

**Brompton-on-Swale
Village Newsletter
Autumn 2019**



Parish News

Welcome to the Autumn Parish Newsletter. May I take the opportunity to introduce myself. I'm David Sharp and at the Annual General Meeting on 16 May 2019 I was voted in as the new Chairman of Brompton-on-Swale Parish Council. It is a great pleasure to take over the reins from Andrew who has been our Chairman for nearly 30 years! He has done amazing things for the village tirelessly ensuring the Council operates effectively and efficiently and has overseen many changes. He has decided that a step back is needed; but don't worry his knowledge, experience and support are still available because he has kindly accepted the Vice Chairman's position.

We are also delighted to welcome back Brian Woodley as a Parish Councillor. Brian was previously a Parish Councillor, for some ten years and Vice Chairman for a time. We hope he will enjoy his second stint. We still have a vacancy for a Councillor and if anyone would like to put themselves forward for co-option then please speak to a Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

The Village Society which runs the Community Sports Hall and Sports Field would also welcome new members and in particular a new leader who would serve as Chairman. The Society meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Sports Hall so if you feel you have something to offer or want to be involved in village activities then please come along to a meeting.

As many of you will no doubt have noticed a new defibrillator has been installed on the outer wall of The Crown. We are grateful to Morag and Joe for permission to install it at this very convenient point. There are now two defibrillators in the village – the other one being located on the outside of the Community Sports Hall. Naturally we hope there won't be a lot of demand to use them but the safeguard of having them available is very important. It is hoped a training course can be arranged to brief people in what to do should they need to make use of a defibrillator. Details of the course will be announced on the Parish notice board.

The Parish Council is offering to support a writing competition at the school again this year. Andrew myself and the Parish Clerk had the great honour of judging last years' competition, which the children really enjoyed. It was such a success that we will shortly be discussing with the school the topic of the project for this year, which we will again award prizes.

A number of people have remarked on the installation of a new Memorial bench on the riverside. As a Parish Council we are delighted to give people the opportunity to erect a bench in memory of a loved one but it is becoming increasingly difficult to find suitable places for new benches given the small amount of land available to the Parish that is not privately owned and that is suitable. We appreciate that it is a very sensitive topic and one that we currently have under consideration but I hope that people will understand our difficulties.

For some-time the cemetery gates at the eastern end of the cemetery have been in need of repair. We are aware and are currently searching for funds and grants that may be available to us to replace the gates which would appear to be beyond decent economical repair. I would ask those people who have difficulty opening and closing the gate to bear with us while we continue our search.

David Sharp

Riverbank News

We were fortunate to escape any significant damage to the riverbank during the recent floods that caused so much havoc further up in Swaledale. The main result of the river overtopping its bank (apart from the usual collection of mainly plastic debris) was a large deposit of silt on the riverside path.



Bird life along the river has been quieter than normal this summer with fewer than expected sightings of most species. Even our resident mallards have been reduced in number although I would expect that to change as the new season advances. Our sand martin colony has been deserted for a while now and the regular gathering of swallows and martins on village telephone wires adds to the feeling that autumn has arrived. Every season has its own pleasures and for those who don't mind sticky fingers and the occasional prickle, there's a good crop of blackberries on local hedgerows.



Frank Broughton

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

St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale

6 October, 10.30am - Harvest Worship4All with bring and share lunch

18 October, 7.00pm - Tony and Lilian's Quiz for all ages, £1.00 including nibbles

10 November, 10.00am - Remembrance service in church, followed by an act of remembrance at the Cenotaph in Bridge Road Cemetery

18 December, 7.30pm - Carol Service with Brompton Ladies Choir

24 December, 4.00pm - Crib Service, do come along dressed as a nativity character or animal and be part of the service

24 December, 23.00pm - Midnight Service of Holy Communion. It would be lovely to see you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus as we share together the first Eucharist of Christmas

St Mary's Church, Bolton on Swale

1 December, 10.30 am - Worship4All, Parish Christingle and Posada service

Brompton on Swale Ladies Choir

At the time of writing the choir was taking its' usual break during the summer and returning on 28 August where we will be back in full swing with rehearsals for the concert on Wednesday 18 September at the Town Hall in aid of Garget Walker House in Richmond.

