

THE BROMHAM HOOT

MAY/JUNE 2023



NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

Devizes (01380) numbers unless otherwise shown

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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the May - June 2023 edition of The Bromham Hoot.

Thank you to everyone who sends in photos for the front cover. This month the cover photo of "Fluttering and dancing in the breeze - A little bit of Wordsworth in Wiltshire!" was taken by Jill Osborne. Please do keep on sending us your photos, paintings or other images.

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal in the last magazine for funds to support the cost of printing The Hoot. So far we've received £450 in donations, both directly and through the GoFundMe page. We would like to make a special mention of donations of £100 from Bromham Ladies group, and a very generous £250 from Simon Cairns.

Donations can still be made at www.gofundme.com/f/bromham-hoot-donations. Alternatively 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.

The next issue of The Hoot will be for July /August 2023, and will be distributed early in July. The deadline for content and advertising will be Friday June 16th.

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.



Blues in Bromham

On Thursday April 13th more than 70 people enjoyed a performance by top Blues guitarist, Eddie Martin in St Nicholas Church in aid of the Social Centre Rebuild and Church funds.

£735 was raised from ticket sales and donations for the Rebuild Fund and the ladies of the church raised another £200 for church funds from the sale of refreshments and a raffle.

Huge thanks to Hans Shell for organising the event, to Neil Davison for his generous sponsorship and to Matthew Russ who was the sound engineer.

BROMHAM TEA TOWEL

For sale at most upcoming village events

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BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - March and April 2023

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 23rd FEBRUARY

The Football Club agreement was renewed for a further 5 years. Dog fouling had resulted in gates being locked by the Football Club.

It was also agreed to allow the Football Club to fence the main pitch and training pitch on the Jubilee Field, with access to the rest of the field with all gates unlocked. To be completed after the Carnival. The FBC has also volunteered to mow the pitches. Also the following was discussed:

SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD: Following the vote by Parishioners not to apply for a Public Works Loan the following outline budget was approved Phase 1 £800K Phase 2 £250k Phase 3 £250k.

CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Proposal and Document. (Setting up a new Charity) It was recommended that the Parish Council approve that the management of the new building would be through a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation and that the Parish Council authorise the Rebuild Subcommittee to organise and submit the relevant application. Noting that this will be a condition for acceptance of a significant (£250k) grant application.

Original Trustees and Management to run the new charity, meaning a limited liability for the Trustees with the village having a say as a board of Trustee, allowing separate business possibilities with a constitution stipulated by the charity Commission. The term for Trustees is 3 years; the first year will have nominated members to start the Charity, who will then be required to resign after the first year when new Trustees will be appointed. If the Charity is dissolved any remaining assets will return to the Parish Council. Grants and funds are not required to be kept separate.

An Architect Selection document was presented to the PC for the Rebuild Committee to conduct using an architect selection process. An invitation to tender was to be sent to 6 companies.

Kate White attended a Councillor course at Calne Town Council and Peter Hindle attended a Risk Assessment online session.

Pound Footpath Solar Lights: The PC agreed to 3 solar lights on the Pound allotment footpath. To be installed in April. The lights are to be funded using the Sandridge Solar and CIL funds.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th MARCH

A Parishioner voiced concerns regarding discussions by the Rebuild Committee to build on the Millennium Field as a consideration to raise funds for the SC Rebuild, this has not been brought to the Parish Council.

Traveller's Site New Road: The injunction decision is still with the Judge.

Wyatt's Lake: The flooding on the A3102 has again been reported and WC is working with the owner to install new pipe work.

The SC Rebuild Committee reported that 6 tenders had been sent out to architects.

The Clerk raised concerns regarding the PC's limited legal responsibilities as Custodian Trustees, and the existing role of the Social Centre Management Committee. With the Chairman's approval, advice was sought from the WALC and Wansbroughs regarding the request to transfer all funds and assets to the Rebuild Committee. Following advice received a further meeting with Wansbroughs was agreed for the 24th March.

Cemetery Memorial Inspections: James Long carried out an overdue inspection and listed 55 memorials at high risk due to new legislation regarding fixing pins. As this is a Health and Safety risk the PC has a responsibility to carry out the repairs and agreed to have the work carried out at a cost of £1700. James Long will carry out this work- all work covered by their insurance. All memorials will then be covered for the next 5 years. Notices have been posted on the cemetery gates and in the HOOT.

Grass Cutting 2023/24 Bawdens was again awarded the 3 recreation fields grass cutting contract at an annual cost of £2061.70 + VAT

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 24th MARCH

An Extraordinary Meeting was held with Wansbroughs' solicitor for advice concerning the transfer of assets and the proposed new Social Centre Charity (CIO) application. The Social Centre Management Committee and Rebuild Committee members were also invited to be present. Several legal points were discussed concerning the 1972 Trust regarding the land – to remain the property of the PC and the need for a lease to be set up with the new Social Centre. The new Charity (CIO) was also discussed and it was agreed that Wansbroughs would liaise with charity specialists Wilsons of Salisbury to discuss further. The SC Rebuild Chairman agreed that the existing SC Management Committee would now be involved with the need to work together and be invited to meetings. A copy of Wansbroughs' advice given at the meeting was received and circulated to all.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 4th APRIL

- K White gave an update regarding the Social Centre Management Committee having no objection to the CIO application, and a further meeting with P Hindle had been arranged to give more details regarding the application.
- The Social Centre Management Committee has to decide to dissolve the 1972 Trust Deed at a further meeting and if agreed a public meeting needs to be held to get villagers' approval. 14 days' notice will be given for a possible meeting in May. Following discussions with R Phillips who acted on behalf of the Rebuild Committee for the insurance claim, it was agreed that the claim was made in the Parish Council's name so the PC can continue to hold the funds claimed.
- Transferring funds and assets require further discussions.
- At this meeting funding of up to £20,000 for the architects contract was agreed. The Rebuild Committee following interviews, site visits and points assessment of the 2 applicants, recommended the architects Oxford Architects based in Oxford and Bristol to be appointed. Agreed.

