

Bromham Broadsheet

June 23

105th Edition

BROMHAM MILL FAIRY TALES

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

10AM - 2PM

Join us for an interactive storytelling
& activity day featuring
competitions, crafts, tasty treats &
unicorn pony rides

Dress up as your favourite
character. Wizards,
Dragons, unicorns and
fairies welcome

Bromham Mill
Bridge End,
Bromham, Bedford
MK43 8LP



FAIRY
TALES



Swans at Bromham Mill

We have restricted access to the rear of the mill because we have a swan nesting! She's obviously very protective and was getting very aggressive! Normal service will resume once her cygnets have been delivered! Thank you



Community Defibrillator Training

Thursday 6 July 2023

6.30-8.30pm Hall 2,

Bromham Village Hall

**Everyone is welcome, no special skills required
just willingness to play an important role in the event
of a medical emergency**
Bromham Parish Council

Bromham Neighbourhood Planning

Bromham Parish Council are undertaking a review of Bromham's adopted Neighbourhood Plan. The review is being undertaken by a group comprising Parish Councillors and residents.

Parish Council is inviting feedback on what residents consider to be the opportunities issues or concerns in the village. Your responses will then enable a Neighbourhood Questionnaire to be developed and distributed to residents in line with the approved project plan for the group.

Please let us have your view on the following subjects:

- Housing
- Getting About
- Green Spaces and Environment
- Village Facilities
- Heritage
- Young People

You can email or write to the Parish Council as below:

Email: Julie@bromhamparish.co.uk

Write: Bromham Parish Council, Bromham Village Hall,
Village Road, Bromham, Bedford, MK43 8JP

Please note closing date for responses is 30 June 2023.

FROM THE CHAIR

Parish Council, Borough Council and Mayoral Elections took place on 4 May 2023. Bromham had 6 nominations for Parish Councillor vacancies. Therefore the following Parish Councillors were elected: Sian Woodfine, Trevor Roff, Elizabeth Luder, Anne Baker, Gianluca Guerriero, Jane Shields, Bill Wilgress was co-opted at our May 2023 meeting which makes our numbers 7. We have 7 vacancies on Bromham Parish Council so if you are interested please let us know, All residents are welcome.



We would like to welcome our new Borough Councillors Dylan Simmons and Robert Rigby and our new Mayor Tom Wootton. We look forward to working with you.

Parish Council Elections take place on 4 May 2023. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for 2023, pop down to the mill on Saturday 4 March between 2 and 4pm to meet some of our current councillors and get more information on the process — anyone can be a Councillor. The skills you need are a passion for Bromham, be willing to take part in discussions at meetings and form sound judgements and then abide by majority decisions. Being a Councillor can take approx. 10 hours of your time each month.

Annual Meeting 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 25 April 2023 at St Owens Church. Volunteer groups from the village attended to give their Annual Reports.

Congratulations to Mark Williamson from The Swan who received a Village Award for his work fund raising for defibrillators. Mark kindly donated £1200 to the Elizabeth Curtis Centre for their defibrillator.

Thank you to everyone who attended, we have some amazing volunteers in Bromham who help support the village in many ways. Thank you to them all!



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022-2023

Our meetings continue to take place in Bromham Village Hall and are open to the public. The meetings are advertised on our website and on noticeboards to encourage attendance.

Unfortunately, this year The Parish Council have 8 vacancies which is very low for our Parish Council but apparently follows a national trend. The Parish Council would welcome anyone wishing to join us. No experience necessary - just a passion for Bromham and Community.

Work on the vision for Bromham Mill is continues. The lease has now been agreed and Bromham Parish Council have an agreement for 100 years. After consultation with residents a planning application has been submitted to Bedford Borough Council. The application can be viewed online and would create small work units for local artisan and associated businesses and a hub for our community. The application obviously includes are amazing café run by Mitch MacFarlane at The Mill.

A huge thank you to Phil Grabham and the team of conservation volunteers who continue to work on open spaces including Salem Thrift, Nature Reserve and Bromham Mill. We would particularly like to thank them for their fantastic work in the Woodland Walk creating an interesting walk through the trees for all.

