 tonnes. In the middle of the High Street is St. Mary de Crypt church. The old Crypt schoolroom is the original Crypt school and was founded by John and Joan Cooke and built in 1539. It was restored and re-opened in 1880 as a Sunday School in memory of Robert Raikes who was believed to have started the Sunday School movement in this country. It is now used as the Church Hall. Opposite this building is the home of Robert Raikes a leading dignitary in Gloucester and now converted into a rather pleasant pub still displaying the appearance of a gentleman's comfortable home. We left Gloucester at 4.00p.m. after a very enjoyable day out.

Jean Turner

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I've set up 'Loophill Gardening Group' for the purposes of getting a discount from Suttons. The code **SUGS422K** will get you **50% off seeds** and **15% off non seed live products** e.g. onion sets or plants.

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Anyone is free to use this code. Happy Gardening!

Judi McKendrick

RBL Bromham Branch 1922-2022 – 101yrs Young

Welcome to the next insight from Bromham Veterans, a bit of a short one this time around.

On Saturday 4th Feb, we held our annual lunch at the Greyhound. It was a really good event with a great turnout from members. Looking forward to next year's with maybe more members in attendance?

A suggestion for a day trip to Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes has been submitted, with a provisional date of Sat 15th April being proposed. We will look into this and post confirmation on the 'Spotted in Bromham' Facebook page. If you don't have access to social media, then please contact us via the email below or the numbers in this magazine. The trip will be offered out to members of the RBL and Bromham Veterans, with the idea to hire a minibus subject to numbers, for the trip.

Again, we are looking at other locations and events throughout the year and really would appreciate suggestions. It may be a busy year for us all. Other than what is mentioned, come and join us on our 3rd Wednesday social in the Greyhound and meet other members who dedicate time in promoting Bromham Veterans.

Upcoming Calendar of events:

- Wednesday 15th Mar 2023 - Bromham RBL Quarterly Meeting in the Clubhouse at 19:30hrs followed by Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound
- Saturday 15th April 2023 – Bromham Veterans proposed day trip to Bletchley Park – Departing from the Bromham Clubhouse car park (timings TBC)
- Wednesday 19th Apr 2023 - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs
- Saturday 6th May 2023 – The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
- Wednesday 17th May 2023 - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs
- Wednesday 14th Jun 2023 - Bromham RBL Quarterly Meeting in the Clubhouse at 19:30hrs
- Saturday 17th & 18th Jun 2023 - Bromham Teddy Bear Trail
- Saturday 24th Jun 2023 – Bromham Carnival
- Wednesday 21st June 2023 - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs
- Wednesday 19th July 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.

Bromham Branch Royal British Legion - Annual Lunch 2023



The Bromham Branch of the Royal British Legion held its Annual Lunch and 101st Anniversary celebration at The Greyhound on Saturday 4 February. The event was very well attended by Branch members, local veterans and their spouses and friends. The Branch Standard, resplendent with the 100th Anniversary Pennant awarded last year, was on full display, and everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch expertly prepared and served by Tara, Danny and the Greyhound staff.

Following the meal, the Branch Chairman, Neil Meadows summarised what had been a busy and successful year for the Branch, including its participation in the Summer Fete, the Teddy Bear Trail, the Christmas Tree Festival and its usual presence at the Village Remembrance Service, including the 6' 'Silhouette Soldier', which had been presented to the Church as a permanent reminder of Remembrance. This had provided an appropriately sombre backdrop to the Minute's Silence held by the Branch in September to mark the passing of our beloved Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.



The Branch's visit to the National Memorial Arboretum had been extremely enjoyable and, thanks to generous donations, had been free to all of the members and veterans who had attended. Another visit, this time to Bletchley Park, is being planned for April.

As many of you are aware, the Chairman has been making wooden items made from repurposed scrap wood and has been selling them to support the veterans of the Bromham Village community. With grateful thanks to all of the Village residents who have donated unwanted offcuts and allowed him to 'dive' into their skips, and equally grateful thanks to everyone who has bought his 'Scrapwood' products, he was delighted to present a cheque for £1,000 to Julian Lander the President of the Bromham Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Treasurer of the Bromham Veterans' Association.