- A time table for planning - aim for plans to be considered by the PC May 2023 with a Public Consultation Meeting for design consideration possible late May/early June with an aim to be completed for Carnival 2024.
- A fundraising Buy a Brick project to be organised with a first purchase of £2500 for 50 bricks already agreed.
- The Clerk received a personal and public apology from a Councillor over an email sent to the Clerk causing upset and agreed that the Clerk was correct.
- Potholes throughout the village causing concern and parishioners are asked to report on the WC app.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th APRIL

Highfield Parking: Concern has been again raised from residents regarding parking at the Highfield junction and on the road opposite the tennis court. Concerns regarding insufficient parking and illegal parking at the junction with also property access obstruction/visibility concerns. Asters have again been contacted but are not required to provide tenants parking and are not able to consider funds to provide parking adjacent to the tennis court. The PC also contacted Fields in Trust concerning the provision of additional parking, but the playing field is now protected and would involve setting up a new trust.

The A342 50MPH scheme has been agreed but will take 12 months to implement.

Dog waste: 3 new bins to be located – Breach Close, Yard Lane and Hawkstreet. The PC will have to purchase and pay to have them added for emptying.

Potholes a major concern: The Clerk has again contacted Highways. Please also report using the WC app.

The PC has asked Wansbroughs Solicitors to provide a lease for the Social Centre Car Park, Play Area and the Social Centre land in readiness for the new building management.

The Rebuild Committee reported that the CIO new Charity has been submitted. (It has now been granted). Negotiation with the architect is ongoing.

Parish Plan: it was reported that a committee meeting with a new consultant to complete the plan is being arranged for 25th April.

Allotments: New Farm Tenancy Agreements are being drawn up for the Market Garden tenants.

One and a half small plots in New Road are vacant. If interested please contact the Clerk.

CPRE Best Kept Village Competition: Bromham has again entered the large village category. See separate advert. Bromham last year came 1st in the first round and 2nd in the final round receiving £100.

The Pound Bus Shelter: There are problems with the roof and brickwork, the cost of repairs is being obtained.

Village Notice Board: It has been agreed to place a new board with a carved Parish heading inside the bus shelter opposite the Greyhound.

Finance: The Clerk was awarded a pay rise in line with NALC recommendations for April 2022. Overtime was also paid for the extra meetings. The Clerk has been paid for 12 ½ hours/week since 2013 this was increase to 15 hours/week.

Parish Tree Inspection: It was agreed to have an inspection and report carried out at a cost of £350.

Annual Accounts: The Clerk produced the End of Year accounts for approval as presented for presentation at the Annual Parishioners Meeting on April 27th.

Total Assets of all accounts on 31st March 2023 is £854,149.35. (£765,185.61 Rebuild Funds from Donations and the Insurance Claim).

As this was the last meeting of the year the Chairman Mr Peter Paget thanked everyone for their support during this past difficult year.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday May 9th (Day changed due to the 8th being a holiday)

Monday June 12th

Monday July 17th (due to Clerk's Birthday on the 10th)

Bromham Social Centre Management Committee

All electors of Bromham are invited to attend an

Extraordinary General Meeting at The Clubhouse

On Friday 16th June 2023 at 7pm

to discuss and vote on the proposal to dissolve the Social Centre Management Committee set up by a trust document dated 4th December 1972 and to transfer its assets to Bromham Community Hub, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation created on 12th April 2023.

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

We were delighted to welcome the children and staff from St. Nicholas School to the chapel on Wednesday March 29th. It was lovely for the chapel to be filled with young voices as they celebrated Easter and all that means. Thank you to everyone who helped.

We hope to have our usual stall at Carnival this year and any offers of cakes would be gratefully received, contact Jenny on 850580. The chapel will be filled with Teddies for the Carnival Teddy Bear Trail on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

Services in May 2023 (all at 10.30am):

Sunday 7th May 11.00am at St. Nicholas Church to celebrate the King's Coronation

Sunday 14th May Mr Derek Gard

Sunday 21st May Mrs Elizabeth Manley

Sunday 28th May Local arrangement

There will be services every Sunday throughout June, but the list of preachers is not available at the moment.

Coffee & Chat from 10.00am - 12 noon:

Saturday 13th May

Saturday 3rd June

We welcome one and all to our services and events.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

Bromham Phoenix Club

On 21st March we set off at 9 am for our coach trip to Stratford Upon Avon. On the way we encountered some road closures near Kemble and we had to take a diversion. A second diversion took us onto a very narrow lane eventually bringing us back to the main road to Cirencester.

We had a lovely journey up the Fosseway with nice views of the rolling hills of the Cotswolds as well as spotting lots of newborn lambs with their mothers out to pasture. When we arrived in Stratford Upon Avon, although the wind was quite keen the weather was mostly dry and sunny.

Everyone had a good day spent exploring, shopping and eating. We set off for home just after 4 pm taking a different route back, through the Cotswold Water Park with views of the lakes, to avoid the road closures, arriving back in Bromham just after 6 pm.

