

Bromham Broadsheet

Bromham Parish Council - 99th Edition
December 2021



BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PRESENTS...

Christmas at The Mill

Join us on Saturday 11th December, 11 am - 3pm

The Mill, Bromham, MK43 8LP



FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the December Broadsheet, and I do hope that you are beginning to get back to doing the things you enjoy.

Bromham Parish Council, are looking forward to bringing some much missed Christmas events this year, so we hope that you can join us on the 11 December at The Mill for our Christmas Fayre – including Reindeers!! We are also making plans for our open-air Carols on 19 December, which will take place at Bromham Mill. So look out for posters and further information on Facebook and our website.



I would like to thank John Kelley and the volunteers who attended to plant bulbs on the green. With some expert tuition on such a sunny day, we are hopeful of a great display on the green in the Spring. We are very grateful to John for organising, this annual event!

I do hope you have all been enjoying trips to The Mill coffee house, and I would like to thank Mitch and all his family and staff for creating such a wonderful environment. I know he has lots of plans for things that will be happening there during December, and we are pleased to be working alongside him for our Parish Council Christmas event. Having the café up and running is creating quite a buzz at the Mill, and we can't wait until negotiations are completed with the Borough Council to develop the complex further and make it a 'go to destination'.

So please join us at one of the Christmas events and do put a date in your diary for Thursday 2 June 2022 when the Duck Race will be returning. We are planning a Royal style to it next year to combine with the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

It just leaves me to wish you all the Happiest of Christmases, and hope that you are able to enjoy time this year with family and friends. Let's hope that 2022 is a better year for us all.

Sian Woodfine



Bromham Mill Update

The Parish Council continues its positive negotiations with Bedford Borough Council to secure a lease to enable the transformation of the Mill Complex and to help realise its full potential as a heritage asset for the benefit of the local community and residents of Bedford Borough. A Coffee Shop has already been established as a key attraction and has been very successful.

In the future it is intended that the Mill House and outbuildings will be occupied for a range of uses which could include a Farm Shop, small retail, craft vendors, wellness facilities/beauty treatment rooms and even a Restaurant..

Prospective tenants should contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

**Bromham Carols will be held
this year at Bromham Mill and
not on the Green.
As the Mill will be dressed Christmassy!
It was agreed that a change was in
order!
Everyone welcome !
19 December 2021 at 3pm**

Bromham Community Awards, Sponsored by Steven Eagell Toyota, Bromham

There are many people who work hard for their community and help others under normal circumstances. However, during the recent Pandemic there are even more people doing great things in our community. Bromham Parish Council would like to identify and thank individuals, groups or organisations who have contributed to the village life of Bromham.

Residents are asked to nominate anyone, individual or group who they would like to see recognised for their work.

- Volunteering in the community
- Making a positive impact in Bromham
- Caring for a person or people in Bromham
- Making a difference for residents of Bromham

Bromham Parish Council will also consider recommendations for a Lifetime Achievement Award for someone who has shown an ongoing commitment to Bromham. There will be an Award ceremony at the Annual Parish meeting held on 26 April 2022. This Award is sponsored by Steven Eagell Toyota, we thank them for their contribution.

You can make your nomination by completing the form below and returning it to, Bromham Parish Council, Bromham Village Hall, Village Road, Bromham or by email to julie@bromhamparish.co.uk.

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Bromham Parish Council	
Bromham Community Awards	
Nomination Form	
I would like to nominate:	
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Address:	
Reason for nomination:	
Your Contact Details, Name:	
Email:	
Address:	
Tel:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Applications to be received by 31 st January 2022, return to Julie@bromhamparish.co.uk or by post to Bromham Parish Council, Bromham Village Hall, Village Road, Bromham, MK43 8JP.	

Planning applications considered by Bromham Parish Council

No objection to the following:

21/02425/FUL	South Lodge 6 Village Road	Garage conversion to create a craft and work from home office and store
21/02365/S73A	Woodside 8 Grange Lane	Erection of outbuilding in rear garden (Development already carried out)
21/02620/FUL	29 Molivers Lane	One and two storey side and rear extensions and external alterations
21/02649/S73A	24 Molivers Lane	Erection of detached double garage and replacement boundary wall (revised scheme) (development already carried out)
21/02711/TPO	18 Partridge Lane	T1 Oak - Reduce crown back to previous reduction points (approx 1m - 1.5m growth) due to excessive shading to rear garden of No.18
21/02676/FUL	9 Webbs Close	Two storey side extension with stepped patio
21/02674/FUL	2 Manor Close	One and two storey rear/side extension
21/02549/FUL	1 Red Oak Close	Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. Loft conversion with two dormer windows to the rear of the property
21/02681/FUL	Clapham Treatment Works Clapham Road	Installation of kiosk
21/02709/FUL	106 Village Road	Single storey front porch extension and render to front elevation
21/02718/FUL	114 Woodland Drive	Loft conversion with rear dormer, replacement roof to rear conservatory plus remodelling works

