

BROMPTON-ON-SWALE NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2009



Welcome! The Village Newsletter is here to keep you informed of activities and events in the Village; so, if you are planning an event, doing anything interesting, or you have something you would like to say about the village, send your news to the Parish Clerk (contact details given at end). The Newsletter is published in the first week of March, June, September and December, so articles must be received 2 weeks before then.

Parish News

In the last Newsletter I was hoping that we would enjoy a better summer than the previous two. Whilst that may have been the case, it certainly has not been one of the best. Good weather or not, the first families moved into Curteis Drive in May 1959, and current residents, including some such as Pam Auton and Martha Whitesmith, who have lived there ever since, held a street party to celebrate. The residents also raised money towards the erection of a stone planter to mark the anniversary.

I am pleased to say that there has been less litter and fewer fires around the riverside this summer. Frank Broughton does work hard to keep the area in good condition, so please do remember to dispose of your litter properly. Unfortunately, the incidence of dog dirt on the riverside paths seems to be increasing. Whilst the area is more rural than the street pavements, dog owners should still clear up any mess that their dog makes. Not doing so makes it unpleasant for anyone wishing to visit the riverside.

Several people have commented on the dilapidated state of our telephone kiosk. The Parish Council has approached English Heritage to have the kiosk listed, but this is still to be confirmed. Eventually this should put pressure on BT to repair and repaint the kiosk, but they will not agree to the Parish Council doing the work so long as a public telephone

remains in the kiosk. We are currently trying to find ways around the impasse.

I hope you agree that the Cemetery is looking tidier than in the past year. The trees, sponsored by volunteers and planted in December 2006, are maturing and giving some relief to the starkness. Steps are being taken to restore the path to the War Memorial, and to remove the path beyond it. The X34 bus service which comes into the village is using Bridge Road between the Farmer's Arms and Richmond Road. New timetables have been displayed in the cases on Bridge Road for all bus services.

Thanks to strong support, the Village Society has once again run a successful Duck Race – details and results are on the back page!

The football season is here once again so let's hope that Brompton can achieve promotion at the first time of asking.

Our Community Policeman – *Gary Sellers* – and our PCSO – *Ann Barrington* – have organised some informal meetings to give the community a chance to air their views on policing matters. These will be held in the car park at the community centre. They will begin at 10.00am and last for about an hour. The dates are:

2nd October
6th November
11th December

Andrew Guest, Chairman

LOOKING AFTER THE RIVERBANK: CAN YOU HELP?



The village is very fortunate to have such a beautiful stretch of riverbank for everyone to enjoy. Nearly the full length of bank from the bottom of Grange Road (the Bluestone) for almost half a mile upstream to the bridge over Skeeby Beck is common land owned by the Parish Council. Managing this land for the benefit of all involves a fair amount of time and effort. The Council recently commissioned a report to update the management plan for the riverbank common, first produced in 2001, and this has identified priorities for future work. These range from the perennial jobs of litter picking and path clearance to bigger tasks such as controlling invasive weeds (the dreaded Japanese Knotweed amongst others) as well as looking after more than 250 trees and

PLAYER APPEAL

BROMPTON-ON-SWALE F.C.

is looking for new players for the 2009/10 season to play in the Hambleton League. Anyone interested please contact Tom Ptak on 01748 818939

shrubs of various native species which we've planted over the last ten years.

The Parish Council is hoping to establish a group of volunteers who can help to maintain the riverbank common as a beautiful and attractive place for people and wildlife. In the old saying, many hands make light work and for most jobs no special skills are required. If you can spare a little time to help, either on a regular basis or to assist with occasional one-off jobs, please contact me on **01748-811507** or the Parish Clerk on **01748-818088**. We hope to arrange a volunteers meeting sometime during the next few weeks to discuss a work programme for the autumn and winter period.

Frank Broughton.

Village Website

It has been sometime since the website has been up-dated, but we are hoping to have it up and running again within the next few weeks.

The website is intended to be for the whole village, not just the Parish Council, and, with this in mind, we would welcome any suggestions for content, features, links, etc. Any businesses who wish to place a link on the website are welcome to do so, and any sports clubs or interest groups who would like space for results, up-coming events, etc, are also very welcome to contribute. Please get in touch via the Clerk.

Busy Bees Pre-School



Brompton on Swale

Busy Bees pre-school provides a friendly and stimulating setting where your child is encouraged to learn through fun activities. We operate an open house policy where parents/carers are welcome to come and stay to help their child settle into the setting. If you have a child/children aged 2yrs 3mths to 5yrs and would like to support their learning through play then call in to Busy Bees Pre-School at the Community Sports Centre, Brompton on Swale.