We had a very enjoyable Easter meeting at The Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill. Our raffle was Easter themed with almost all prizes being Easter Eggs. As a treat we enjoyed buttered hot cross buns, instead of our usually biscuits, with our tea and coffee organized by Jean Turner with her helpers from the rota.

We enjoyed a flower arranging demonstration by Pam Lewis. Pam made several arrangements which she made up with mainly spring flowers and foliage from her garden, supplemented by a few purchases of roses, tulips and carnations. Pam kept us entertained by her amusing stories while she was putting together her beautiful displays and was kind enough to allow us to raffle all of them off at the end.

Brenda Tuck

Ladies and gentlemen, can we interest you in a couple of coach trips?

Would you like to visit Hampton Court? On Tuesday, 13th June, the Phoenix Club have arranged a coach trip to Hampton Court. This will be open to members and non-member adults. The coach will leave Bromham Social Centre car park at 8am.

Trip to Weymouth: On Tuesday, 11th July, there will be a coach trip to Weymouth, arranged by the Phoenix Club. This will be open to members and non-member adults. The coach will leave Bromham Social Centre car park at 9am.

To book your seat on these trips, please contact: **Sandra Davis, tel. 01380 850792 or mobile 07905 239346**

Social Centre Rebuild Fundraising - One Lottery

There's a new way you can help support the Social Centre fundraising efforts and at the same time be in with a chance to win a prize for yourself.

Win prizes of up to £25,000! Tickets only cost £1 per week 50% of all tickets sold via our page go to us!

For more information or to sign up go to the website below:

www.onelottery.co.uk/support/bromham-social-centre-rebuild

Bromham & Rowde Monday Club

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Monday Club Spring Coffee morning on Saturday April 15th. We were very grateful for the generous donations of delicious cakes and a wide selection of bottles to stock our Bottle Tombola.

It was lovely to have so many people enjoying themselves meeting up, chatting, eating and having yet another try to win a bottle of wine!!

We were delighted to raise £250.

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

Carol - 01380 850925 or

Caroline - 07557 983940



THE NETHERSTREET PLANT SALE

In aid of Bromham Groups and Charities



SATURDAY 13TH MAY, 2.00 - 4.00 PM
AT NETHERFIELD, 93 NETHERSTREET

- * Plenty of homegrown plants: perennials, summer colour, veg and herbs
- * For the first time - Children's Activities and Games for the Under 11s
- * Raffle with super prizes including: a voucher from Haveli; a painting from one of our local artists; cider from our own award winning cider maestro; a voucher from Townsend Nurseries, a free Pilates taster session; a whole leg of very local lamb and many more.
- * Sit down and enjoy tea, coffee and delicious cakes.

PLENTY OF PARKING (FOLLOW THE SIGNS)

CASH ONLY PLEASE

And don't forget those bags to carry all your purchases home!

BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES



I am so delighted that spring is finally here. It seems to have been a long, grey winter. I am just loving the light evenings, the fact that the hedges are going green, the grass is growing and everything else seems to be bursting into flower or leaf. I keep going to look at the lambs in the fields around the village – it takes me back to my childhood when every spring we used to have an orphan lamb or two, or four, in our kitchen! I can't decide which are my favourite, the jet black lambs, the ones with brown splodges, or the creamy white ones, they are all lovely. Spring is just my favourite time of year.

A verse from Psalm 23 springs to mind – 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul'. Whether you have a belief in God or not, why not take some time this spring to breathe in the spring air in one of the beautiful green pastures which surround our village, and restore peace and calm to your soul.

Caroline Culley

Church Services in May and June 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 7th May	Rowde	11.00 Bromham (for Coronation)
Sunday 14th May	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 21st May	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 28th May	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 4th June	Rowde	Bromham
Sunday 11th June	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 18th June	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 25th June	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 2nd July	Rowde	Bromham
Sunday 9th July	Sandy Lane	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 sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com
Web page : www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9620/

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY - NEW ROAD

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPAIRS

Following a recent cemetery Health & Safety check by James Long, 55 headstones have been identified as high risk.

New legislation dictates that stainless steel pins are to be used for fixings; the identified memorials do not have these and are not fitted correctly to the base slabs causing the risk.

The Parish Council have agreed to pay the £1700 cost of the repairs and have instructed James Long to carry out the necessary work, which should commence within the next two months. Any damage resulting from the repairs will be covered by James Long. All memorials will then carry a five year guarantee.

If you have any concerns, please contact the Clerk: rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com

Letter from the Parochial Church Council

Greetings to you all, we hope that you are all well, healthy and happy.

Isn't it great to see all the fresh green leaves breaking forth everywhere together with the striking white of the Blackthorn flowers. These flowers always give the impression to this writer that someone has sprayed the bushes with shaving foam. Now, has anyone seen this year's first Swallow yet? Two House Martins were seen in Netherstreet on Easter Sunday, can anyone beat that? Please do let one of us know and your sighting will be reported to our local bird society, (important this, because numbers can be compared to previous years, taking into account the effects of the changing climate amongst other reasons).

Also, what about the cowslips, primroses, celandines, wood anemones and a few early bluebells. How fortunate we are to live where we do with all these marvels on our doorsteps. But what about early butterflies? - not many Yellow Brimstones as yet and it's a bit early for Orange Tips.

Easter activities saw our Primary schoolchildren once again (after the Covid break), participate with the Methodist Chapel and Parish Church in the Easter trail. All the children (plus adult helpers) had a great time producing individual stained glass windows from greaseproof and tissue paper in the Church and they learnt a new Easter song in the Chapel, plus 15 Easter gardens were made in the school hall. The children were able to show their handiwork later on and sing the song to their parents and grandparents at the end of term service in the Church. You will be impressed by some of the gardens on display just inside the Church and by the children's answers if you ask them what Easter is about.

