

Bromham Broadsheet

March 2024

108th Edition

Bromham Mill—New Roof!

It took a while!! But we have a new roof on the front barn at Bromham Mill.

Thank you to Bedford Borough Council who had to find a replacement beam made from French Oak for our grade II listed barn.

Interesting fact—The specialist French Oak required was sourced from France from the same forest as the oak used to rebuild Notre Dame.



The Great British Spring Clean 2024

Bromham Parish Council



Bromham Village Litter Pick 13 & 14 April 2024

Meet Bromham Village Hall Car Park

- *Saturday 13 April - 10am*
- *Sunday 14 April - 10am*

All equipment provided

*Or! Do your own thing!
Litter Pick your local area*

*Thank
you!*

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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the first Broadsheet of 2024! It seems such a long time since Christmas [2024!](#)

I hope you had a wonderful festive season and thank you to those who joined us for Carols at the Mill. It was so good to see you there in such good voice, and it was a lovely start to Christmas.

2024 has been a positive start for the Parish Council. Works on the listed barn roof are complete, and the courtyard is looking smarter without the Heras fencing. And after two years of working on a comprehensive planning application, we were granted permission in January. There is a lot of work to be done before any work can start on site, but it is an exciting time for the future of the Mill.

We are still working in collaboration with Bedford Borough Council Highways, and Borough Councillors Rigby and Simmonds, to find solutions to the continuing parking issues in the roads around the Steven Eagell garage. We are extremely grateful to residents who are helping with this, and we will keep you updated through the year.

The Parish Council are facilitating a Bromham Business network, bringing small and independent companies in the area together. The first meeting was held in February and was really well attended. It will be good to work with the local business community to help promote Bromham, and to understand their needs particularly with the future retail and commercial development at The Mill.

In April we are organising a "Litter Picking" weekend on 13th and 14th April. We hope that you will join one of the teams on Saturday or Sunday to tidy up in the Village. All the equipment will be supplied on the day. If you are unable to come to the organised litter pick, you are welcome to collect rubbish in your own neighbourhood independently. We hope that lots of you will get involved and that the Village will benefit. And if that is not enough, we are also working on our much-loved Duck Race which returns in 2024. So please save the date of 27 May 2024, and look out for more information on our website, Facebook and Instagram pages, and our Noticeboards in the coming weeks.

If you want to get more closely involved with some of the projects and events that Bromham Parish Council are responsible for, why not join the team. We are keen to recruit new Councillors, who have a passion for the future of the Village.

Thank you to those of you that completed your Neighbourhood Plan Review questionnaire. Your input will help formulate our necessary review, and we will keep you updated over the coming months about the next stages.

And finally, a personal thank you to Bromham Short Mat Bowls Club for inviting me to attend one of their fixtures at Wilstead. It was an exciting evening, and I look forward to supporting them in the future. Have a great Spring and look forward to seeing you at one of our activities!



BROMHAM



GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Can we help you ?



Telephone Monday –Friday (10am–4pm)

07475 764322

bgns.committee@gmail.com

Bromham Community Awards 2024

There are many people who work hard for their community and help others. 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.

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 10 April 2024.

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.

Bromham Parish Council	
Bromham Community Awards 2024	
Nomination Form	
I would like to nominate:	
Contact Details Email:	
Address:	
Reason for nomination:	
Your Contact Details, Name:	
Email:	
Address:	
Tel:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Applications to be received by 31 March 2024, return to julie@bromhamparish.co.uk or by post to Bromham Parish Council, Bromham Village Hall, Village Road, Bromham, MK43 8JP.	

BROMHAM MILL REGENERATION—Update February 2024

The planning application in respect of the regeneration proposals for Bromham Mill was approved by Bedford Borough Council's Planning Committee on 22 January 2024.

This gives consent for the following changes at Bromham Mill:

- The Mill Building will revert to gallery and museum space, with improved space for artists to showcase their work and the development of the museum as a first-class educational resource.
- The listed front barn would become the new location for the Mill Coffee Shop with a raised veranda for external seating and compliant ramping. The existing tenant has been fully engaged with the café design that will improve the internal and external space to meet the needs of the operator and for visitors to the Coffee Shop.
- The Hovel would be retained as an external food outlet associated with the Mill Coffee Shop.
- The Mill House would be sympathetically extended and developed into a well-being centre to include therapy space and office accommodation.
- The Mill House Stables would, following change of use, be used as small retail units to add interest and appeal to the location. This could include, for example, a florist, bakery, art and craft supplies, local produce, and zero waste/refill shop.
- The existing Workshop would be converted to two commercial workshops for suitable tenant occupation, with the erection of compliant disabled platform lift. This could include uses such as furniture restoration and up-cycling.
- The existing toilet block would be replaced with a new improved facility.
- A new welfare and facilities building would be provided to incorporate further public conveniences and site maintenance workshops/storage.
- New commercial business units (6) would be provided for tenant occupation. These units would provide small local businesses with a place to develop and expand within the Bromham Mill Site, whilst also contributing to Bromham's local economy.
- The reconfiguration of the car park and associated engineering works, provision of an overflow car park for peak periods, and associated public realm improvements and landscaping.
- Corporate wayfinding features and signage would be installed to aid navigation through the Bromham Mill site.

