

March 2026

116th Edition

BROMHAM BROADSHEET

BROMHAM DUCK RACE

25 MAY 2026
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

First Race 1pm

Race 1 - Business Ducks Race - 1st Place Trophy

Race 2 - Children's Decorated Duck Race - 1st Place - Trophy/Cash Prize

Race 3 - Duck Race - 1st Place £250, 2nd Place £100, 3rd Place £50

Tickets for the Duck Race are £1 per duck - buy from Parish Council Office or on the day

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Opposite
Bromham
Mill

Bromham Parish Council
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From Your Ward Councillors

Dear Residents,

It has been an interesting three months at Bedford Borough Council and there is much that we are keen to share with you.

Firstly, the Planning Committee has rejected the planning application for the land north of Northampton Road. This application would have seen another 179 houses built in our village and meant that Bromham would have grown by approximately 50% in just five to ten years - an absolutely staggering level of development that would have fundamentally changed the character of our community.

Thanks to the tireless intervention of your Parish Council and other concerned residents who made their voices heard, Robert and I were able to work closely with the Planning Committee to get the development rejected. This is a significant victory for our village and demonstrates what can be achieved when the community comes together to fight inappropriate development.

However, we must be ever vigilant of the risk that this application comes back in the form of a planning appeal by the developer. If it does - and experience suggests it might - then rest assured that we will let you know immediately and do whatever we can to oppose it again with the same determination and vigour. We will not let Bromham be overwhelmed by inappropriate over-development.

Secondly, we have had the excellent news that Universal Destinations and Experiences are coming to Bedford Borough. On the 16th December 2025, the Government confirmed that the Universal Project was granted a Special Development Order by Parliament that came into force on the 12th January 2026. This represents a truly fantastic opportunity for our entire region and will create an estimated 20,000 jobs during the construction phase, followed by a further 8,000 permanent jobs when the theme park becomes operational.

Finally, we have the new food waste collections expansion. You should all now also be receiving your food waste caddies in preparation for the new weekly collection service. There are two containers in each set - a small caddy for convenient use in your kitchen and a larger, lockable caddy designed for outside collection to keep pests away. Collections will begin on the 30th of March this year, making it easier than ever to recycle food waste and help protect our environment.

If you have not received your caddy by now, or if you have received one and would like to return it for any reason, please do get in touch and we will resolve asap. Kindest regards,

Cllr Dylan Simmons (dylan.simmons@bedford.gov.uk)

Cllr Robert Rigby (robert.rigby@bedford.gov.uk)

Bromham Planning Applications Updates

Planning Application for Bromham Mill - 25/01544/FUL & 25/01545/LBC

The Planning application for Bromham Mill was approved at the Bedford Borough Council Planning Committee on 8 December 2025. Professionals are working to discharge the planning conditions and next steps are being considered by Parish Councillors.

Planning Application for 24/00810/MAO Land South of Northampton Road, Outline Planning permission with all matters reserved except the means of access via Northampton Road for up to 315 new homes (Use Class C3{}), Retirement Living Scheme up to 50 flats for residents over 55, 0.2 hectares of land safeguarded for a GP Surgery, convenience store with associated car parking including charging points for electric vehicles, public open space, teenage play, outdoor trim trail, play areas and ancillary uses. - Approved at Bedford Borough Council planning committee 17 November 2025.

The BBC Planning meeting 19th January demonstrated what our village can achieve when the community comes together. Around 50 residents attended, alongside members of the Parish Council, Ward Councillors, Scout leaders and other supporters, to express concerns about the proposed North of Northampton Road planning application. Following this strong show of community engagement, the Borough Councillors voted unanimously to reject the application. This outcome helps to protect the wellbeing of the ponies at Elizabeth Curtis Riding for the Disabled and safeguards the historic Leslie Sell Centre, which has played an important role in local Scouting and wider community life for generations and protects the character of our village.

Sincere thanks go to everyone who contributed — those who spoke at the meeting, those who attended in support, and those who worked behind the scenes. Every contribution mattered. The level of engagement reflected the strength of feeling within the village and highlighted how much we value our shared spaces, local heritage and the people who depend on them.

The decision serves as a reminder that respectful, collective action and a shared sense of purpose can make a real difference in shaping the future of our community.