How fortunate that there is a healthy relationship between our Primary school and our Churches, unlike a Primary school in an adjacent county that has no religious affiliation and amazingly, when compared to Bromham, some of this school's pupils have no knowledge of the crucifixion or the meaning of Easter!

It was so good and satisfying to see excellent numbers attending both our Churches on Easter Sunday, 18 worshippers at Sandy Lane for the early service and 61 in the Parish Church mid morning. Do keep coming, it is great for your PCC to witness such good numbers. Contrast these numbers though with the very poor attendance for the Children's Service on Good Friday, which saw just one family attend! Back to the drawing board we guess to find out why, although it has to be said that both children, their parents and the helpers did enjoy this very informal Service, making another Easter garden and learning another new song plus edible goodies as well.

So what else?

Still no sign of a new priest yet, but we have been informed by Salisbury H.Q. that something may be happening on this front soon, so we live in hope.

Very sadly, we have lost two Church stalwarts recently who for decades, supported and worshipped at both of our Churches. Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Michael Lloyd Evans from Sandy Lane and Bryan Reeves from the village. May they both Rest in Peace.

Finally, spotted on a Church noticeboard not far from here; "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale next Saturday in the Church. It's a chance to get rid of all those things that are not worth keeping, - don't forget to bring along your husbands."

Best wishes from

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

Notes from the Belfry

By the time you are reading this we should have our newly refurbished bells back in action and will have had the chance to get used to them as they will probably handle slightly differently to how they were before.

I have had several people say how much they have missed the bells over the past couple of months. The village is very fortunate, not only to have bells that are ringable but also to have a dedicated band to ring them. So many churches, even if they have bells, have no ringers. Unless more people come forward to learn to ring that could well be the case in Bromham as, for various reasons, our numbers are dwindling.

A few weeks ago I went to a service in Poulshot at which the Bishop of Ramsbury blessed their newly refurbished ring of three which had been silent for many years. The packed church was given a demonstration - not by people on the end of ropes, but by the Bishop with a remote control with four settings! Better than nothing, I suppose, but with the location of the church being so remote from the rest of the village the bells will not be heard by the majority of the residents.

I am not suggesting we should install a similar arrangement at St Nicholas even if that were possible, but we should value what we have and ensure that there are sufficient trained folk to keep our bells sounding out across the parish for many years to come.

I am always happy to take on trainees but if there are any former ringers who have moved into the village, please come along on a Sunday morning or a Tuesday practice night between 7.30 and 9.00 pm. We would be delighted to welcome you.

Linda Drummond-Harris

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

The speaker for our March meeting was Kady Chapman from Riding For The Disabled. This is a national charity founded 53 years ago and their aim is to enrich lives through horses. Princess Ann is the patron of the charity and it is a charity close to her heart. The organisation is run by 18,000 volunteers, and has branches all over the country. Kady belongs to the Saxon group Riding for the Disabled which is based at Widbrook Equestrian Centre in Bradford on Avon and has been going for over 40 years. Kady's talk was really inspiring and at times was quite emotional as she told us about the disabled adults and children who had been helped by the group. The riders ranged in age from really young children to adults, with various disabilities, either physical or mental. The patience of the volunteers was amazing as sometimes it took many weeks for a disabled person to gain confidence on a horse, but the results achieved by their patience and care were really inspiring and the improved fitness, health and mental well-being of the disabled riders was obvious.

For our April meeting we went out of the village and joined Seend WI for the evening. The speaker for the meeting was Stuart Flitton, a very interesting journalist who has travelled extensively over his career and covered some interesting subjects. Stuart's family moved to South Africa when he was a child and at 17 he started his journalistic career by working for The Star newspaper. Working on this newspaper at the height of the apartheid in the country was a good grounding for his future work. He has subsequently worked around the world on various papers, including the Times and Daily Mirror in this country and The New York Times in America, and held various positions on the papers. Stuart said reporting had changed over the years and obviously the way papers are produced and printed had altered drastically. It was really nice to join Seend ladies for the evening, and as usual enjoy lovely cake and tea after the talk.

The next meeting of Bromham WI is on Wednesday May 10th at the Club house, when we will be entertained by Neil Davison.

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

Sheila Sims

LAURA MAYES - Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham, Rowde & Roundway

This month, Annual Meetings will take place for Parishes, Parish Councils and Wiltshire Council – they are great opportunities for coming together as a community to reflect on the previous year and discuss the opportunities ahead.

Some of the highlights from Wiltshire Council, and my own work to support residents in Bromham include Wiltshire Council's budget for 2023/24, which is underpinned by the Council's 10-year Business Plan, is £466m – this includes an additional £69m to cover inflation and increased demand for services and is broken down as follows:

- Whole life pathway (mental health, autism spectrum conditions and learning disabilities support services) - £96m, an increase of £11m
- Living and aging well (adult care) - £83m, an increase of £15m
- Families and children - £63m, an increase of £2m
- Environment (which includes waste and recycling services) - £48m, an increase of £4m
- Highways and transport - £41m, an increase of £3m
- Education and skills - £29m, an increase of £6m

Last November, Wiltshire Council invited the Local Government Association to carry out a Corporate Peer Challenge. The review found the Council's Business Plan provides a clear set of objectives and that focus on improving outcomes for some of the most vulnerable in the community is very evident in Children's Services. It was also noted the Council is excelling in work to address climate change.