Our Annual Meeting and Community Awards night to recognise all our volunteers in the village was held at St Owens Church. A presentation was held at the Annual Meeting with recipients receiving a framed certificate. Village groups discussed their activities and their highs and lows from the year.

Our Neighbourhood Plan Group have started reviewing the plan for Bromham. They will be consulting with residents very soon about the future of Bromham.

We held a great Duck Race for the Queen's jubilee on 2 May 2022 and the village celebrated HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of June 2022.

This year's Apple Day and Carols were hampered by poor weather. We look forward to better for this year!

We would also like to thank our hardworking Borough Councillors, Roger Rigby and Jon Gambold, for their continued support. This year Councillor Rigby will be retiring and we wish him well for his retirement. Cllr Gambold will be Borough Councillor for Biddenham and we will therefore have 2 new Councillors after the elections.

Thank you to all our Councillors, for their continuing commitment working for the benefit of residents of Bromham, and to the hours they dedicate to the role. Sian Woodfine

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Income

Precept	156000.00
Broadsheet advertising	1045.00
Grass cutting reimbursement	3669.99
CIL Receipts	73743.59
Councillor Funding & Rural Affairs	2765.66
Events	15801.05
Bromham Mill Rents	14029.35
Interest	1727.99
Rent	1214.19
Other	539.89

270536.71

Expenditure

Amenities	49624.10
Bromham Mill	104518.36
Events	11741.96
Salaries	68286.97
Office Expenses	7488.38
Insurance	2963.90
Bank Charges	294.00
Loan on Village Hall	13026.48
Subscriptions	1371.35
Honorarium	500.00

259815.50

Year End March 2023

205416.82

Net balances 31.3.23

Current A/c	3413.88
Petty Cash	41.58
Amenity A/c	1692.35
Reserve A/c	97529.89
Santander	43000.00
BOS	50000.00
Credit Card	-187.13

3413.88

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Unreconciled

342.80

VAT Refund

9583.45

Year End March 2023

205416.82

BROMHAM PARISH COUNCIL—Times for all meetings as follows:

Parish Council	Planning	Bromham Mill Board
7:00pm *	7:00pm	7:00pm

Parish Council *	Planning	Bromham Mill Board
2 May 23 Annual Meeting 7pm Parish Council 7.30pm	16 May 23	
6 Jun 23	20 Jun 23	15 June 23
4 Jul 23	18 Jul 23	
August No Meeting		
5 Sep 23	19 Sep 23	
3 Oct 23	17 Oct 23	19 Oct 23
7 Nov 23	21 Nov 23	
5 Dec 23	No meeting	
2 Jan 24	16 Jan 24	
6 Feb 24	20 Feb 24	22 Feb 24
5 Mar 24	19 Mar 24	
Parish Council 2 Apr 24 Annual Parish Meeting 17 Apr 24 at 7pm	16 Apr 24	18 April 24

Parish Council – Members of the public can speak during the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

The December meeting is the annual revenue budget/precept setting meeting.

Agendas can be viewed on the Village noticeboards or our website at www.bromham-pc.gov.uk.

Parish Councillors 2023-2024

Sian Woodfine, Chair	Events
Liz Luder, Vice Chair	Parish Assets
Trevor Roff	Finance
Anne Baker	Environment
Gianluca Guerriero	Planning
Jane Shields	Village Hall
Bill Wilgress	Highways & Traffic

Bromham has Vacancies for Parish Councillors

**Make a Change!
Why not become a Parish Councillor?**

Country Fayre & Music Festival

Field access off St John's Road, Moggerhanger, MK443RJ

Saturday 5th August 2023

12:00pm – 9:00pm

Plenty of free parking available

Entry Adults £5, Children 5 – 16 £3, Under 5 free

For more information call Fiona: 07887 636791

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Sue Ryder St John's Hospice



Sunday 9 July 2023
12pm—5pm

Bromham Show 2023 will be held on 9th July, gates open from 12 pm to 5 pm and will be the 74th Show to be held in the village. This year we have sought out some new attractions and have a programme of interesting and exciting arena events. These include:

- A flypast of a Battle of Britain Lancaster Bomber
- The Rockets junior motorbike display team
- A Line Dancing troupe
- Kids sports activities competition
- Junior football match
- Classic & Sports cars parade
- Carnival music by King Don, a one man steel band
- Fairground attractions
- Punch & Judy

Food choice has been widened to include Thai, Vegan, Pizza, chargrilled Burgers and Hotdogs, Barista coffee and Ice cream.