Flood Group Update

Work on the new Bromham Flood Plan is now close to completion, and we'll be holding an inaugural public meeting in the coming weeks. Full details will be published as soon as the date and location are confirmed.

To make the plan effective, we are looking for a few more people to help run the new Flood Group, as well as volunteers who can offer practical support whenever the plan needs to be activated. If you're willing to lend a hand or have something to add, we'd be delighted to hear from you -

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Mill Maintenance

Bromham Mill has recently benefited from expert attention, with a local heritage preservation specialist undertaking vital restoration work on areas of timber decay at the rear of the building. This careful maintenance not only safeguards the fabric of this much-loved landmark but also ensures it continues to provide a welcoming home for the Mill Coffee Shop



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Many people work tirelessly for their community and make a real difference to the lives of others. Bromham Parish Council would like to recognise and thank individuals, groups, and organisations who have made valuable contributions to village life in Bromham.

Residents are invited to nominate any individual or group they feel deserves recognition for their efforts. The Parish Council will also consider nominations for a Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to someone who has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to Bromham.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on BLANK

Nominations can be made by completing the form below and returning it to Bromham Parish Council, Bromham Village Hall, Village Road, Bromham, or by email to molly@bromhamparish.co.uk

I would like to nominate:	
Contact email:	
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Reason for nomination:	
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Date	



Bromham Mill Nature Club

The children of Bromham Mill Nature Club had a talk about swifts. They made a card swift to take home. The club is planning to make swift boxes later in the year to help

Swift Conservation. Go to

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-we-do/protecting-species-and-habitats/swift-conservation-take-part-in-swift-mapper> to see how you can do your bit!



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We are proud to provide football opportunities for 126 girls, 301 boys and a thriving adult section.

We are passionate about growing our girls only programme and hope to introduce new U6, U8 and U9 groups. This season we are delighted to offer mixed football for U6/U7 players.

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We are a non-profit organisation committed to providing affordable opportunities for all. We are always looking for sponsors who would like to make a real difference in their community.



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Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Russell at any other time on 01234 857196.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our friendly and caring pre-school community!

4 April 2026

@The Mill

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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!

Volunteer Drivers Needed – Fuel Costs Covered

Do you enjoy driving and helping others? Bromham Good Neighbours is always looking for volunteer drivers to help local residents get to appointments, social events and shopping. Drive as little or as often as suits you. Friendly support and a great team spirit. Make a real difference in your own village.

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We'd love to hear from you



Bromham Good Neighbours



Do YOU need any help with the following?

Our friendly volunteers have completed over 300 jobs in the village, helping residents with a variety of tasks.

Transport – to a social event, doctors, dentist, shopping.

Light Gardening – weeding, mowing your lawn

Form Filling, Letter Writing or Collecting Prescriptions

Small Household Jobs – changing lightbulbs putting out bins

Befriending – have a cuppa & a chat with a volunteer with similar interests.

Please, let us help you by calling:

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Telephone line is open Monday -Friday (10am-4pm)

Or email us on: bgns.committee@gmail.com



Bromham Good Neighbours – A Year to Celebrate



As we look back on 2025, everyone at Bromham Good Neighbours would like to say a huge thank you to our residents, volunteers, supporters and local businesses. Our group continues to go from strength to strength, over the past year, we carried out over 1300

jobs for residents across Bromham.

Our services are varied and designed to help with everyday life. These include lifts to social events, doctors, dentists and shopping; light gardening; help with form filling and letter writing; collecting prescriptions; small household jobs such as changing light bulbs or putting out bins and our much-valued befriending service offering a chat over a cup of tea is just what's needed.

2025 was a busy and joyful year. Alongside our regular work, we held a popular Afternoon Tea in June (with the help of Bromham WI) and the festive Mince Pies & Melodies in December as well as stalls at Bromham Show and Apple Day.

Mince Pies & Melodies was a wonderful afternoon, with the Village Hall beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and artwork from the Playgroup. Around 50 clients enjoyed festive songs and poetry from Bromham Primary School, followed by a lively sing-along with Tibbs Music 4 Memory, plus tea, coffee, mince pies and plenty of laughter.