In addition to funding of £22.9m from the Government's Highways Maintenance Fund, £3.6m was received from the Department for Transport's Pothole Fund which will be used to target pothole hotspots around the county. Anyone who spots a highways issue must report it using the MyWilts app or via the website – if it doesn't get fixed, please email me.

It continues to be a pleasure to support Bromham Parish Council and community groups and residents with a whole host of local issues over the last year including flooding, road safety, footpaths and planning matters. If there is a local issue that you are concerned about, please do get in touch and I will do my very best to help.

Laura Mayes

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RBL Bromham Branch 1922-2022

Welcome to the latest insight from Bromham Veterans.

The first day trip of 2023 took place to Bletchley Park near Milton Keynes on Sat 15th April. All of those who attended said that it was an enjoyable day out. So on that note, we will be planning another trip and will announce the venue in due course – so watch this space.

Sadly, we learnt on 12th April, that one of our long time serving members, Bryan Reeves (RIP), had passed away. Bryan had served in RAF and was a true gentleman. He supported RBL for a very long time, ever cheerful and willing to help others around our village. Bryan had no immediate family and therefore Bromham RBL with fellow veterans will be in attendance for his funeral. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember him.

This year's Teddy Bear trail will once again have another 'themed entry', so keep your eyes open for that one. Bromham RBL will also have a stand set up for the Bromham Carnival, so do pop along and say Hi!

Upcoming Calendar of events:

- **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 at 11 The Pound - 19:30hrs (please note change of venue)
- **Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th Jun 2023** - Bromham Teddy Bear Trail
- **Wednesday 21 June 2023** - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at The Greyhound - 19:30hrs
- **Saturday 24th Jun 2023** – Bromham Carnival
- **Wednesday 19th July 2023** - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at the Greyhound - 19:30hrs
- **Wednesday 16 August 2023** - Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at The Greyhound - 19:30hrs
- **Wednesday 20 September 2023** - Bromham RBL Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse - 19:30 hrs followed by Veterans' 3rd Wednesday Social at The Greyhound

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.

Bletchley Park Visit

On Saturday 15 April, thanks to very generous donations, a party of Bromham Veterans were able to visit Bletchley Park where, in WWII, Alan Turing and his colleagues of the Government Code & Cypher School, broke the seemingly impenetrable German Enigma Code and thus, it is thought, shortened the War by between 2 and 4 years.

Set in the grounds of the original Victorian Bletchley Park Mansion, the various huts and buildings have been restored to show how the 'intelligence factory' operated at an industrial scale with a multi-skilled workforce of some 9,000 people, all of whom were sworn to absolute secrecy. The exhibits include an original Enigma machine and a replica of Turing's 'Bombe' machine, which was instrumental in speeding up the daily search for Enigma cipher keys, and which featured in the film 'The Imitation Game' starring Benedict Cumberbatch as Alan Turing. The Bletchley Park exhibitions also link to modern-day data and intelligence gathering by GCHQ, the modern equivalent of the WWII Government Code & Cypher School.



The Veterans' Group



Original German Enigma Machine



Replica of Turing's Bombe Machine

The work carried out at Bletchley Park during WWII was fundamental to the survival of Britain and the free world. It is now a fascinating and internationally renowned heritage attraction with more than 250,000 visitors per year. As everyone agreed, it was a privilege to walk in the footsteps of those who contributed so much to the Allied victory.

Bromham Youth Group

Bromham Youth Club have been busy and members burning energy as we have held hockey, football and basketball competitions in recent sessions. Members Frankie and Liana completed an Emergency in First Aid course with Youth Action Wiltshire.

We held a pancake timed obstacle course to celebrate pancake day. Well done to Erin who was the quickest around the course.

For our last session before Easter we played Bingo featuring many chocolate themed prizes. Tom won the main event but was kind enough to donate the rubber duck to Kaitlin who had desperately wanted to win it all night. Well done Tom



A huge thank you to the Calne Lions who recently donated £200 to the club for our summer trip. This is very generous and will be the first summer trip for members since Covid hit.

We had a visit from Councillor Dominic Muns who came to meet members. Councillor Muns is part of Devizes Area Board who support the club with a youth grant so it was great to be able to show off all the good work and activities that the youth grant supports.

As part of the King's Coronation events members will be running a tuck shop at the table top/car boot/ jumble sale so come and say hello. We are also hosting some field events for any 11-16 year olds in the village on Monday 8th May 2:00-4:00pm (YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A YOUTH CLUB MEMBER TO COME). Please just let us know if you plan on coming so we have enough food, drinks, etc. email us at bromhamyouthy@gmail.com. Members have also requested a hot dog eating competition.

Darren Barber

Bromham Ladies Group

What an amazing, informative and fun evening we had on the 21st of March with Holly Garner of Hollychocs. Holly is a chocolate engineer. She talked about chocolate around the world, bringing many delicious samples.

A lovely time was had by all.

Congratulations to Holly, who had also recently received her 30+ small business award! We will definitely be visiting your shop in Poulshot.





BROMHAM CARNIVAL 2023

Preparation for this year's Carnival is well underway. We have booked a marquee again so that we can run the traditional General Knowledge Quiz and Bingo Evening. We have a new event this year - a Tea Dance for old and young, see the next page for more details. Carnival week will begin with the very popular Teddy Bear Trail, and will end with music and dancing in the marquee provided by Pete Lamb's Heartbeats.

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!