With the nesting season fast approaching, Neil has made a stock of 'Scrapwood' bird boxes for sale. Tara in the Greyhound has details but, if you would like to purchase one in aid of the Bromham veterans community, please contact Neil at bromhamveterans@gmail.com

Notes from the Belfry

Work has started on the tower. Before the contractors arrived we had to empty as much as we could out of the ringing chamber, so a group of us turned up one cold Tuesday morning and loaded up Chris Farnsworth's trailer with everything from books to vacuum cleaners. The next day Steve rolled up the carpets and rearranged the large items of furniture against the clock case. He then shrouded the whole lot in heavy duty plastic. This of course means that he is unable to wind the clock - hence why the clock has been stopped.

Then we heard that the start date had been put back a week so we had one more practice using the simulator before we lowered the bells and pulled the ropes up through the ceiling out of the way.



The first thing the contractors did was take down the ceiling of the ringing chamber. All the planks were riddled with woodworm and mostly rotten so that will mean a new ceiling. With the affected beam exposed it was possible to see the extent of the dry rot which is confined to one end. This will be removed and replaced with galvanised steel. The beam is supported on large corbels and is set into the wall at either end. The belfry floor is supported by two RSJs so there is no danger of it crashing down but the oak beam is essential for stabilising the oak bell frame above.

Whilst the primary reason for the work is structural, it was found that the bells themselves needed essential maintenance carried out, particularly to the clappers and the bearings.

These have been removed and sent to the workshop to be refurbished. Other components to be replaced are the pulleys and sliders.

The old makeshift soundproofing (mostly old carpet) has been removed from under the bells. This was found to be infested with fruit flies so, as a precaution, the belfry will be treated with insecticide. The old carpet will be replaced by proper sound proofing material to be fixed under the floor of the bell chamber. This will not affect the sound of the bells outside but slightly deaden the sound in the ringing chamber.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of April, so sadly not in time for Easter but we are hoping to have the bells ringing again in time for the coronation.

Linda Drummond-Harris

Bromham Youth Group

Since returning from the Christmas break, we have held our AGM. Pete remains as Chairperson, Victoria as Treasurer and Claire is now the Secretary of the Youth Club. We would like to thank Rosalind for being the secretary for the last eight years and wish her well in her retirement.

We have welcomed four new members to the club: Laura, Tom, Isaak and James. We still have a couple of spaces for new members. If interested, please email bromhamyouthy@gmail.com for more information.

We have recently held a badminton and football competition. The doubles badminton final ended in a draw between Frankie and Tom vs Liana and Hayden. Jake and Lukas were the football champions.

Members have taken part in activities such as Bingo, Dodgeball and a quiz. The chilli jellybean eating competition was quite a disgusting challenge, but some members managed to even eat even the spiciest jellybean.



Darren Barber

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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

Bromham Coronation Celebrations

2nd - 8th May 2023



Date	Time	Event	Details
Tuesday 2nd May	6.00pm	Table Top / Car Boot / Jumble Sale	£5 per car, £5 per table (Set up from 4pm)
Wednesday 3rd May	<i>Currently no event on this day, any suggestions welcome</i>		
Thursday 4th May	7.00pm	Quiz Night	Arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Bar available.
Friday 5th May	8.00pm	Live Music - Junkyard Dogs	Bar available. Entry £5.
Saturday 6th May	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Children's Tea Party	Dave Hickory Magic Show. Fancy Dress (Open theme), prize for best dressed.
	7.00pm	Live Music - Pete Lamb	An evening of live Music & Dancing. Bar available.
Sunday 7th May	11.00am	Church Service	In St Nicholas Church
	12.30pm - 2:30pm	Pensioner's Lunch *	Ploughman's Lunch & 1 glass of wine. Best decorated hat competition, prize for winner. £5 a head. Bar available. Booking required*
	6.30pm	Bingo Night	Eyes down at 7pm
Monday 8th May (Bank Holiday)	8:30am & 10.00am	Big Breakfast *	Two sittings 08:30 & 10.00am Booking Required *
	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Best Decorated Throne Competition	You are encouraged to decorate a chair with a 'Royal' theme and bring them for judging.
	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Youth Field Events (Ages 11-16)	Hot Dog eating; Football; Rounders etc. Contact bromhamyouthy@gmail.com for more information

* **Booking Required - Forms in The Clubhouse, or call Den Fillis - 01380 850473**



For more information follow us on Facebook '*Bromham Coronation Celebrations*'

Bromham Ladies Group

An invitation to step into a chocolate world!

