



Brompton-on-Swale Village Newsletter Spring 2020

Parish News

Spring is here! The Snowdrops and Daffodils are all showing some lovely colour and considering the adverse weather we had at the end of February, they are looking good.

Talking of adverse weather, we seem to have been reasonably lucky following Storms' Ciara and Dennis, with just a little bit of tree damage along the river, a broken gate and no flood damage in the village; that I'm aware of. If that's not the case please do get in touch because understanding of the issue will allow us to pass this information on to NYCC, so that if required we can ask for support in protecting properties.

A regular issue raised at the Parish Council is speeding in the village. This is something we take seriously and as such we have been looking into it. Those eagle-eyed residents will have noticed in late November the rubber tubes on Richmond Road, Station Road and Bridge Road. These tubes measure both vehicle movements and speed. We now have the results and it's pretty conclusive that the village doesn't have a speeding problem. Yes, we occasionally have a driver speedy through the village, predominantly late at night or early morning, but a typical day shows the vast majority of drivers well below the 30mph speed limit. An example was Thursday 20th Nov which had 6,389 vehicle movements along Station Road at an average speed of 22.7 mph. We will continue to monitor the situation and of course if anyone would like to become a Community Speed Watch Volunteer that would be fantastic. If you are interested please contact North Yorkshire Police at CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshirepnn.police.uk. who will be happy to help.

In other news we have begun discussions with Persimmon Homes regarding the adoption of land within the Gatherly Road estate. This in effect means the land then belongs to the Parish and will be maintained by us. The process is likely to take some time but initial discussions were very positive around bringing things up to a good standard before adoption takes place and the representative from Persimmon was happy to support us in making the process as smooth as possible.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter. It was brought to our attention that we need to do some maintenance work on the Cemetery, specifically to allow our contractor to keep the Cemetery safe and well maintained. We are looking at doing the work in April or May, weather and contract or availability dependant. As such again we are asking for anyone who thinks this might impact on a loved ones' grave to get in touch with us as soon as you can to give us the time to explain the work and if there will be any impact. You can contact us in the usual way via email at bosparishclerk@talktalk.net.

Finally, we still have a vacancy on the council and we would very much like to hear from anyone interested in joining us. Our next meetings are 16th April and 28th May 2020 starting at 7.00pm.

David Sharp
Chairman, Parish Council

Riverbank News

The riverbank has taken something of a battering over the last few weeks. Repeated floods have knocked over some smaller trees and left a trail of debris behind. If anybody doubts our obsession with plastic, just take a stroll along the bank and see the rubbish festooned from the tree branches. I have removed quite a few of the bigger items but unfortunately more junk washes up after every downpour. I hope to organise a work party sometime when (if?) the weather improves to do a more thorough job.

Sticking with the litter theme, I have to say that what I find most annoying when clearing up are the bags of dog poo which get hung from twigs or thrown into the bushes. I can't understand the mentality of people who take the trouble to bag the poo but can't be bothered to take it to a bin, ignoring the fact that somebody else will have to do their dirty work.

Rant over (for the moment) let me finish on a brighter note. The first celandines and primroses are already flowering in sheltered corners and as this is the Spring Newsletter, Spring can't be far off, can it?

Frank Broughton, Riverside Volunteer



A Problem Throughout Our Village?

Complaints have been received from residents of the community regarding dog waste. There has been an increased volume of dog waste that has been found on the common areas as well as on the private front and side lawns of residents who do not own dogs.

Whether you own a dog or not, dog poo affects everyone. It's unpleasant to see it in parks, on the pavement, and especially on your shoe! It would be fantastic to see all dog owners take responsibility by picking up after their dogs and reducing the amount of dog mess being left in public spaces. With your support, we can help create cleaner and more enjoyable green spaces throughout the village. There are a number of designated dog poo bins throughout the village but there's no need to worry if you can't see a designated dog poo bin in sight, you can put your bag in the nearest litter bin you see.

It's simple to remember: just bag it and bin it! It's against the law to not clear up after your dog, and you could face a fine of up to £1,000.

Brompton on Swale Ladies Choir

We are delighted and excited to have been invited to take part in a massed choral presentation of Ladies, Mixed and Male Voice choirs by the National Association of Choirs North East Group who are celebrating 100 years in song.

This will be a spectacular evening of choral repertoire from traditional to musicals, popular classics and more.

As such, rehearsals are well underway for this event which is being held at The Sage in Gateshead on Saturday 25 April.

Our 30+ choir which meets in St.Pauls Church in the village on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm welcomes new members who enjoy singing many different types of music and often sing in concerts and for local charities; just turn up or call 01748 822191 for further information.



What's happening in the Parish of Easby, Skeeby, Brompton-on-Swale and Bolton-on-Swale

Wednesday 25th March 12.00pm - 2.00pm at the Hub Cafe in St Paul's Church - Lent Lunch. Stay and enjoy a bowl of soup or give a donation and 'take away' a carton of frozen soup to enjoy at home.