CARNIVAL EVENT GUIDE

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th June		
10:00am to 5:00pm	Teddy Bear Trail – Nursery Rhymes Old & New	Village Centre
	Entry forms will be available from outside The Clubhouse pm both days from 10:00 am, to be handed in by 5:00pm on Sunday. £3.00 per entry. The Clubhouse Café will be serving tea, coffee and cakes all day.	
Tuesday 20th June		
4:00pm - 6.00pm	Tea Dance	Marquee
	Bromham Carnival Committee are delighted to invite you to our first Carnival Tea Dance. Tickets, costing £5 per adult or £2.50 for under 16s, include sandwiches, cakes, tea, soft drinks.	
Wednesday 21st June		
7:30pm	General Knowledge Quiz	Marquee
	Entry £2 per person in teams of up to 6. The Horse Box Bar will be open from 7.00pm.	
Thursday 22nd June		
7:00pm	Bingo Evening	Marquee
	Admission cost £5 per book of 6. The Horse Box Bar will be open from 6.30pm.	
Saturday 24th June		
CARNIVAL DAY 2023		
2:00pm	Carnival Procession	Jubilee Field
	The Carnival Procession sets off from the Pound Field at 2:00pm and should arrive at the Jubilee Field at about 2:30pm. Stalls, games, rides and fun for all the family! BBQ. Ice Creams from the Rowdey Cow. Tea and Cakes by the WI in the marquee. The Horse Box Bar will be open all afternoon and evening. The Carnival Raffle will be drawn at 5.00pm.	
6:00pm - 9:30pm	Live Music in the marquee with Pete Lamb's Heartbeats.	

Please note: Event details, timings and venues may change. Entry fees may be applicable for certain events.

See the Bromham Carnival Facebook page for the latest information. Participants in all events take part at their own risk.

TEDDY BEAR TRAIL
Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June 2023
10am-5pm
Nursery Rhymes Old & New

This year's Teddy Bear Trail is almost here! Once again running over a weekend, Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June, this year the theme will be 'Nursery Rhymes Old & New'. We have over 40 bears already...with space for just a few more. Your bear can represent any Nursery Rhyme you can think of and this is one that the whole family can get involved in. All you need to do is get in touch with Cathy Welch on 01380 850555 or 07960 330131 or email Cathy at cathywelchyoga@gmail.com to get your name down and to check your idea hasn't already been taken.

Locations: We will be looking to use most of the usual locations for the Trail but we are happy to have offers of new places to put the bears as well.

Prizes: If you are able to offer a great prize for the winners of the Teddy Bear Trail please get in touch. It's fantastic if we can get these donated rather than having to spend money to earn money! We already have a fabulous £100 voucher from the Perry Family, as well as Toy Shop vouchers from Pam's Dog Walking Service – games, puzzles, sweets all welcome.

Sponsors: We are still looking for a few more sponsors, one for each bear. **For just £10** you can have your name/business displayed by the bear as well as being put in the programme. Contact Cathy as above

Advertisers: Our Teddy Bear Trail programme is coming together and like last year we are asking for support from local businesses by advertising in this programme. The cost will be £50 for a full page, or £25 for a half page, all in full colour. You may already have received an email about this so please do respond as soon as possible so that we can finalise the programme and get it printed.

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. Let's make this the biggest and best Teddy Bear Trail so far.

BROMHAM TEA DANCE
Strictly Come Dancing comes to Bromham Carnival!
Tuesday 20th June 2023
4pm-6pm

Bromham Carnival Committee are delighted to invite you to our first Carnival Tea Dance on Tuesday 20th June from 4-6pm. The dance will take place in the Marquee and will give young and old alike the chance to learn some classical sequence dances in a friendly and fun way. Maybe you remember from your childhood The Valeta or the St. Bernard's Waltz? Perhaps you would love to know how to do a simple Square Tango or Yearning Saunter. With a Barn Dance and the lovely Breakaway Blues there will be something for everyone. Nothing is nicer than crossing the generations and keeping alive this lovely community experience. Each dance will be taught slowly so there is no need for you to have any experience of the dances, just a willingness to join in and have fun.

Tickets, costing £5 per adult or £2.50 for under 16s, include sandwiches, cakes, tea, soft drinks. Who knows – perhaps this will become a new annual event!



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

SOCIAL CENTRE REBUILD UPDATE

Progress!

It may seem quiet, but a lot has been going on in the background over the past weeks, and real progress is being made. You may notice that we have started using the words “Bromham Community Hub” to describe the project and the new centre. This is not only the name of the new charity, but how we see the new building becoming a hub for the whole community. This was an important point that was made to support the grant application.

Architects appointed

Six architects were invited to tender for the design of the new building. The initial responses were shortlisted to two, who were then invited to present their proposals. Oxford Architects have now been appointed to design our new building. The design of the building will make it possible to build in phases, and make it straightforward to extend the building if there is a demand for additional space or facilities, and funding allows.

We expect to see the first draft of a “master plan” ready to be presented to the Rebuild Committee for discussion in early May, and a proposed design of the Community Hub for discussion by the end of the month.

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 the building contract.

Grant Application submitted

An application has been made to the Community Ownership Fund for a grant of £250,000 plus £50,000 revenue funding. Revenue funding is used to fund the initial running costs of the project. For us this might include architects’ costs, legal fees, utilities costs etc. as the new centre gets up and running.

We submitted a formal Expression of Interest earlier in the year, which meant we had to complete a short form to check if our project was likely to be eligible, and we subsequently received an invitation to make a full application.

The final application - a 19 page application form plus a 20 page business plan - was submitted on April 11th. Fingers crossed!