BROMHAM TODDLERS (& TIDDLERS)

Charity No: 1031617

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 £2.50 for the first adult/child and 50p per subsequent adult/child (over 6 months). There is tea/coffee for carers and a drink/biscuit for the little ones.

We finish with a 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...!

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>

You may need to quote the number on the lamp column.



Friday Nights at Bromham Mill



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Dear Resident

Robert and I would like to begin our report by thanking you for placing your trust in us to serve as your Bedford Borough Councillors for the next four years. When we began delivering our leaflets to the four villages that make up our ward (Bromham, Stagsden, Stevington, and Turvey) in November we committed to knocking on as many doors as possible, we believe we knocked on approximately 95% of the doors in the ward (or about 2,700 houses) and we absolutely felt like we had come results day.

For those who are interested we include below Bromham Ward's full election result:

Gordon Charlton, Labour – 419

Ashley Frith, Labour – 383

Kathryn Hill, Green – 320

Richard Jones, Liberal Democrat – 449

Robert Rigby, Conservative – 1,061

Stephen Rutherford, Liberal Democrat – 230

Dylan Simmons, Conservative – 1,055

Kathy Wallis, Reform – 194

We are also pleased to welcome an addition to the Bedford Borough team in the form of our new Mayor, Tom Wootton. Robert and I campaigned regularly with Tom over the last six months, and we have been pleased to welcome him to each and every village in our ward. Tom will make a fantastic Mayor who puts residents' concerns first on a range of issues from planning to Council Tax and from schools to East West Rail.

Ordinarily this report would focus on the events of the Council over the last few months giving Robert and I's thoughts on the happenings and letting you know what we've been doing to support you with our ward funds and our influence at the Council. Unfortunately this time we are not able to do so as, at time of writing, we have not yet had our first full council meeting after the Local Elections so Robert and I thought that we would outline our priorities for the next four years.

Throughout our campaign Robert and I made a number of pledges which we shall be pursuing as our top priorities.

Our main focus will be in keeping the rural character of our ward and building a community first approach. In the Local Plan 2030 and the new Local Plan 2040 many of our villages have been told to accept new housing, in some cases far more than they can accommodate with existing amenities. As your Borough Councillors we supported Mayor Tom's call to pause the Local Plan 2040 and re-examine the plan in the face of national legislative changes to ensure that the homes we are going to build over the next twenty years are suitable for our villages and fill existing demand gaps, such as providing starter homes for our young adults who are being otherwise priced out of the housing market in Bedfordshire.

In keeping with the theme protecting and enhancing our four villages we have also pledged to work with Mayor Tom and Bedford Borough Council to utilise nearly £1mn of central government grant funding to repair and improve our roads and pavements. In addition to the regular budgetary process the Government announced a series of block grants to Local Authorities which can be spent on repairing potholes, we want to ensure that a fair amount of this money is spent in our four villages and during the campaign we made sure to show Mayor Tom some of the most important places for some urgent road and footpath repairs.

But we don't just have a directly elected Mayor, we also have a directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) overseeing our police force. In the past Robert and I know that our PCC, Festus Akimbusoye, has placed a great emphasis on deploying some of our 195 new police officers in Bedfordshire to rural areas. As your Borough Councillors Robert and I will work with Festus to ensure that rural and village crimes are treated with the severity that they deserve by Bedfordshire Police.

As your councillors Robert and I are acutely aware of the legacy we are inheriting from your former Borough Councillors, Roger Rigby and Jon Gambold. We would like to sign off this month by thanking them for their hard work for our village over the last decade as Roger enjoys a well-earned retirement and Jon represents the new Biddenham Ward in Bedford Borough Council. Roger and Jon will be sorely missed by many in Bromham and we look forward to serving you every bit as faithfully as our predecessors did.

Dylan Simmons and Robert Rigby, Your Bromham Ward Councillors

BROMHAM ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

It's all growing now!!

Certainly the grass is and the weeds and the dandelions, let's hope all our produce is too.