Objection to the following:

21/02177/FUL	35 Chestnut Avenue	Extension of existing double garage including garage conversion to form home office and games room. Proposed infilling of vehicular access in existing boundary wall
21/02290/FUL	28 Grange Lane	Remodel of existing dwelling, to include one and two storey front, side and rear extension to raise ridge height to facilitate loft conversion
21/02605/FUL	15 Woodland Drive	Single storey front extension
21/02525/FUL	8A, 9 & 10 Randalls Close	Two storey rear extension and extension/conversion of existing garage to no. 8A. Conversion of nos 9 and 10 to single 4 bedroom dwelling, enlargement of existing rear wing and loft conversion

Bottlebank Recycling

Local Glass Recycling Facilities

Our glass recycling facilities are in great demand, sometimes your favourite bank may be full. For your information the following locations are available to recycle your glass:

Stevington Country Walk, Park Road
 Stevington, Lancroft Farm Lay-By off Court Lane
 Great Denham Park & Ride Car Park, Kingswood Road
 Milton Ernest Garden Centre, Radwell Road
 Turvey, Pictshill Lay-By
 Lidl, Ridge Road, Kempston
 St Johns Street Car Park, Kempston
 Saxon Centre, Bedford Road, Kempston



Borough Councillors' Report



We are writing this early in November as the Borough continues to face some problems delivering its services due to staff shortages. Some are Covid based, some are historic as in planning services where staff shortages and increased applications have lengthened the time taken to determine them.

Most of us have seen delayed collections at Bottlebanks, emptying of Waste Bins and collecting Green Waste due to the driver shortage. Please be supportive of any of our teams you meet, they are working hard for us all.

Bromham has had a very trying time this year with roads being closed or dug up. We were disappointed earlier this year when the Borough put up signs claiming Village Road was closed with residents reporting back to us you could drive through to Oakley and back. We challenged the Borough and they acknowledged that that route was open but the road was closed along the Stevington Road. Their explanation was that large HGV's would not be able to turn round or alternatively cross Oakley Bridge if they wanted Stevington. They accepted they had not chosen the best signage option and would use more precisely messaged signage in future.

Anglian Water's work in Village Road and Oakley Road was extended so the planned resurfacing of Village Road is now rescheduled for April next year.

Even better news is that after pressure by residents, the Parish Council and ourselves by the time you read this the resurfacing of Springfield Drive will be underway or about to begin.

Looking forward we are pressing for Woodland and Wingfield to be assessed by the Borough for inclusion in their future resurfacing programme. If residents have concerns on the state of their road or footpath please let us know, we can ask for it to be assessed for inclusion in the future resurfacing programme or repaired.

For those interested in penalty notices, 9 Village Road ASC tickets were issued in September, 8 for speeding under 39mph, 1 over 44mph, 2 PCN's for parking were issued in Grange Lane for September and 9 in October. Penalty tickets are regularly issued by the Borough parking team for parking in the Loading Bay at Steven Eagell garage.

We have used £5k of this year's Councillors ward fund to support the Parish Council's refurbishment of Browning Close play area. As we write we are awaiting requests from the Parish for funding to support Christmas projects at the Bromham Mill.

Please contact Jon or myself if a local group wants funding support as we still have some ward fund unallocated. We must submit any bids by mid December.

Finally if you need to contact us regarding any issues we are at Parish Council meetings or telephone or email us as follows:-

roger.rigby110@googlemail.com, Tel 01234 210902, or jonathan.gambold@btinternet.com, Tel 07765 242637.

If it not to early Have a Merry Christmas, Roger and Jon.