Christmas rehearsals now commence in readiness for a busy December. Look out for further details of our concerts.

We meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in St. Pauls Church to rehearse a wide selection of music. If you enjoy singing in a friendly environment you would be most welcome, just come along. If you wish to come and have a taster session to see if it's for you, then that's fine too.

Further details can be obtained on 01748 822191



The Crown BoS Quoits – End Of Season

So, the season has finished and according to the League Secretary we were 5th out of 9 in the A Division of the Lower Dales Quoits League. Not that I necessarily agree with his addition with regards to Matches won and lost, hey ho! No so bad given that we seemed to struggle for a full team on a number of occasions this year due to player commitments and although the rain did cause us some postponements and replays which meant two nights on the trot on a few occasions, more for some who also play in other teams in other leagues, mid table is usually slightly lower than we have finished in recent years but still creditable enough. I guess that if I could describe our performance this year it would be 'inconsistent'. We have played some excellent matches and come away with a loss and some stinkers and managed a win so it has been a little bit mixed. That said the players have always tried their hardest and we have enjoyed this year.

We finished our own end of season inter team competition last week and Dan Miller managed to win both the individual and the Individual Handicap. He has also been our best player this year and won the most 'Ringers' as well, so given his commitments to exams and his sons cricket it has been a very good year for him. I am as always indebted to Graham Glass for his excellent management of the pitches and to Morag and Joe for their continued support and contribution to our league fee and suppers for our home games. Thank you all and enjoy the winter as it will not be long before we start again in April; if the speed of this year is anything to go by.

Community Sports Hall

www.bromptonsportshall.btik.com



Volunteers are always needed to help at the Community Sports. If you do have a little time to help or can offer the Committee any advice please don't hesitate to come along to our meetings which take place on the first Sunday of every month.

Telephone **07974 550704** If you would like information about the Hall, make a booking for a party or function or perhaps start up your own class then give us a ring.

200 Club: Tickets are still available for the 200 Club draw which takes place at each Committee Meeting. For just £12a year (£1 per month) you can have a ticket in the monthly draw to win one of three cash prizes of £40, £20 and £10. Tickets are available just telephone the number above.

The recent winners were:

<u>July 2019</u>		<u>August 2019</u>		<u>September 2019</u>	
Ticket No 60	£40	Ticket No 133	£40	Ticket No 49	£40
Ticket No 79	£20	Ticket No 140	£20	Ticket No 167	£20
Ticket No 198	£10	Ticket No 100	£10	Ticket No 5	£10

Please contact the Community Sports Hall on 07974 550704 or email bosvtreasurer@yahoo.com

Bowls Club

The winter session of the Richmond and District Indoor Bowling League was completed in March and Richmond (one of the 2 teams whose home matches are played in the Community Hall) were champions for the fourth consecutive season with Bellerby as worthy runners-up. The other team based in the hall, Brompton-on-Swale, finished in third place. Bellerby also won the end-of-season Knock-out event beating Harmby in the final.



Summer has seen the number of active players dwindle. There is always a break from the Thursday afternoon sessions but this year we have decided to discontinue the Saturday sessions completely. Holidays, outdoor bowling and family commitments and poor health have all contributed to our reduced numbers.



Some Wednesday evening sessions (28th August, 4th September and 11th September) were arranged in order to judge whether existing or new members would be attracted to them as an alternative to the afternoons. Now a further three dates have been added to the programme (2nd October, 9th October, 16th October). Interested new people can speak to Tony Cooper on 818351 for a chat or just turn up at 19.00h. We collect a £2 subscription per player per session and refreshments are available at the mid-session interval.