THE BROMHAM HOOT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023



NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

Devizes (01380) numbers unless otherwise shown

Parish of Rowde, Bromh	am and Sandy Lane		Bromham Parish Counc	i	
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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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Organisers	Cathy Welch	850555	,		
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WELCOME TO THE BROMHAM HOOT

Welcome to the September - October 2023 edition of The Bromham Hoot.

We would like to apologise for the late delivery of the July issue of The Hoot. We knew it would be printed later than usual as we wanted to make sure we included as many photographs from the Carnival as possible, but there was a problem at the printers with the machine that folds and staples the magazine which meant that many of you didn't get your copy of The Hoot until the middle of the month.

The cover photo this issue is a little different from the usual views of the village. It was submitted by Claire Smart as her entry into the Tote on Tour competition - see page 14 for more details. We asked Claire to write an article about her adventure which you can find in this magazine, together with more photos of her amazing trip. We would love to hear from other villagers who have made their own trips of a lifetime!

The Hoot team would like to thank the Netherstreet Plant Sale for their incredibly generous donation of £400 towards keeping The Hoot going. Thanks to all the donations from individuals and organisations we can now cover the difference between advertising revenue and the cost of paper and printing for another year and hopefully have a buffer against the inevitable cost increases.

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

The deadline for content and advertising will be Friday October 20th.

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Home Security and Stay Safe Online Schemes

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (WBVT) works in partnership with Wiltshire Police to provide free Home Security and Stay Safe Online services for elderly and vulnerable people throughout Wiltshire.

All Wiltshire residents who are over 60, and those aged 18+ with a registered disability, are eligible for these schemes which are aimed at those who have become or are at risk of becoming a victim of house crime, cybercrime, or domestic abuse.

The charity funds the operation of three Bobby Vans that provide mobile workshops for Bobby Operators.

Bobby Operators are skilled carpenter/lock fitters. The operators are also trained in crime reduction and Fire Risk Assessment and provide reassurance to clients.

Bobby Vans are directed to their tasks by coordinators working from an operations room, who receive referrals, decide on work priorities and despatch the vans using sophisticated communications equipment. On arrival the operators conduct a security audit with the permission of the client, fit the necessary security equipment to ensure the home is safe; in addition, they carry out a Fire Risk Assessment and fit smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when this is appropriate. Finally, all aspects of home, personal and fire safety are discussed, and practical measures provided. The service and equipment are provided **free** of charge.



In 2017, WBVT launched a bespoke Online Safety Initiative – Stay Safe Online.

Trained Stay Safe Online Volunteers provide improved digital security awareness, scam prevention advice, support and reassurance; basic practical skills for checking and understanding digital privacy settings; and signpost people to future sources of advice and resources. The free service offers one-to-one home visits and community group talks and is managed by a dedicated Stay Safe Online Coordinator.

If you are eligible and don't feel that you have adequate home security or would like advice about staying safe whilst using your electronic devices/computer, please contact us to arrange a visit.

Home Security Call: 01225 256867 or Email: bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk

Stay Safe Online Call: 01225 256867 or Email: bobbyvanonlinesafety@wiltshire.police.uk

FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL

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

Sunday 3 Sept	Local Arrangement	Sunday 1 Oct.	Mrs Patti Harrison
Sunday 10 Sept	Holy Communion - Rev Craig Manley	Sunday 8 Oct.	Mrs Joanne Williams
Sunday 17 Sept	Mr Derek Gard	Sunday 15 Oct.	Deaconess Josie Flute
Sunday 24 Sept	Harvest Festival - Mrs Elizabeth Manley	Sunday 22 Oct.	Mrs Elizabeth Manley

Sunday 29 Oct. Sector Service - Rev Craig Manley

We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Carnival and our Afternoon Tea event. Special thanks to Ivor and Anne Powney for their help transporting tables etc from the Chapel to the Clubhouse. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone that donated raffle prizes and cakes, and to those who helped with setting up the stalls and washing up on the day - we could not manage to do what we do without you. We raised £150 at the Carnival and £400 at the Afternoon Tea.

Another special thanks to Les Fear and his niece Jeanette for the splendid refurbishment to the Chapel porch and notice board.

Forthcoming Events

Coffee and Chat - From 10.00 am - 12 noon

Saturday 2 September

Saturday 7 October

Saturday 4 November

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival celebrations on Sunday 24 September when we will be serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

We will be holding our annual Bazaar in the Clubhouse on Saturday 18 November from 2 30pm to 4 00pm with all the usual stalls, Bottle Stall, Cakes, Gifts, Raffles and serving Tea, Coffee and Cakes. Any donations of Raffle prizes and cakes would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jenny Blackman on 850580 for more details.