Next Steps

Turing the vision into reality will take considerable time and require careful financial and operational planning. This is the start of the journey to achieve a sensitive and sympathetic transformation, with leisure, culture, heritage and recreation key to the success of the location.

Protecting the heritage, conservation and the magnificent meadow has been key in formulating these exciting plans. It is a fabulous location, and the Parish Council is fully committed to refurbishing the site in a sensitive way in order to enhance the recreational and educational asset, transform Bromham Mill into an exciting community facility and visitor attraction and to create the location as a key, vital and vibrant leisure and cultural destination.

The Parish Council will now be looking to prepare a project plan for enabling the development in accordance with the planning consent obtained. Our aim remains to provide a valued facility at Bromham Mill for residents, building upon the success of The Mill Coffee Shop and occasional small events. The Parish Council will keep you updated and will consult with residents when required. Further information including link to approved plans can be found at: www.bromham-pc.gov.uk

BROMHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW



Thank you for completing the Bromham Neighbourhood Plan Review Questionnaire.

Once the responses are analysed the results will be published on the Bromham Parish Council website—www.bromham-pc.gov.uk and in the next edition of the Broadsheet in June 2024.



BROMHAM BUSINESS NETWORK

NETWORKING GROUP

Thank you to our Bromham Businesses for attending the first meeting of the Network



Next Network meeting
on
Tuesday 9 April 2024
9.00 - 11.00am
at Bromham Mill

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upstairs in
Bromham
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Bromham Mill: Replacement Bridge



Thanks to Bedford Borough Council for providing a replacement bridge for Bromham Mill. The Bridge gives access to the rear of the mill and the island. The original bridge was made from Steel and wooden sleepers and had rotted. The bridge is temporary but means there is now a safe escape route from the rear of the mill.



St Owen's Parish Church

Special Services & Events

Spring 2024



- Sun 10th Mar-** Mothering Sunday Family Service 10.30am
- Fri 29th Mar-** Good Friday Children's Crafts and Trail 10am- 12noon
Good Friday Service 2.00pm
- Sun 31st Mar -** Easter Sunday Family Communion Service with Easter Egg Hunt 10.30am
- Mon 1st Apr-** Easter Monday: Church open for teas and coffees, light lunches, stalls & a raffle 12.00noon- 4pm
- Mon 6th May** Messy Church Plus 11.30am- 1.30pm

All events correct at the time of going to print, please check our website for up to date information .

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

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CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP



Good Friday
(29th March)
10am-12noon

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Friday & Easter



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Bromham Allotments Association

Here we are at the beginning of 2024!

The days are getting longer, snowdrops, crocus, and even daffodils are in bloom. It's time to start planning what to grow at the allotment, whether it's the wholesome spud or something more



adventurous! Vegetables have so much more taste when they are home grown and picked fresh!

At present all plots are taken, but if you are interested in joining our waiting list, please email Jan at :

bromhamolivers@gmail.com

In the meantime, instead of throwing away those plastic containers that had grapes in them, re-use them to set some peas – pea shoots grow quickly on a warm windowsill and are highly nutritious!

Bromham Nature Club @ Bromham Mill

For more information on Nature Club

Contact Anne Baker 07900810937

In February the children helped lay chippings along the pathway near the badger sett.



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September 2025.

If you are looking to enroll your
small child, please get in touch,
as spaces are limited and you may
be disappointed.

Contact Mrs Janis Russell on
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time or 01234 857196 at any
other time.

Alternatively email :
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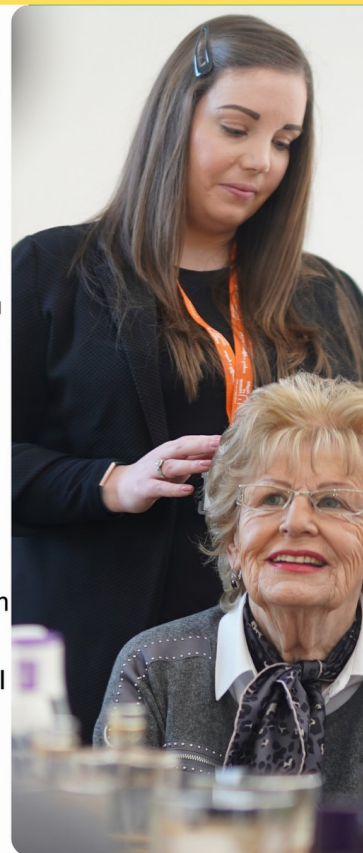


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2024



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