Palm Sunday 5th April at 10.30 in St Paul's Church - a lent lunch will be served in church after the Worship4All service.

Thanksgiving service for those who have died - Wednesday 8th April at 7.00 pm in St Paul's church, come along and light a candle for someone you loved and have some quiet reflective time.

Holy Week is a very special time in the church and the Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday 9th April at 7.00 pm in St Paul's church sets us on our final journey to the cross.

Churches Together in the area are having a Good Friday Journey starting with Good Friday Reflective service in St Paul's church at 10.00 am. After this service there will be the annual pilgrimage along the banks of the River Swale to Scorton Methodist Chapel. Bring your lunch and then @ 2.00 pm we will reflect on the final hour of the cross of Jesus.

Easter Day - 6.00 am at Easby Abbey Dawn Service is a beautiful way to celebrate Easter & at 10.30 In St Paul's there is an Easter Day Eucharist

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 3rd May After our Worship 4All Service This is a time when we reflect on the mission, ministry and administration of our Church in the parish over the last 12 months whilst looking forward to what God may be calling us to in the future. At this meeting we also elect members of the Parochial Church Council, (PCC), Church Wardens, PCC Treasurer, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod Reps. Do come along and find out what is happening in the life of your church & community

THE COMPUTER HUB CAFÉ

Every Wednesday 9.30am – 12.00pm in the church of St Paul, Brompton on Swale.

Enjoy a chat and make new friends. We can all enjoy delicious home baked cakes and fabulous hot drinks.

If you have problems with your computer and need some help or advice then pop in and see Steve he is there every Wednesday. Every 3rd Wednesday in the month the Citizens Advice Bureau who are available to give free, confidential information and advice to assist people with money, legal, consumer and other problems are available



Community Sports Hall News

The Community Sports Hall's web site is www.bromptonsportshall.btik.com or you can contact us by telephone on **07974 550 704**. If you would like any information about the Hall, to make a booking for a party or function or perhaps start up your own class then give our bookings secretary a call.

If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer with us it will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested you can call on 07974 550 704 or just turn up at the Community Sports Hall on the first Sunday of each month at 7.30pm.

This year's Duck Race will take place on Sunday 5 July at 11.00am – Tickets now available to purchase at £1.00 each – contact bosvstreasurer@yahoo.com or call 07979 550704 for your nearest outlet.

200 Club Tickets for 20/21 are now available to purchase.

For £12 a year you can purchase a ticket in the monthly draw to win one of three cash prizes of £40, £20 and £10. If you'd like a ticket please telephone: **07974 550 704** or email the treasurer: bosvstreasurer@yahoo.com. **The Annual draw in March has a main prize of £80**

200 Club Winners

January 2020 - 1st 92, 2nd 48, 3rd 103 February 2020 – 1st 73, 2nd 168, 3rd 191
March 2020 – 1st 21, 2nd 123, 3rd 154

Brompton-on-Swale Parish Council

BRIDGE ROAD CEMETERY – ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE

It has been brought to our attention that essential maintenance work must be carried out at the Cemetery in Bridge Road, specifically to allow our contractor to keep the Cemetery safe and well maintained. In order to achieve this, we need to do some sensitive landscaping to allow access to grass cutting machinery. The aim is to reduce the impact of maintenance in terms of time and disruption in the Cemetery but more importantly ensure it is safe to do so. We understand this is a very emotional and sensitive issue for families with loved ones in the cemetery and rather than just going ahead with the work we would like to talk to each individual family, wherever possible, about the impact any work we need to undertake has on them.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 07849 048581 or email bosparishclerk@talktalk.net

Brompton-on-Swale Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY fm:

Sunday *fm* happens on occasional Sunday afternoons at Brompton on Swale Methodist Chapel, 3pm – 4.30pm. Next session Sunday 5th April. It's for all ages, children to be accompanied by a responsible adult and it's free!

'*fm*' stands for the words of Jesus, 'follow me'. Previous sessions have included Christmas crafts and a pancake party and the next session will include crafts, praise, storytelling, quizzes, refreshments and creating an Easter Garden. (There is morning worship at the chapel every Sunday at 10.45am). You are warmly invited.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE:

Brompton on Swale Methodist Chapel has a garden plot at the rear of the building and will soon have two raised beds at the front. Our aim is to grow herbs and veg' for the community to enjoy, and to provide a small seating area for you to relax in (weeding optional!).

The plot at the rear of the chapel will be divided into several small sections for those who wish to take a space to grow their own stuff or contribute into the community aspect if they wish to. There will be no charge. We also have a soft fruit section and some hardy veg' already planted for community use, including for cooking at our seniors' lunch that happens monthly on Wednesdays. Incredible edible indeed!

Some of this needs a little planning so we are inviting anyone interested to come for coffee and a chat at the chapel on Saturday 4th April 10am – 11.30am. We will sort out the details then as part of the Coffee Morning already planned for that morning.