Jenny Blackman - Bromham Methodist Chapel

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Bromham W I

The speaker for our July meeting was Andrew Campbell. His talk, entitled "The 50 days after Waterloo", highlighted the court of Napoleon and the women that were close to him after the battle and during his life up until his exile. Andrew was a very enthusiastic speaker, with a considerable knowledge of French history. The competition for the evening was "Something Military". The winning article was a ship's bosun's whistle brought by Sheila Sims.

We left the Clubhouse for our meeting in August. Thirteen of our members together with five of their husbands went to Jim Butler's farm to see the Bio Digester. We had visited the farm 6 years ago before the digester was fully operational. It was really interesting to be shown round the site by Jim and learn about the operation of the digester and how it works today. For the whole of our walk around the site we were accompanied by one of Jim's lovely little dogs. She was obviously quite at home on the site and not at all perturbed by the noise of loud machinery. We finished our visit in the farm kitchen where Jim and his wife Jo provided us with a selection of cold and hot drinks. Some of the WI members had brought cake, as it wouldn't be a WI meeting without cake!! It was a really lovely evening, and we thank Jim and Jo for their hospitality.

The next meeting of Bromham W I is on Wednesday 13th September when Kerri Johnson will be giving a talk on colour analysis. Meetings start at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse, and visitors are always welcome.

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

Bromham Phoenix Club

The weather was difficult to predict for our visit to Weymouth on the 11th July, so we were prepared for every eventuality with umbrellas and anoraks. We were lucky because it didn't rain after all, but there was quite a stiff breeze all day though we did have sun as well.

To get there we travelled a lovely country route passing Compton Abbas airfield and over the hills which afforded some spectacular views. On arrival at Weymouth most chose of us to have a coffee at an attractive beach front café and then to explore the town or walk along the promenade. There is a small train which goes along the front, on to the harbour and across the bridge to the old town with its narrow terraced houses, then down to the Marina and finally back through the centre of the town. Some of us chose to have a ride.

Lots of good places for lunch especially fish and chips, and when you're at the sea-side then an ice-cream is a must. Back at the coach for 4.00pm. for our journey safely home to Bromham ... where it was pouring with rain.

Jean Turner

Bromham Footpath Group

On the last Thursday of June, we met in Holt village hall car park for our out of village walk led by Robin Mortimer. He took us across fields to the road linking Holt to Great Chalfield. To get over the tall fence there was a most unusual arrangement which Robin has always known as Jacob's Ladder. Once over the fence we took a detour to see Great Chalfield Manor before retracing our steps and taking a different route back to Holt. Lunch was at the Bell on the Common at Broughton Gifford.

For our July walk we ventured rather further afield to Fonthill Bishop. Our meeting place was a lay-by beside the lake. To get there you pass beneath a most impressive arch marking the entrance to the Fonthill Estate. Our walk took us up through woodland on the far side of the lake until we were high enough to get a good view of Fonthill House. Previous owners of the estate had built and demolished a succession of grand houses on the other side of the lake, one of which was destroyed by fire, but only two have occupied the current site, the latest one built as recently as 1972.

Even though we had done this walk twice before and we had a map, we managed to miss a turning and found ourselves heading for the main road until a lady in a passing car pointed out our mistake. Unfortunately, turning back meant toiling up a long hill to get back on track along the Ridge. The views from the Ridge were spectacular but we had little time to stop and admire the view as we were running very late. A quick phone call to the Wyndham Arms in Dinton gave us an extra thirty minutes grace and we finally joined our non-walking friends who had arrived an hour previously for a superb lunch.



The group at Great Chalfield Manor



The entrance to the to Fonthill Estate

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 **07905 188030**.

Linda Drummond-Harris

Bromham Amblers Walking Group

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

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

Monday Club

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Caroline at the end of July. We presented her with a cheque, hoping that she'll buy something to remind her of her Monday Club connection and all shared a delicious cake at coffee time. We've heard that Caroline is enjoying being in beautiful Shropshire and especially being able to walk to the shops from her home in Ludlow! She's completed her training and is beginning to work as a Carer in the area.

On 9th September, between 10.30 and 12.30, we are holding an Autumn Coffee Morning in the Clubhouse to raise funds for the club. Please come along and support us, there will be delicious cakes to eat with your coffee or tea and also a Bottle Bingo – all sorts of goodies to win!!

We would like to have more members at Monday Club so why not come along and see what were all about. Maybe just come for coffee at 10.00 and enjoy the morning with us. You may have seen a couple of Serena's amazing desserts on Spotted in Bromham – they taste just as good as they look!

The Club would like to thank the organisers of the Netherstreet Plant Sale for their very generous donation to our funds. We plan to use this for something special.