We are open 9.15 - 11.45 am term time only.

You can see what your child can achieve and meet our friendly staff at: www.busybees.ik.org.

If you would like more information, call in for a chat or contact us by phone:

07866 241 283 (term time 9am-12noon)

Out of hours 07766 554 234

e-mail busybees-preschool@hotmail.co.uk



CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing there are five matches to play and Brompton occupy 6th place in the table. Another win would banish the possible threat of relegation, and would help us to record another solid season.

Performances have been varied, but excellent wins were recorded against Witton-le-wear, Trimdon Colliery and Barton II. On the other hand, losses against Dales, Ingleton II and Witton, all of whom were below us in the table, have affected our league standing.

We have not been helped by the absence, through injury, of Kevin Atkinson and Paul Felstead, which weakened the batting and bowling respectively. However Paul Hanratty took nine wickets in the match against Trimdon, and strong support from others has partially helped overcome the losses.

Performances in the Wednesday League have been very good and currently we are in third place. Gary Strafford has struck some lusty blows including one 60 and Will Raw has also made some useful scores. Mark Tiplady, a new young all rounder, has put in some fine performances, and our involvement in the league has been reasonably successful in bringing on new younger players.

Once again, the Presentation Dinner is to be held at Richmond Golf Club. The date has yet to be arranged but is likely to be around the end of October/ beginning of November. Non-members are, of course, very welcome.

£1000 grant towards installing a Solar Thermal system

Richmondshire District Council, in conjunction with the Energy Partnership, is urging residents to take advantage of a new scheme which provides grants of up to £1,000 towards the cost of fully installed solar thermal panels.

Solar panels can be fitted to south, southwest or southeast facing roofs, and use the sun's energy to heat water. This water is then stored in a hot water cylinder, ready for use during the day. All systems are tailored to your individual need and can provide as much as 60% of your hot water.

The Energy Partnership is a not-for-profit organisation encouraging the take up of energy efficiency and renewable technology measures across the region.

If you are interested in applying for a grant or finding out more about energy efficiency, call the Energy Saving Trust on: **0800 512012**.

Community Sports Hall News

Is there anyone out there who could help with the maintenance of the edges of the sports field? We need someone to cut down/strim the outskirts of the field so that the cricket/footballs can be retrieved without having to clamber through the nettles and long grass. If you can help then please contact Tracey Clark on 818545.



Help Wanted: We are a small number of volunteers who ensure that the Hall continues to survive week in and out, but we are struggling. We would like more people who are willing to give their support to guarantee the current level of service continues. If you'd like to help then please tel: **07974 550 704**

200 Club: For just £12 a year (or £1 a month) you can have a ticket in the monthly draw to win one of four prizes of £40, £20, £15 and £10.

There's also an annual prize draw with a first prize of **£100**
If you'd like a ticket please telephone: **818545**

<u>Monthly Draw</u>	Jun 09	<u>Monthly Draw</u>	Jul 09	<u>Monthly Draw</u>	Aug 09
Y. Brookes	£40	Mrs Freeman	£40	G. Vickers	£40
H. Frankland	£20	Mr Perks	£20	R. Metcalfe	£20
J. Pitman	£15	L. Coulton	£15	Mr Brooke	£15
C. Cockerill	£10	M. Spowart	£10	L. Duncan	£10

DUCK RACE: The river conditions were ideal for the Annual Duck Race. The crowd looked on as 800 ducks were sent down the river. First and second ducks were clear winners, but the third place was tied and two third place prizes were awarded. All the tickets sold out prior to the day, and this fundraising event raised £535.17. Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.



The winners were: 1st S. Ramadani (£100)
2nd Amanda & Brian (£50)
Joint 3rd P. Broomhead (£20) & Mrs Blacklock (£20)

Web Site: www.bromptonsportshall.btik.com. Please keep checking the web site for information on which groups use the hall, 200 club winners and forthcoming events. If you would like any information about the Hall, to make a booking or perhaps start up your own class, then please telephone: **07974 550 704**

Tracey Clark
Chairperson

Parish Contacts:

Chairman	Mr A.Guest	7 Grange Road, Brompton on Swale
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	Mrs S Neasham	22 Stephenson Road, Brompton on Swale
	Mr L Rowe	West End, 73 Richmond Road, Brompton on Swale
	Mr M Sharp	26 Richmond Road, Brompton on Swale
	Mr P Wild	Mill Cottage, Richmond Road, Brompton on Swale
	Mr B Woodley	2 Johnson Close, Brompton on Swale
County Councillor	Mr C Les	Forest Lodge, Motel Leeming, Bedale
District Councillors	Mr J Fryer	10 Richmond Road, Brompton on Swale
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