Such a busy time on the plot and around the site, trying to keep tidy and productive.

It's good exercise and good for the mind, also good meeting others and being amongst nature.

**OPEN DAY SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2023,
11am - 3pm**

Please come and support us, refreshments available,
There may even be another competition (last year it was scarecrows).



Can we help you? - Are you a resident of Bromham and need help?

Whether it is with lifts to hospital, doctors and dentists appointments – or gardening and dog-walking. From shopping and collecting prescriptions- to changing a light bulb, we have a team of volunteers ready to assist. Even if you just want some company over a cuppa we are here to help.

Most of the services we provide are free, but as we are a voluntary organisation, any volunteer drivers will make a small charge for fuel and parking costs.

Call our help line any weekday between 10am and 4pm, we will take your details and details of the help you require. This information will then be passed to an appropriate volunteer. Please give as much notice as you can.

Contact: Tel: 07475 764322
Email: bgns.committee@gmail.com



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Website: www.oakleyruraldaycentre.weebly.com **Email:** oakleyruraldaycentre@yahoo.com



There are lots of ways with which you can help and support us at Elisabeth Curtis Centre Riding for the Disabled on Chestnut Avenue.....

How about volunteering some time to help out at one of our riding sessions – or maybe register your interest to help with new carriage-driving sessions which we hope to start soon - for those participants that can't physically ride. It's really rewarding and fun activity.

Or perhaps you could help with one of our fundraising initiatives:

Are you a business owner – how about sponsoring one of our stables and helping to cover the operational costs of running the occupant!?



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<https://www.elisabethcurtiscentre.co.uk/fundraising/buy-a-brick-sponsorship/>

Join our '200 Club' for a chance to win one of three monthly money prizes. Just £5.00/ month gets you a ticket in the draw whilst also

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<https://www.elisabethcurtiscentre.co.uk/fundraising/200-club/>



Thank you!

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St Owen's Parish Church

Special Services & Events

Summer 2023



SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP

Our new craft group runs on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Fellowship Room from 2– 4pm. Why not bring along your current craft project and make in company! £2 per session which includes refreshments. Further details from Frances on

OPEN SATURDAYS

On June 10th, July 15th, Aug 15th, and Sept 9th St Owen's Church will be open from 10am to 12noon, so people can drop in to visit us and maybe have a cuppa! Do join us if you are on a walk, fancy exploring the building or learning about our

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC!

Join us on Sat July 1st, 11.30am at St Owen's, for crafts and activities, songs and a bible story, and bring your own picnic (inside if wet). Bring your teddy bear! And watch the teddies slide down a zip wire from the top of the tower, if they (and you) feel brave enough... All ages welcome—bring the family!

For more details of any of these events please contact:

Administrator: Sarah Smale 07494 069540

administrator@bromhambenefice.org

Vicar: Rev Catherine Wilson 01234 825665

vicar@bromhambenefice.org



Facebook: CofE Benefice for Bromham, Oakley & Stagsden

Instagram: [bromhambenefice](https://www.instagram.com/bromhambenefice)

Don't forget—Wild Church on 3rd Sundays 4.30-5.30pm—see the website for more information:

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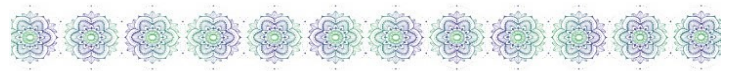
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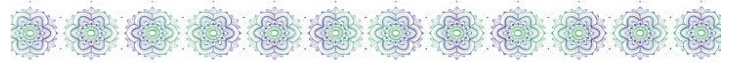
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Tel: Ron Chapman 01234 822755 or Sue Amor
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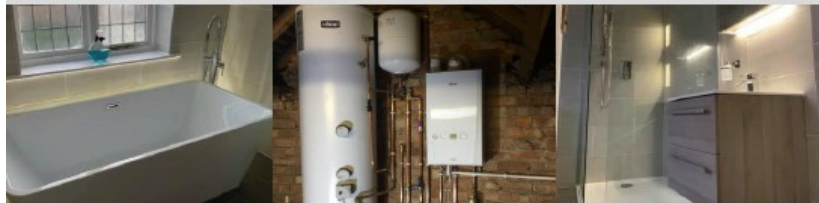


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