Bromham Youth Group

Bromham Youth Club is currently on it's summer break but we are looking forward to our Summer Trip on the 25th of August where members are off to Swindon to take part in LaserQuest, crazy golf and bowling. This is thanks to Calne Lions who have subsidised this trip for the club. Before breaking up for the summer members enjoyed rounders and a basketball match.

The club has recently applied for a Youth Grant from Devizes Area Board to enable us to run for another year.

The club returns in early September and has some spaces for new members. We can take up to 20 young people. Members need to be 11 years old and at secondary school. If you would like to join please email us at bromhamyouthy@gmail.com for more information. We currently have young people attending from Abbeyfield, Kingsbury Green, Melksham Oak, Lavington, Dauntsey and Devizes school.

Darren Barber

The Crofton Stokers - 11th August





Massive thanks to everyone who supported the recent charity music event in the church with "The Crofton Stokers".

It was a very enjoyable evening, with great music and a delicious buffet supper. The sum of £571 will be going to Julia's House, and £150 raised from the raffle will be going to church funds.

The next event will be a Curry & Quiz night in aid of Dorothy House Hospice, Friday September 15th in The Clubhouse, 6.00 for 6.30pm. £15 per person. Limited to 40 places, so get your name down!

Thanks again to you all: Cath, Den, Denise and Tracy (Collins)

Bromham Parish Council Reports July/August 2023

Finance meeting July 17th

- It was reported that all cemetery repairs to memorials which was highlighted in the Health and Safety Inspection by James Long, have now been completed at a cost of £1700. All work is guaranteed for five years.
- The Clerk informed the Committee that she would retire as from April 30th. Councillor Elections are also due in May so the Clerk felt that was an ideal time to retire also giving time to complete the end of year accounts to hand over to a new Clerk, also recommended that a new Clerk should be employed from January to get familiar with the Clerk's role. Vacancy to be advertised: Wiltshire Association of Local Councils; Wiltshire Council; HOOT; Notice Boards; Spotted in Bromham; Village Website. (Closing date for applications 15th September)

SANTANDER GENERAL ACCOUNT		
Allotment	£9409.58	
General	£12486.61	
Burial	£4662.57	
Social Centre Rebuild	£18424.36	
VAT	£4248.31	
TOTAL	£40734.71	

LLOYDS RABY	£828.01
P/OFFICE J G DAVIS	£501.06
TOTAL	£1329.07

SANTANDER INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS		
Clerk's Gratuity	£6186.07	
Play Area	£7889.61	
Village Celebration Fund	£1621.07	
BMX/Skateboard	£2003.15	
Raby Fund	£100.00	
Solar Community Fund	£26.15	
CIL Fund	£59.48	
PC Insurance Claim	£12172.00	
Community Fund (The Owl)	£42218.30	
Social Centre Rebuild Fund	£751872.34	
Interest	£2700.82	
TOTAL	£826848.99	

TOTAL ASSETS at 30.06.2023: £867,823.70

Parish Council Meeting 17th July 2023

Councillor Co-option: Two applicants were invited to an informal interview. Pam O'Neil and Cary Thompson. As a result, Cary Thompson was the successful candidate as a replacement for Mr B Amor.

The PC would like to thank Mr Brian Amor for his years serving on the Parish Council as both a Councillor and the Social Centre Committee representative.

Laura Mayes Update:

- WC new Local Plan 2028 setting out a Development Plan including more policy controls. To include 40% low-cost housing over the next 10 years, all zero carbon.
- The £2 bus concessions continuing 9.30am-2.pm
- Travellers: Judgement still pending. Site abandoned, caravans becoming derelict.
- Wyatt's Lake drainage contractor agreed, quote for wrong size pipe received so on going. Now flooding after 6mm of water.
 RH to request jetting again
- Chittoe Heath: WC working with PCSO, Landowners and residents. Signs?
- 30 MPH Repeaters reported erected in January therefore must be put up in wrong location
- Local Government School Governors discussed. Parish Council's involvement with St Nicholas?

Minute Update:

- A342 50 mph Speed Limit 40mph Sandy Lane and 50 mph speed scheme to cost £10,000. Calne without agreed to contribute £500. LHFIG 12 months to implement.
- Church Hill Speed Limit. LHFIG meeting. Community Speed watch back up required /volunteers? Still causing concern.
- Pound Footpath Light out: Repaired. Trees not cut back Land owner not WC's responsibility
- Wednesday Club request Memorial Anchor Health and Safety concerns?
- Dog Bins and Millennium Field Pavilion replacement. Bin ordered. WC Quote: To supply and install 50 ltr bin £565.56 + VAT To empty and dispose of once/week £955.82
 25ltr +50 ltr bin £619.14 + VAT for both bins RH to Contact grist re bin at the Pavilion price to empty
- Parking at Highfield/The Crescent: No further correspondence received. (since this meeting concerns have again been brought to the attention of the PC and Police)
- Play Area Light 29A out reported –LM to report again
- Clerk's laptop ongoing AS/RH. On hold until new Clerk.