An interactive talk from our local **Chocolate Engineer "Holly Chocs"**.

Holly will cover the science and history of chocolate with a walk around the world tasting chocolate from different countries, with the option to buy Holly's chocolates at the end of the talk.

The event will be held at **Bromham St Nicholas School on Tuesday 21st March at 7.45pm**

To gauge interest please email cher.lorenz@hotmail.com or text on 07784 879266 confirming how many seats you would like to reserve.

Price on entry will be £2 at the door.



BROMHAM CARNIVAL 2023

Planning is already well underway for this year's Bromham Carnival. A marquee has been arranged, the Cricklade Silver Band are booked to lead the procession and the popular Ministry of Samba Band are making a return.

Last year's Carnival was one of the most successful for many years, raising over £6,500 for village organisations and for the Social Centre Rebuild. Let's see if we can do even better this year!

SAVE THE DATES - PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF EVENTS:

Saturday June 17th	Teddy Bear Trail
Sunday June 18th	Teddy Bear Trail
Wednesday June 21st	General Knowledge Quiz
Thursday June 22nd	Bingo evening
Saturday June 24th	Bromham Carnival Procession, stalls, BBQ, fun fair etc.
	Evening - Music and Dancing in the Marquee

Other events are being planned, see the next Hoot and our Facebook page for more details.

Start thinking about your floats and fancy dress for the procession, June will be here before you know it!

TEDDY BEAR TRAIL 2023 - "NURSERY RHYMES OLD AND NEW"

The Theme: After our amazingly successful Teddy Bear Trail last year we are hoping that 2023 will be even bigger and better. As always it will run over a weekend, Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June, and this year the theme will be 'Nursery Rhymes Old and New'. So, get your thinking caps on and start planning your Teddy soon – spaces are limited to 50 bears throughout the centre of the village. Remember the trail is for all the family so it's fine if they are easy to guess, we only need a few real teasers. There is no entry fee for the creators of the bears. All you need to do is get in touch with Cathy Welch on 01380 850555 or email Cathy at cathywelchyoga@gmail.com to get your name down and to check your idea to ensure we can avoid duplicates.

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

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

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

The Advertisers: As always local businesses are encouraged to place an advert in the Teddy Bear Trail programme as a great way to support the event. Advertisers will be contacted by email nearer the time but feel free to put yourself forward, especially if you haven't placed an advert before.

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

HELP!!

As always, it takes an army of volunteers to make Carnival successful. We especially need: marshals to keep the procession route safe; volunteers to erect marquees and gazebos on the Jubilee field, and to take them all down and clean up afterwards; help to man the Barbeque. If you think you could help, or would be interested in joining the Carnival Committee, please contact us via our Facebook page or talk to any of the Committee:

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



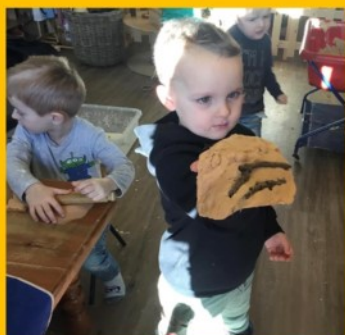
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Our topic this term is 'all about me'. We have been making self-portraits with materials we have collected from outside. We have been talking about friendships and people we love and have been practising working as a team and helping our friends.



Our pre-school children have been learning letters and sounds in preparation for starting school. They have all enjoyed learning the Jolly Phonics songs and actions. We have been doing lots of maths work as well, focusing on recognising, sorting and counting numbers up to 10.



We celebrated Chinese New Year in January which was lots of fun. We made Chinese lanterns and tried some delicious Chinese food.

As always, we have enjoyed plenty of outdoor play and lots of messy play this term!





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JOIN OUR COMMITTEE!

We are looking for people to join our Committee to help drive Busy Kids forward and continue to provide affordable childcare for the community. So, calling all parents, carers, grandparents, friends and community minded individuals!