Our sincere thanks go to Pam Kaur of Radfield Home Care for sponsoring the event and to Lidl and Sainsbury's for generously donating the mince pies. As always, our amazing volunteers made it all happen. If you'd like to get involved, especially as a volunteer driver, please see the details below. We're looking forward to an even brighter 2026

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Bromham Conservation Group & Bromham Mill Volunteers

Conservation Group volunteers work on several green sites in the village following a work plan agreed with the parish council. Winter is a busy time for conservation work while trees are dormant, wildlife is quiet and the spring flowers have yet to appear, although bad weather often interrupts our plans.

Salem Thrift. Our main winter effort has been in this lovely area of ancient woodland behind Parklands. We have cut back vegetation along the paths and rides to encourage spring flowers as well as clearing ditches to improve drainage and reduce the mud. The hazel coppicing led by volunteer Barry Clarke has re-started, with re-growth from last year's exercise looking good. We have planted hedge saplings around freshly coppiced areas to persuade visitors to stick to the designated paths through this beautiful spring flower area.

Community Orchard. We have reduced nuisance brambles in this green space close to Parklands and have done some essential winter pruning to keep the apple and pear trees healthy. The orchard is popular with both walkers and riders from the nearby Elisabeth Curtis Centre.

Millennium Green Pond. We are planning time in February and March for this wildlife pond on the green at the top of Lower Farm Road. To avoid disturbing resident wildlife, which includes great crested newts, we restrict our work here to removing overgrown shrubs and reducing the boundary hedge to admit more light to the water.

Bromham Lake Local Nature Reserve. At this former quarry near the railway off Lower Farm Road we work closely with Bedford Park Guardians and volunteers from Harrold-Odell Country Park. At this time of year, we concentrate on clearing brambles and other vegetation obstructing the footpaths, with a couple of sessions planned for March before we leave the birds and other wildlife in peace for the breeding season.

Volunteers meet at the Mill every Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30, and always finish with a chat over coffee or tea and biscuits. All volunteers give their time for free, but we also accept donation of spare tools or materials to support our work. To receive our monthly email newsletter with details of forthcoming activities by both volunteer groups, contact Peter Argyle on 01234 822698 or email bcg@peterargyle.plus.com.



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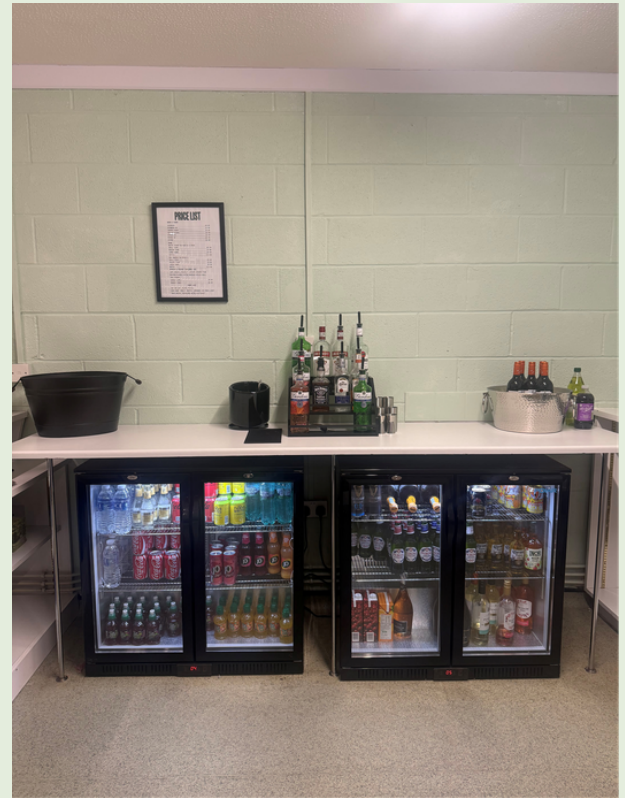


The Bar at Bromham Village Hall has been newly refurbished and is now proudly run under new in-house management. With a refreshed look and friendly service, it's the perfect addition to your next celebration or community event.