- Village Trees Inspection JB update. Booked £350 budget.
- Chittoe Heath Activity update: Contact from PC 0355 Jenny Groome Devizes Neighbourhood Team. Signs/Car numbers? As LM report.
- Pound Metro Count Requested: Requested
- Family Event 22.23 July: Insurance/WC/ H & S all received.
- First Aid Course for 12 advert in the HOOT (Ian Tuckett)
- 7.5 Tonne sign and chevron signs require attention Roughmoor. Reported.
- Pavilion Clock. KM reported that the battery clocks are not suitable and are affected by full sun.

Parish Neighbourhood Plan update - J Butler Report: Consultant to complete NH Plan? A request for funds of £825.00+VAT for a new consultant to carry out a review of the work completed and what is required to complete/update.(825.00+VAT) NHP Update request WC/update. Discussion with LM regarding WC funding for completion £8-10,000. NHP meeting to be agreed for August.

Social Centre Rebuild:

- Ragwort on old site S Hammond to be asked to strim.
- Consultation Meeting on Monday 19th June: The draft minute did not make the HOOT deadline due to discrepancies
 concerns from JS. Minutes amended and circulated. Agreed and signed.
- **Grants Update;** It was confirmed that the £250,000 grant application was not successful, although the window for applications will open again. How to go forward? Why did it fail? A lottery grant application is in progress. Queried the possibility of Wiltshire Council funding?
- Building Survey Costs (£14,917.44) No decision made pending JS enquiries to WC regarding necessity of all surveys on the
 original site. Architects fee request Stage 1 Stage 2 (£10,180.68) Payment agreed.
- **CIO Update:** The CIO has been approved as a registered Charity.
- Is the CIO now required? Can we go back to the old Charity? CIO status required for Lottery grant.
- Parish Council / CIO Land Lease: Discussion regarding what is required in the Lease: Land, building, car park? It was agreed not to include the car park. A plan is required with dimensions.
- Social Centre Management Extraordinary Meeting July 28th. Depending on the outcome the PC may need to apply to the Charity Commission for a Scheme, which will need to comply with the 1972 Trust.
- Further discussions took place including comments from parishioners present regarding limited funding due to the unsuccessful grant. It was suggested building the shell with the interior on a self-build basis using local builders. It was remarked that parishioners have lost faith as nothing is happening. Query-Why are we not using locals/architects etc. a local architect did produce a draft plan.
- There was concern regarding liability if using unregistered builders.
- It was proposed that A Turner is approached regarding a self-build scheme. JB to take back to the Rebuild Committee. Other queries: What price for the shell to be built? What is the price for the build of the proposed plan? It was suggested to visit Melksham Library constructed of a Steel frame.
- Planning progress: Surveys to be completed first.
- Contractor Tender process: 6 contractors have been recommended/approved by WC. Brief will be sent out for tender. Will local builders be included? A Steel frame construction again discussed as an option with the same layout.

Allotment: The new Crown Lease is still ongoing. Best Kept Allotment to be judged August. Small Plots still available. Please contact the Clerk if interested.

Defibrillators: Many thanks to the Wednesday Club who have sponsored one of the five battery replacements costing £285+VAT. Further sponsors welcome.

Village Notice Board: A new notice board will be erected in the bus shelter on the Village Carpark.

New Orchard: 6 dead trees to be replaced in the Autumn.

Web master: Many thanks to Joy Todd who oversees the village website: bromhamwiltshire.org - a honorarium payment was agreed. (All full minutes are available on the village website)

Best kept village competition 2nd round: Congratulations - Bromham came 2nd in the Large Village category for Wiltshire. (1st in the first North Wiltshire round)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

PL/2023/04487 1 Durlett Road.

PL/2023/04934 Lacock.

PL/2023/04516 33 Durlett Rd. Moors Wood Farm

PL/2023/04713 128 Devizes Rd

PL/2023/04781 Land at Chittoe Heath.

PL/2023/04880 29 The Pound. Asters Group: Object – concerns regarding parking issues near the junction where parking is already a problem – spaces for 2 cars but visitors etc. will park on the road. Over development of plot.

APPROVED:

PL/2023/03496 9 Hunts Mead. PL/2023/05406 Chittoe Mill.

CLERK'S RESIGNATION: JULY 28th

Due to further upset from a Councillor the Clerk has now given 3 months' notice as from August 1st, 2023

Additional Parish Council Meeting - August 14th

Normally there are no meetings in August, but following the Social Centre Management Meeting on the 19th July and advice received from Wansbroughs Solicitors on 1st August, a meeting was called for August 14th. The following is a brief account of matters discussed from the agenda for the meeting on August 14th.