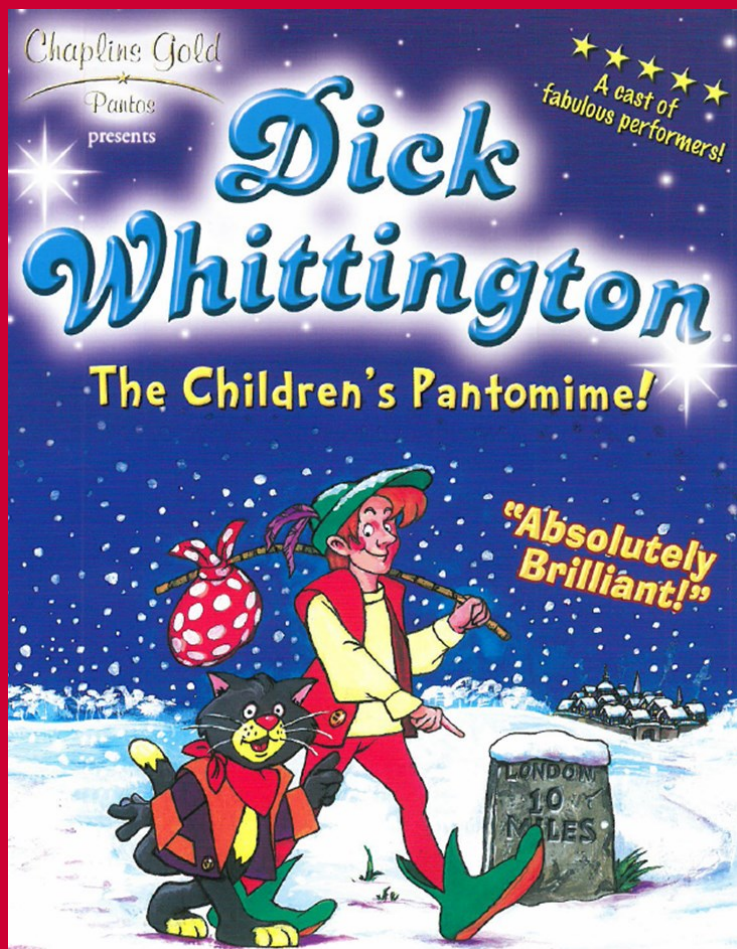


Bromham Daffodil Planting 2021

Thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers who attended the community daffodil planting on 10 October 2021. Thanks also to John Kelly who organises this every year.

**John Kelley - (CDO)
Chief Daffodil
Officer!**

Bromham Village Hall



At Bromham Village Hall
Saturday 8 January 2022 at 2pm.
Tickets £8 each, available from the Village Hall,
Mon-Thu only.

For Village Hall bookings please see our website
www.bromhamvillagehall.com/bookings.



Bromham WI opened up again, after a long period of closure, with a summer garden party attended by most of our members with Bucks Fizz and a cream tea. This was followed by a hall meeting about the history of Bromham Road from Gibbet Corner to the jail- fascinating! At the next meeting members revealed stories of their first jobs, which proved very amusing and heart-warming. It was nice to get to know each other better.

Our future meetings include a visit to Rockingham Castle to enjoy a tour and Christmas lunch, when we will welcome several members of another local WI to join us. Our meeting on the evening of the 13 December is a celebration of Christmas songs and music which we have opened up to other local WI's.

We sincerely hope 2022 will be a better year for everyone and we look forward to closer links with other local WI's. New members will always be welcome, so if you are free at 7.30 on the second Monday evening of each month, come along to your Village Hall to join us.

For enquiries contact Margaret Ashill on 01234 302113.

Diane Bell

Budgens



BROMHAM BUDGENS IS CHANGING!!

In the New Year the franchise for Budgens is changing to Welcome CO-OP brand part of the Southern CO-OP Group.

A date has not been agreed yet but it is expected that the shop will be completely refurbished early in 2022.

Steve and the Budgens team look forward to welcoming you in the new look shop.

JOB VACANCIES

In the meantime there are part-time vacancies in Subway and Budgens. If you are interested please email your CV to manager368@budgensbromham.co.uk, or pop into the store for an application form.



The Elisabeth Curtis Centre Riding for the Disabled **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Sunday 5TH December
10.30am – 12.30pm

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BROMHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

It has been another fruitful year down on the allotments, bags of veg and fruit have been harvested.

The plots are now being prepared and planted to wait out the winter cold, looking forward to the warmth of spring, to erupt into life.

This past year has seen the allotment community growing together with the more experienced members sharing knowledge and tips with newer members. This togetherness also proved to work well on the work party days, when members came along to help maintain the site.

The Bromham Allotment Community wish you all a Happy Christmas .

Contact:- Jan Oliver 01234 825246 or
Judy Hammond 07745569044.



Friends of bromham



Friends of Bromham Mill exists to be a focus group to advise Bromham Parish Council, which now operates the site, on how best to preserve and develop Bromham Mill as a Community Asset. We also provide volunteers for any tasks within our capability to improve the visitor experience e.g. guided tours of the working mill machinery.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Edward Jones at
e.jones142@btinternet.com



NATURE CLUB

The Nature club for children from 5 years old meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon at Bromham mill.

If you are interested in joining please contact Anne on 07900810937 for more information.

Bromham Toddlers (& Tiddlers) are back!



We meet in the Baptist Church Hall on a Tuesday morning (during term time) from 9.30 - 11.30 am. We have toys/activities suitable for new born up until 4 years. Cost is £1.50 per child (over 6 months) and 50p per subsequent child/adult. There is tea/coffee for carers and a drink/biscuit for the little ones. It is all hands on deck when it is time to tidy away and the children and adults alike help to pack the toys in their respective boxes. When the toys are packed away we finish with song time, when adults and children sit together in a circle and choose their favourite action song. There is a lovely sense of community within the group and we hope to see you there with your little ones.