Charitable Status

A key requirement of the grant application is that we are set up as a ‘Charitable Incorporated Organisation’ (CIO). 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.

Currently the Bromham Social Centre charity is a simple trust governed by a trust deed set up in 1972. When the trust was set up, the original trustees held the lease on the land personally, but in 2006 that responsibility was transferred to the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee to make administration simpler. The Social Centre Management Committee have been legally responsible for the day-to-day management of the Social Centre and currently runs The Clubhouse in its place.

The new CIO “Bromham Community Hub” has been registered with the Charity Commission, and the Social Centre Management Committee have recommended that the current trust be dissolved and its assets transferred to the new CIO. The original trust deed requires this to be formally approved by a public meeting, which will be held on June 16th. See page 5 for the formal notice.

The CIO has been set up with a wide membership, so that it has members who vote on all important decisions (usually at AGMs). Any individual on the Register of Electors of the village will be eligible to be a member, as well as individuals from outside the parish who have a strong connection to the village or village organisations.

The way the new charity will operate is that the members elect trustees. The trustees are responsible to the Charity Commission for the correct running of the Charity and for the formal reporting, and for appointing a Management Committee for the day-to-day operation of the centre. Three trustees will be elected by the members, and two are nominated by the Parish Council.

The charity is set up with five initial trustees who are responsible for getting the charity up and running. The constitution states that they automatically resign at the first AGM - which must be held within eighteen months of the registration of the charity.

The initial trustees appointed by the Rebuild Committee are: Sue Wilkinson, Graham Prichard and Ross Phillips, and by the Parish Council: Peter Hindle and Kate White. Between them they bring a range of skills and experience that will be essential to completing a successful project.

It is hoped that the current Social Centre Management Committee will continue in their roles and form the core of the Management Team for the new centre. They will be key to working with the trustees to set up all of the necessary policies and financial procedures that will be needed to make the new centre a reality.

One of the first tasks of the trustees will be to work with the Parish Council to prepare a first draft of the lease of the land on which the new building will be built, to the new charity.



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The toddlers have enjoyed lots of painting this term. The children have been using sponges and their hands to explore the different colours they can create by mixing paints together. They have been learning to recognise the different colours and name them.



Our youngest children have been practicing sharing with their friends. They have enjoyed exploring different materials and textures in tuff trays and have spent lots of time playing outside as well.



The preschool children have enjoyed lots of time outdoors playing in our woodland area. They have been building dens, making clay and making dandelion cupcakes - delicious!



The school children had a visit from Chippenham Fire Department in March and we were lucky enough to join in with the visit. The children were thrilled to sit in the fire engine. They even put the lights and siren on!





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Welcome to the Team

We would like to introduce two new members of staff who have recently joined our team.

Anna is a qualified Level 3 Practitioner and has taken the role of Nursery SENCo. Anna has worked in Early Years for over 20 years and has 3 children herself. She loves reading books and sharing her passion for reading with the children.



Penny has taken on the administration role at Busy Kids. Penny has had many years of experience working with children in all age groups. She especially enjoys running her own forest school. In her spare time Penny enjoys riding horses and walking in the countryside.



Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who recently gave up their Sunday morning to help us remove the pergola roof from our outdoor area in preparation for a new one to be fitted once funds have been raised.

Thank you to Cora and Ross Phillips and Mike Wey for your help along with our committee members and their families.



The children were a huge help with a big outside tidy up as well and were promised a photo in The Hoot as a thank you for their help!

PRESCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE

We have places available in our preschool room from September. If you are interested in reserving a place for your child or would like to come and look around, please contact the nursery on 01380 859389.

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! If you would like more information, please get in touch.



20 Things for 20 Years

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

In March was the 20th and final 'Thing', a Horse Race Night at the Conservative Club in Melksham. Horses + Races were sponsored in advance, a portion of bets placed on the night as well as the raffle money all going into the pot which by the end of the night raised a fantastic **£1,560.35!**

Big thanks to Keith and his team and everyone who attended to help the night be such a success!

Adding this to the existing fundraising and some other bits since (money pots, bank interest and rounding up by me because I like round numbers) brings the grand total to £5,700 which absolutely smashed my original target of £2,000!

£2,850 each to Young Lives vs Cancer and Ronald McDonald House Bristol is amazing and I'm so grateful to everyone who has helped support these two well deserving charities.



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20 THINGS FOR 20 YEARS

YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER

As you can see this amount could take away the worry of having somewhere to stay for parents with kids at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and other nearby hospitals.

My family stayed in CLIC House 20 years ago (and I did too for some 'days out' of the Hospital) so I'm glad it's still there continuing to help families that need it, taking a little bit of the stress away. Ronald McDonald House provides the same service too, actually sharing the same building as Young Lives vs Cancer's other Home from Home, Sam's house.

I'm in the process of organising a visit to Bristol so I can meet up with charity representatives and take pictures with comedically large cheques. I'll be sure to share those on the 20 Things social media pages!

Thank you once again to everyone who helped along the way from donating/sponsoring, giving raffle prizes, attending events, and helping organise it all!

Adam Dempsey

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Bromham has entered the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2023. This is judged at the end of May, so please help to keep the village tidy.

The judges will take the following into consideration:

1. *An absence of weeds and litter, on roads, verges and hedges etc.*
2. *Well cared for private properties, including the condition of grounds, hedges, walls, garages and other outbuildings.*
3. *Maintenance and tidiness of community buildings such as village halls, their car parks and railings & other public monuments such as war memorials.*
4. *Cleanliness of bus shelters and telephone kiosks.*
5. *Well maintained open spaces, playing fields and children's play areas.*
6. *Condition of commercial premises and shops, including window displays and signs*
7. *Maintenance of all places of worship, churchyards, cemeteries and grounds.*

All private property and schools will be judged from the road or footpath. The judges may take a closer look at public buildings and their surrounds but will not enter any property.