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Bromham Footpath Group

January was a month of extremes as far as the weather was concerned. The second week had us wading through floods and then a week later came the big freeze when the ground became rock hard and very uncomfortable underfoot.



It was much milder for the January pub walk when we met at the Bell, Yatton Keynell and took a circular route via Long Dean and the periphery of the Castle Coombe racing circuit. We arrived back at the pub a little early and were joined by three more members of the group for an excellent lunch.

Since Christmas we have welcomed three new ladies to the group, all newcomers to the village. It is an excellent way to get to know people and discover the variety of footpaths in the surrounding area as well as exploring new places a little further afield. We meet at the Social Centre car park every Thursday at 9am and walk for approximately two hours.

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

LAURA MAYES - Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham, Rowde & Roundway

I think we can all agree it has been a tough few years. Covid, the war in Ukraine and the cost-of-living crisis driven by fuel and energy inflation have hit us all hard.

At Wiltshire Council we face increased costs of £69 million (over 16% of our total budget) and whilst we have had some welcome funding from the government, it hasn't come close to meeting the cost pressures we face. As a result, like nearly every other Council in the country, we have had to increase council tax for the next year by 2.99%, and the Adult Social Care levy by 2% making the total increase 4.99%. Whilst this is less than inflation, we are aware this increase could be tough for those on low or fixed incomes so please contact me if you need support.



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 £9 on maintaining Wiltshire's highways and subsidising local bus services	 £6 on running the council and holding elections
 £4 on the council's extensive property assets	 £3 on our online and digital services
 £2 on Wiltshire leisure and libraries	 £1 on improving Wiltshire's economy

The chart shows how your money is spent. As you can see 57% of our total budget is spent on caring for vulnerable adults and safeguarding children.

I finally felt the warmth of the sun this week, and the daffodils are beginning to show their heads so hopefully spring will bring us some cheer.

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.

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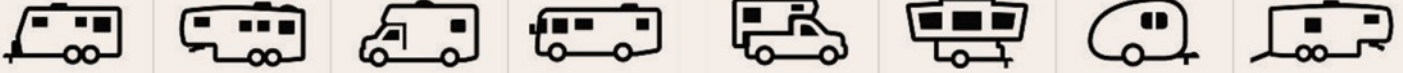
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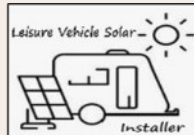
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- ◆ The leisure industry is looking at bringing in rules to tackle the steady rise of Carbon Monoxide poisoning with owners of leisure vehicles who don't have their vehicle serviced annually.
- ◆ This is being driven by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Insurance Companies and NCC.
- ◆ It is recommended that appliances within a leisure vehicle should follow similar principles of domestic natural gas heating systems in a residential or commercial building, when they have its annual checks by a Gas Safe Engineer or company.
- ◆ In addition to this, club sites and private site owners may ask patrons to show a valid Gas Safety Check Certificate, before they will allow them onto site...

CCS offer a Gas Safety Check which includes: efficiency of the fuel being burnt correctly in your appliances and CO2 PPM readings; checking your equipment for damage; replacing any out of date hoses and regulators; checking flue vents; and general maintenance checks of your appliances with recommendations to repair or replace defective parts.

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The BHS's Dead Slow message to pass horses 'wide and slow' has now been incorporated in the Highway Code.

Equestrians have the same right to be on the road as motorists or any other user group. Understanding, respect and consideration by all road users are required to ensure the safety for everyone. The BHS advises all equestrians and road users to familiarise themselves with the updated Highway Code and of course when riding out please always wear at least a Hi-Viz tabard.

With the support of Parish Councils and the agreement of Wiltshire Council, the BHS Wiltshire County Committee are funding the provision of Dead Slow signage in hot spots to raise awareness amongst motorists to pass horses slow and wide.