Jan Oliver 01234 825246.



The Almonds Pre-School

The Almonds Pre-School is based at the Village Hall. If you are interested in a place for your young child, please contact Mrs Janis Russell on 07729 583 331 during term time 9 - 1pm or 01234 857196 at any other time.

Please visit our website at www.thealmondspreschool.co.uk for more information.

A warm welcome awaits you at Bromham Baptist Church this December

8th – 12.00noon

Contact Christmas Lunch (Seniors)

19th – 10.30am

Family Nativity Service

19th – 5.00pm

Family Carol Service

Christmas Eve – 4.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day – 10.00am

Family Service

**Bromham
Baptist Church**



St Owen's Church

Christmas 2021



Christmas Craft

**Christmas Craft
workshop on Sun
5th Dec 2-4pm in
St Owen's.**

**Everyone welcome
to join in the fun!**

*Refreshments available
All children accompanied please*



Make your own Christingle

**Please join us on Mon 29th Nov
3.30pm– 4.15pm at Bromham Primary
School to make a Christingle and
learn about what it means.**

**All ages welcome— children please bring
an adult.**



Mon 29th Nov	3.30pm	Christingle-making in Bromham Primary School
Sun 5th Dec	2pm	Christmas Craft Afternoon
Weds 15th Dec	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 24th Dec	tbc	Crib Service
Christmas Day 25th Dec	9.00am	Family Communion Service with Carols



Contacts

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vicar@bromhambenefice.org

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administrator@bromhambenefice.org

Website: www.bromhambenefice.org



Volunteering with Bromham Conservation Group

We are local volunteers working with the Borough and Parish Councils on public open spaces in the village.

Our volunteers have improved the woodland behind the Mill, creating new flower beds, walks and trails. The work we do makes maintenance easier, as well as improving access for visitors. We have created new planters from old decking recovered from the brook and cleared rubbish washed by winter floodwater down to the mill sluices. Our volunteers also helped create the woodland fairy walk popular with visiting families.

We also work closely with the Friends of Bromham Mill and the Bromham Nature Club, which offers local children the opportunity to learn about nature, plant bulbs and spring flowers, at both the Mill and other public sites.



If you are interested in what we do, like working outdoors and have time to volunteer, please contact us. We have recently expanded our work at Bromham Mill with a weekly Monday afternoon session and hope this may suit new volunteers. We issue a monthly email newsletter to keep our supporters informed and explain what we plan to do next.

All volunteers welcome. For further details of our programme and regular activities, visit the parish website, phone Peter Argyle on 01234 822698 or email bcb@peterargyle.plus.com.

Highways Updates for Bromham

Following ongoing investigations we are waiting for Anglian Water to fix the water leak on Northampton Road. Thank you to all those who reported this issue.

The tree at the junction of Grange Lane/Neville Crescent was felled due to basal decay and the cavities and crown of the tree being dead or in severe decline. A replacement tree will be planted by Bedford Borough Council during winter 2021/2022.

Bedford Borough Council have confirmed they will be resurfacing Springfield Drive, between Molivers Lane and Grange Lane. A temporary road closure is expected to take place between 08:00 - 18:00 hours from 29th November 2021 to 16th December 2021.

Village Road resurfacing is due to take place April 2022.

You Can Report Highways Issues!!

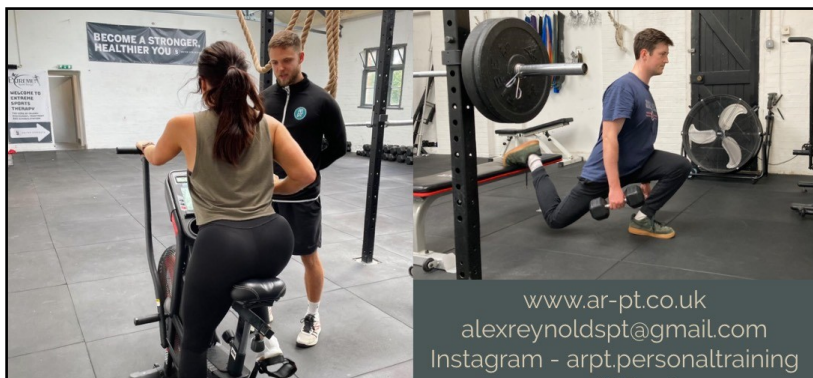
If you see a fault or problem in Bromham please report it direct to highways at <https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk>

Parish Councillor Vacancies

We have 2 Vacancies on Bromham Parish Council!!

We look forward to receiving your applications

For more information contact Bromham Parish Council, 01234 828851 or email Julie@bromhamparish.co.uk.



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