Bromham Footpath Group

On our local February walks we were treated to carpets of snowdrops everywhere, then suddenly, they were over, to be replaced by roadside verges lined with daffodils. Now we are looking forward to the bluebells.

For our out of village walk at the end of February we returned again to the area around Castle Coombe. Meeting at Upper Castle Coombe, our walk took us round the periphery of the village - mostly on high ground - dropping down to cross the By Brook and climbing up again to return along a path from where we could look down through the trees onto the church and the rooftops below. Lunch was at the Fox and Hounds at Acton Turville, where we were given a very warm welcome.

Our March out of village walk starting from Semington was a little different to normal as there was an option for some members who needed a gentler walk to take a shortened route with no mud or stiles. We all set off together but at the first canal bridge the smaller group headed back along the towpath while the rest of us carried on towards Whaddon where we stopped briefly at the small estate church to admire the carved arch over the door. Reunited back at Semington, the group drove on to the Barge at Seend Cleeve for lunch.



We meet every Thursday at 9.00am at the Social Centre car park for a two hour walk. For details of our next out of village walk, please contact me on 07905188030.

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

Bromham Gardening Club

Bromham Gardening Club meets on the third Thursday every month (normally from 7.30 to 9.00pm) and organises other events in between times.

Programme for next 3 months:

18th May we are planning a trip to a local garden – location to be advised.

15th June is a visit to Dave Paget's award winning allotment

20th July we shall be visiting Cynthia Wilkinson's Garden

There is also a competition to see who can grow the heaviest sunflower head – winner to be announced at the members' produce tasting session on 21st September in the club house.

Fees are £25 per year or £3 per session for visitors – everyone is welcome.

Community Allotment

The gardening club have just taken on one of the vacant allotments near the school and are hoping that there will be enough interest to run it as a community allotment for anyone who would like to be involved – you do not need to be a member and you don't need to be an experienced gardener. We will be looking for help with donations of plants, seeds, manure and time for digging/weeding/constructing etc. If you have any brown cardboard please donate it to the allotment instead of putting it in the recycling – we need enough to cover a large area to stop the weeds getting any bigger!! Please keep a look out on Spotted in Bromham (Facebook) for meeting dates and information. If you are interested or have anything to donate please contact: **Judi McKendrick 850611.**

Bella's Thoroughfare Outdoor Events Fun Horse & Dog Show

St Edith's Marsh

13th May 2023

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Refreshments – Lottie's Kitchen

Ring 1: Sponsored by Hale Veterinary Group and Woodman Equine and Canine Massage	Ring 2:
Class 1: Show jumping up to 40cm: 10.30am start Class 2: Show jumping up to 60cm: 12.30pm start Class 3: Show jumping up to 80cm: 2.30pm start. Class 4: Chase me Charlie: after class 3 approx – 4pm	Clear Round jumping. Open from 10am, will start at 40cm and will go up during the day to reflect show jumping class. Class 5: Horse & Hound: 3pm start
Ring 3: Organised by Moonrakers and South Le Trec Club	Ring 4: Sponsored by Paget's Produce.
Le-Trec: Two displays 10.30am and 2pm. Have a go in between. Open from 10am – 3pm	Gymkhana: Adults: 10am – 12pm Children: 1pm – 2.30pm Both groups: Egg and spoon race, bending, sack race and bucket race.
Ring 5: (horse) Judge- Pat Bryant Class 7 and 8 sponsored by Caswell Equine Supplies	Ring 6: (dog) Judge -Rosemary Swadden Class 15 – sponsored by Caswell Equine Supplies
Class 6: Best Veteran (15+): 10am Class 7: Best Shetland: 11am Class 8: Best Family Pony: 12pm Class 9: Best Native / Alternative Breed: 1pm Class 10: Musical Statues: 2pm Class 11: Fancy Dress (<i>open to horses and dogs</i>): 3pm	Class 12: Best Veteran (8+): 10am Class 13: Best Rescue: 11am Class 14: Musical Sits: 12pm Class 15: Waggiest Tail: 1pm Class 16 – Dog most like it's owner – 2pm
Ring 7: Hoopers by Pawsitive Steps.	
Hoopers is a fun dog sport that's ideal for dogs and owners of all ages and fitness levels. Dogs navigate a course of hoops, barrels and tunnels with the same pace and excitement as agility. But the courses are flowing and don't involve tight turns – making it accessible for everyone! Come and have a go!	Ring 2, 3, 4 and 7 are 'pay on the day'. £2.50 per class Ring 1, and 5 - £7.00 if booking in advance, £10.00 if entering on the day Ring 6 - £3.00 if booking in advance, £5.00 on the day. *Body protectors to be worn in all jumping classes ** Entries can be taken on the day, subject to availability *** Maximum of 10 entries per class

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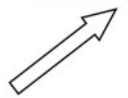
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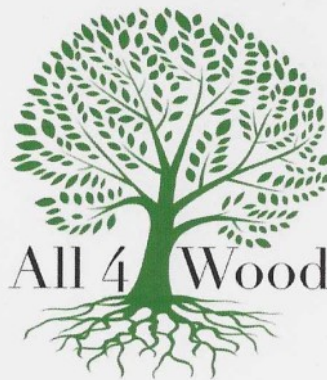
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