The meeting was attended by 9 Parishioners and 12 Councillors. The new Co-opted Councillor Cary Thompson signed the Declaration of Office before the meeting commenced and was welcomed by the Chairman.

Parishioners' 10mins:

- Mr P Davis Chairman of the Social Centre Management Committee requested the Rebuild Committed to stand down and felt that it should have been the BSC Management Committee to appoint a Rebuild Committee as the Charity/1972 Trust gives the power of management to the Committee therefore allowing the Committee to manage the rebuild. This was challenged by the Chairman of the Rebuild Committee; the SC Committee was given the chance to serve on the Rebuild Committee and the Rebuild Committee has been through all the processes and consultation required to date with approval of the PC and Parishioners.
- The new CIO was questioned a requirement to apply for grants applications. It does have the same purpose of the existing Charity with more legal flexibility. The New CIO is registered and now has its own bank account.
- The SC Committee/Trustees appointments were also queried in regards to the 1972 Trust requirements.
- Although there were other parishioners present who wished to speak, the Parishioners' allocated 10 minutes had been taken up. The Chairman refused to allow any further parishioners' comments.

The Insurance Claim against the Contractor and Trustees Liability was again discussed and the Clerk has been instructed to write to the SC Committee to clarify procedures and insurance cover at the time of the fire etc.

It was suggested that the PC, the CIO Trustees and the SC Management Committee met with Wansbroughs for further advice. Following further discussions to move things forward it was proposed that the PC to contact Wilsons Solicitors to discuss a Charity Commissioners Scheme regarding the transfer of assets and to dissolve the original SC Charity. Funding of further legal advice was queried by the Clerk £7860+ VAT charged to date for legal advice. It was proposed and agreed that funds from the Insurance claim could be used.

Payments of £12,256.95 were agreed. The PC also agreed to fund WC notices for Chittoe Heath.

3 Planning applications received no objections.

Best Kept Allotment: This year's winner was Dawn Parr who manages 3 plots, although it was reported that normally there is not a second place, this year it was a very close decision with S Ottaway coming 2nd.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE PC WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER ON SEPTEMBER 18^{TH}

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

VACANCY

Council: Bromham Parish Council

County: Wiltshire

Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Hours: Part-time (15 hours per week)

Salary: Within grade LC2 (We envisage a starting salary in Spinal Column Points 18 – 23: £27,344-£30,151 (pro-rata), though we are prepared to discuss a salary commensurate with experience and/or qualifications)

- Are you enthusiastic, solutions focussed and looking for an interesting, challenging and satisfying role?
- Would you enjoy working closely with councillors, local groups and agencies to promote the interests and well-being of our communities and helping people?
- Do you have excellent administration, inter-personal, communication, numeracy and IT skills?
- Can you work independently without close supervision?

If your answer is yes, then Bromham Parish Council would love to talk to you.

The Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Clerk/Financial Officer ideally offering a sound background in local authority organisation & administration with good educational history and/or qualifications.

The position offers nationally agreed terms and conditions of employment with training and opportunities for continued professional development.

Working hours are flexible but will involve a limited need for evening meetings

If you are interested in applying, please request an application pack from rosalindjhumphries@gmail.com:

Closing date for applications: 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Interview date: To be confirmed

BROMHAM & ROWDE CHURCHES

The end of summer always makes me feel sad, as we head into darker nights and colder weather. The easy days of July and August are over — even if it rained, at least it's warmer! Endings are difficult — especially when the time that's ending has been enjoyable. We face the loss of what was good. But with endings come new beginnings, and autumn brings new ventures, with new school years and perhaps a new focus at work after summer holidays. God is a champion of new beginnings. There is always an



opportunity to begin again. No matter how badly (or well) things have gone in the past, God encourages us to learn from it, put it behind us, and to embrace new challenges and find new joys.

Revd Heather Smith

Church Services in September and October 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 3rd September	Rowde	Bromham
Sunday 10th September	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 17th September	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 24th September	Sandy Lane	Harvest Festival - Rowde
Sunday 1st October	Rowde	Bromham
Sunday 8th October	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 15th October	No Service	Bromham
Sunday 22nd October	Sandy Lane	Rowde
Sunday 29th October	No Service	Rowde

Contacts during the interregnum:

Revd Heather Smith 07702 113544 / revheathersmith@gmail.com

John Drew 01380 850908

Sarah Bowler, Administrator sarahbromhamandrowde@gmail.com

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

Notes from the Belfry

Finally, the work on the bells and ringing chamber is finished. We have a new ceiling which has been painted white, making everything look clean and fresh and the general consensus is that the bells are a lot easier to ring.

Several people have commented that the bells seem louder outside than before. This could be because all the old carpet and other insulating material that was under the bells has been removed so there is nothing to absorb the sound. But in the ringing chamber it is a lot quieter than it was thanks to the new sound proofing between us and the bells.