As a motorist what should I do if I see a horse on the road? If you see a horse being ridden or led on the road you should:

- Slow down to a maximum of 10 mph
- Be patient, don't sound your horn or rev your engine
- Pass the horse wide and slow (2m or at least a cars width if possible)
- Drive away slowly



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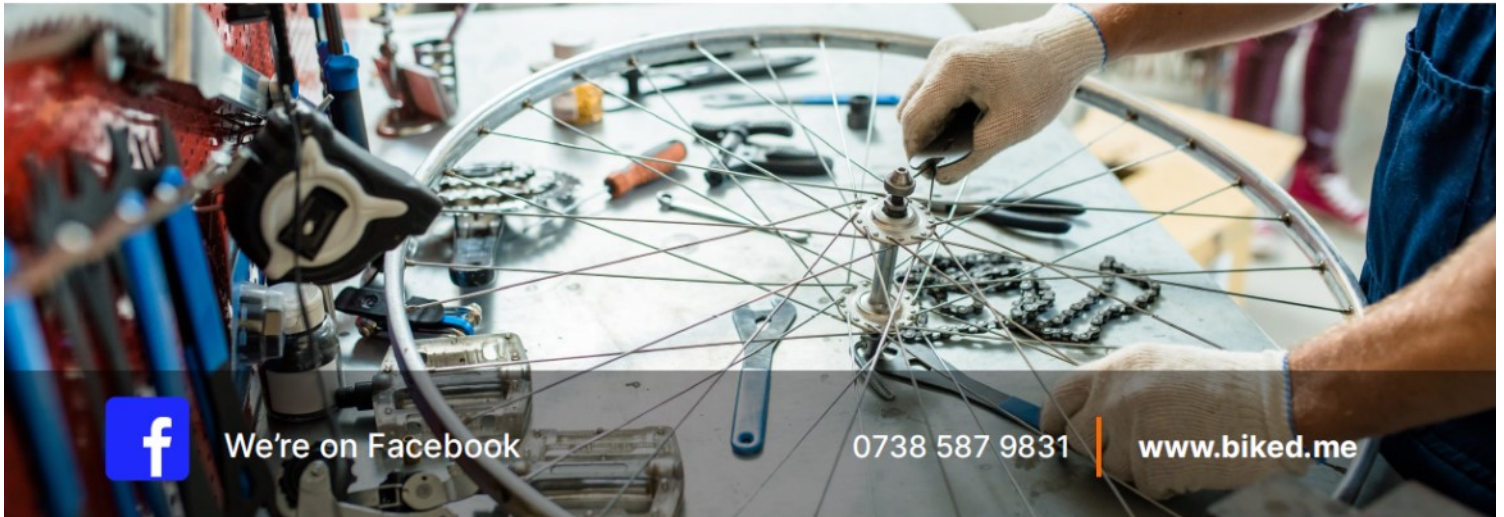
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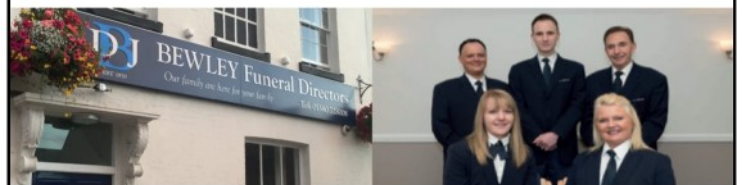
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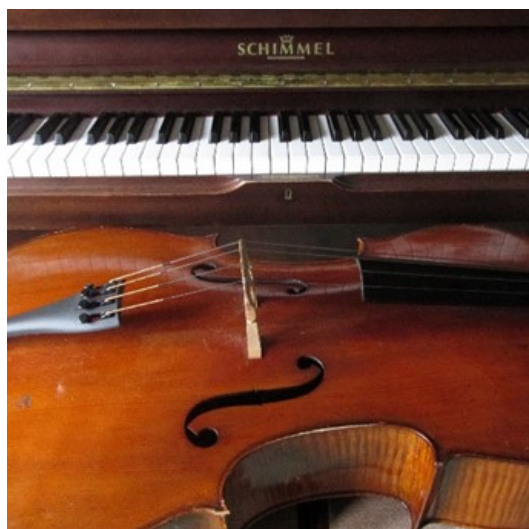
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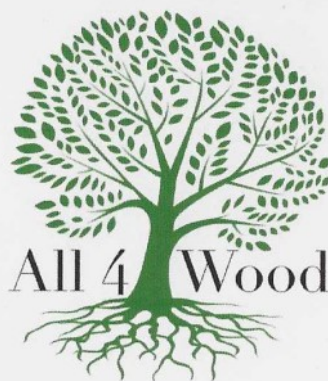
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