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St Owen's Parish Church **Special Services & Events** **Spring 2026**

- Sun 15th March-** Mothering Sunday Family Service 10.30am
 Alternative Mothering Sunday Service 3.00pm
- Sun 29th March-** Palm Sunday Family Service with donkey procession
 10.30am St Leonard's Stagsden
- Fri 3rd April-** Good Friday Children's Crafts and Trail 10am- 12noon
 Good Friday Service 2.00pm
- Sun 5th April -** Easter Sunday Family Communion Service with Easter Egg
 Hunt 10.30am
- Mon 4th May** Messy Church Plus 11.30am- 1.30pm- fun for families

For more details of any of these events please contact:

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administrator@bromhambenefice.org

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Mrs Claire Matthews
Headteacher



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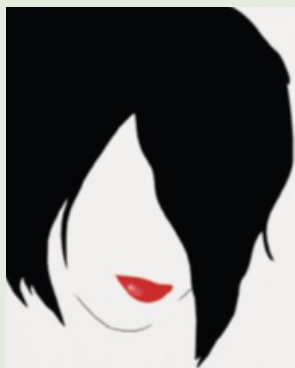
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10.30am - Family Service

Tuesday, 31st March
2.30pm - Easter Egg Hunt

Good Friday, 3rd April
12noon - Town Centre Service

Easter Sunday, 5th April
10.30am - Celebration Service

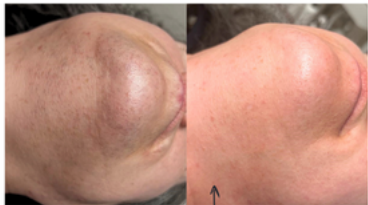
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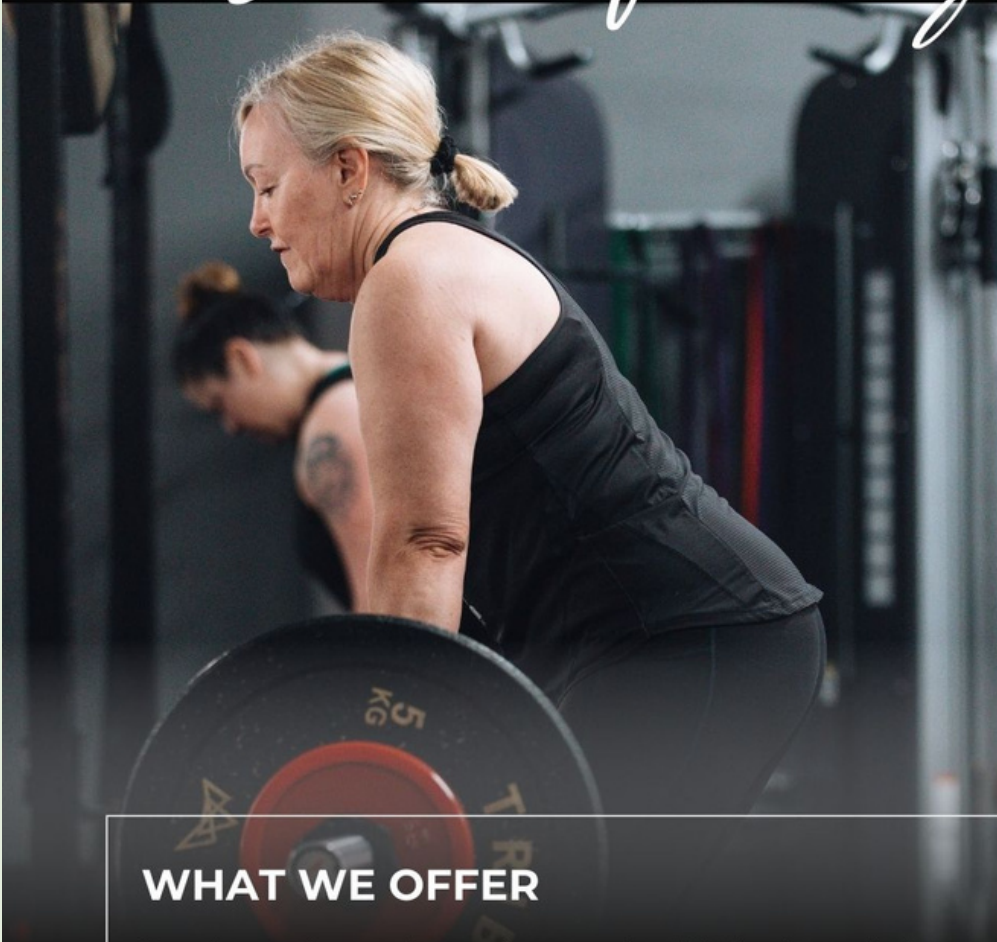
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