There is an expression among bell ringers that nobody learns to ring in their own tower. What this really means is the more you visit other towers the more experience you gain and therefore the better chance you have of making good progress. So when the tower captain of Holt asked if he could bring some of his band over to ring with us on a practice night I was only too pleased to welcome them. We decided on Tuesday 15th August. We normally have between six and ten at our practices. That Tuesday we counted nineteen including nine-year-old Daniel who astonished us all with his skill at handling our bells. Trying to ensure that everyone gets something out of the practice is a challenge but all the Holt ringers went away happy and we hope to see at least some of them again.

Letter from the Parochial Church Council

Dear Friends, we sincerely hope that you are well and no doubt wondering if we'll get any summer weather before this part of the Earth tilts away from the sun again. Those who were hoping for rain back in the heat and dryness of June certainly got their prayers answered didn't they? As an old country sage said, "things even out over time" and at least the reservoirs and aquifers will be pleased as were the Australian cricketers at Old Trafford in the fourth Ashes Test Match!

Have you noticed in our gardens a sudden explosion of butterflies and especially an increase in Red Admirals? Scientists believe that these beautiful creatures are now overwintering in the U.K. owing to our warmer winters which negates the need for them to return to their North Africa wintering grounds. The ones that we see are several "greats" grandchildren of the ones that set off from North Africa. Pretty amazing don't you think?

So, what have we been up to? The village calendar has been reinstated and is positioned just inside the entrance to Church. PLEASE make a note of the date of every event that is due to take place anywhere in the village, by individuals or organisations. By having the calendar back, we can avoid any clash of dates that might otherwise occur.

Also reinstated is the offer of home Holy Communion to anyone who is housebound or unable to attend Church Services. If you or anyone that you know might like to participate, please get in touch with our associate priest, Rev. Heather Smith, telephone 07702 113544.

Unfortunately, the post of Rector will not now be filled as was planned. We must re-advertise the post which means that it will be early next year before, hopefully, the position will be filled. This is a great disappointment especially now that Caroline Culley has moved to Shropshire. Caroline worked diligently and conscientiously for many years in her unique, quiet manner. She was especially appreciated at the many funerals and other services that she led, together with her work for the Monday Club and the Community Hub. We wish her and her family all good fortune in their new home.

On the evening of July 20th., we hosted a very enjoyable and successful concert featuring talented brother and sister, Gregory and Ellen Steward, who sang solos and duets from a variety of classical and popular music. We will certainly invite them back for a repeat next year, given the rousing ovation given to them at the end of the concert.

It was good to see several friends enjoy cream teas that were served in the Church on the 5th of August. These treats were also served to and enjoyed by those attending a meeting in the Clubhouse on the same afternoon. On the evening of August 11th., a packed Church enjoyed a charity evening in aid of Julia's House, listening to the music of The Crofton Stokers. Well done to those of you who organised this event.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you who continue to support all that we are trying to do to ensure that your Church is always there to help our community when and where it is needed. Plus of course, for your Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and the many social events, where we can strengthen and enhance our community bonds.

Now, a plea to all those who are making jams, chutneys etc. If you have any surplus preserves that you are making, you might like to donate them for our stall in The Devizes Shambles market on Saturday October the 14th. Do come along anyway and pick up a bargain, as all the preserves are home-made and without any of the additional ingredients that you find in mass produced jams. If you can help, please get in touch with any of us. Thank you.

Our next event is a very popular Beetle Drive upstairs in the Greyhound on the evening of November the 1st. Please book early as there is limited space. We will again be hosting the annual and very popular Bromham Bash in the evening of November 25th.; this is always an evening of laughs!

Finally, the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church will run from Saturday 16th. until Saturday 23rd. of December.

In our last letter, the story was told of the priest and his lawnmower, well this priest had a brother named Ollie, who answered an advert for a Christian horse. "It's easy to ride", the owner told Ollie, just say "Praise the Lord" to make him go and "Amen" to make him stop. Ollie mounted the horse and said, "Praise the Lord" and sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord", he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord, "Praise the Lord", Ollie yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Ollie was enjoying the ride so much that he almost didn't see the cliff edge they were about to go over. Ollie shouted, "Amen" at the top of his voice and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Mightily relieved, Ollie said, "Phew, Praise the Lord".

Best Wishes from Cynthia Wilkinson, John Drew, Anne Smith, Linda Drummond Harris, Heather Armstrong, Dennis Powney, Phil Bayley, Ernest Escott.

LAURA MAYES - Wiltshire Councillor for Bromham, Rowde & Roundway

I hope you had a good summer and managed to avoid the rain! If you're planning a trip to one of our Household Recycling Centres then please take note of this message from Wiltshire Council:

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Wiltshire Council

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The cost of the evening is £5 and all money raised goes towards the up keep of our lovely village church. So mark November 25th in your diaries and we hope to see you there.

Sheila Sims (859088)



Tote on Tour competition

The Tote on Tour competition has started to capture the imagination of globe trotting villagers who have posted photos from as far afield as Tuscany, Slovenia and even Florida.

The bar has been set very high by Claire Smart, who took her I ♥ Bromham Tote to the summit of Mount Kenya. In distance from Bromham, she is still only in second place at 4235 miles. The current leaders are Rachel and Paul Mortimer. At 4275 miles, Disney's Magic Kingdom Florida is just 40 miles further from Bromham than Mount Kenya!

There's still plenty of time to go further!

Prizes for the furthest distance and for the most imaginative photo ...

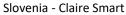
- Buy an I ♥ Bromham Tote Bag for just £5 from any of the Carnival Committee or The Patchwork Rabbit. There are still around 40 totes left.
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- Take a photo to show where you have been with it
- Post the photo on the Bromham Carnival Facebook page

Deadline is Christmas 2023



& Paul Mortimer







Umbria for the Sagrantino ballooning festival - Caroline Palmer

From Bromham to the summit of Mount Kenya!

I have lived in Bromham pretty much all my life. I currently work as an assistant exams officer at a local Secondary School and I am also a Teaching Assistant in Thorn class at St Nicholas Primary School. I also help to run Bromham Youth club. This year, I decided to do something pretty special, I travelled to Kenya and climbed Mount Kenya, the second highest peak in Africa, as part of a guided group.

My love of mountains started about four years ago, when I was invited to climb Snowdon as part of a school charity challenge. Up until this point I had always been a keen walker but had never done anything like that before so it was a stretch, especially as the weather was terrible - winds and sideways rain, it should've been enough to put me off. I then signed up to become involved in the school Duke of Edinburgh award scheme as part of their Outdoor Education team, helping students achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and taking part in their expeditions. I am very lucky that the School has encouraged me to take on various training courses to improve my navigation, leadership and camping skills which have taken me to Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons, Exmoor and Dartmoor to name a few. I have also been fortunate enough to be involved in school expeditions to Morocco and last October, from Kathmandu to Gosainkunda Lakes in Nepal where we trekked with students, staying in local tea houses and climbed to 4500m above sea level where we were rewarded with stunning views of snow capped mountains.

This year I set myself a challenge. My 3 children are now older and don't really want to be out walking with me so I decided to be brave and take on a 6 day solo trek to Kenya. This meant I had to find my own way to Nairobi airport and from there into Nairobi itself ready to be picked up to start the trek the following day. At this point, I knew there was one other person trekking with me, but I didn't know anything about them. Fortunately she turned out to be a very lovely Canadian lady called Helen and luckily we had lots in common. Together with our local guide, John, we started out from Chogoria Gate in Mount Kenya National Park where we made our first camp. We managed to avoid any visits from the local wildlife in the neighbouring wildlife conservancy (lions, buffalo, hyena, elephants) and were told if we needed to get out of our tents during the night to shine our head torches up and down and as long as there were no eyes we would be ok!



We wild camped over five nights, and with the help of John, and our team of very helpful porters, who carried the majority of our kit and provided us with delicious food (and hot water bottles for the cold nights!), we made off for the summit of Mount Kenya via a camp at Lake Ellis at 3500m above sea level, following hyena and buffalo tracks up to the Gorges Valley with another camp at 4300m above sea level before our summit night on Wednesday, the 2nd of August.





We set off at 3 am in the dark with our head torches for the summit of Mount Kenya (Point Lenana) to arrive at sunrise before the clouds came in. By this point, the altitude was starting to take effect, but we persevered over the extreme terrain and reached the summit at 6:15 am in time for the sunrise. We could see the beautiful peaks of Nelion and Batian, only accessible to experienced rock climbers and the now retreating Lewis glacier - a breathtaking and quite emotional view. We made it to Point Lenana summit, the highest trekking path at 5985m above sea level where the temperature was -9, and I was extremely glad of all my layers. It was probably the most difficult physical challenge I have undertaken.

Throughout the journey, I had been accompanied by my trusty I Normham tote bag which had held all of my very valuable snacks. At this point, it seemed remiss not to bring it out for a photo opportunity, as an entry for the carnival #toteontour competition before we made the several hour trek back down to our last camp at Chogoria Road Head.

I am fairly sure it may not win the competition for the furthest distance travelled, but I am hoping there may be a bonus prize for the highest altitude reached.

Since then it has also accompanied me to Slovenia on a family holiday and I look forward to seeing where everybody in the village has managed to get theirs over the summer. It may make an appearance on this year's school expedition to Mount Toubkal in Morocco and a little DofE trip to Exmoor by the end of the year if it's lucky! Visit the Bromham Carnival Facebook page and post a photo of your tote bag on its travels. If you haven't bought one yet there is still time!



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We have enjoyed lots of fun activities over the summer holidays at Busy Kids. We have had a junk modelling week where the children have been using their creative skills to design and make some fabulous models. As always, we have spent lots of time outdoors exploring nature. We also made our own paper boats and played with them in the water to see how well they sailed.











We were fortunate enough to have some lovely visitors at Busy Kids over the summer holidays. Penny kindly brought in her two ponies, Galli and Oromo. The children were all absolutely thrilled to meet the ponies. They were very brave and enjoyed stroking them. We talked about how their ears followed different sounds and their eyes were black.











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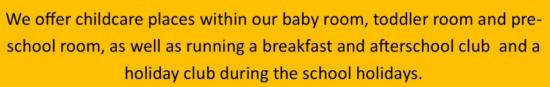




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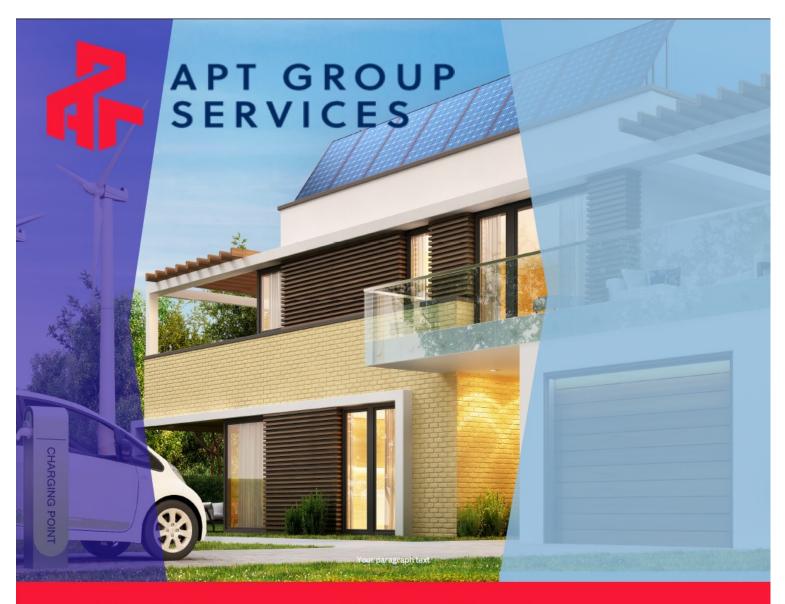




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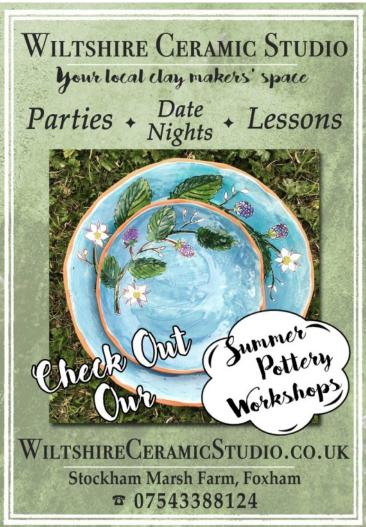
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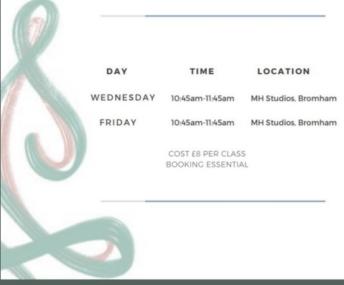
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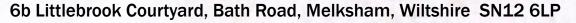
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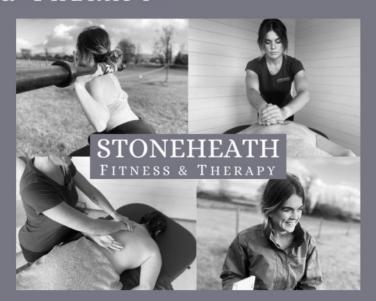
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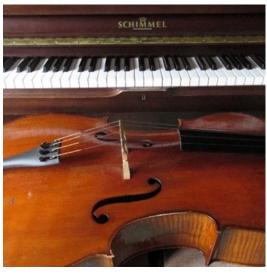
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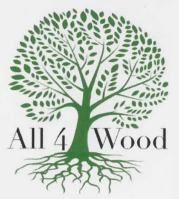
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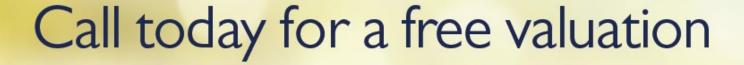


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